

PRETTY LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
December 1, 2025

Board Members Attending: Pete Kraeger, Al Mauermann, Andy Memmel, Jeff Kaphengst and Rick Bjodstrup

1. Call the meeting to order [Pete Kraeger]

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

2. Review and approve the Secretary's minutes of September 15, 2025 [Al Mauremann]

Al called for comments or edits to the minutes which have been posted on the website. Al made a motion to approve the minutes, Andy seconded and the minutes were approved.

3. Review and approve the Treasurer's report, including payment of bills [Al Mauermann]

Al noted that we are approximately \$10,000 under budget year to date. October charges include insurance which will be about \$3,800. He has budgeted \$4,500 for next year due to continuing increases. The check for \$7500 for the walleye spawning bed was cashed. Still have not received the bill for the high cap well pump meter. Electric bill for pump was below budget. Al submitted request for \$32,00 assessment to the Town of Ottawa. Andy made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, Jeff seconded it. Motion was approved.

4. Walleye Spawning Reef/High Cap Well Meter

Pete reported that many volunteers helped pulling cattails from the walleye spawning bed. Due to sand that has washing into the area, there are some high spots. It was suggested that some of the rocks be moved out further. Ice conditions allowing, the well pump will be turned on March 15. With pump and adequate snow and rain, the bed should be ready for spawning walleyes.

The high cap well meter was installed by our well vendor CTW. The meter does not impede the flow of water and gives the district and the DNR a reliable accounting of the amount of water pumped. CTW tested the meter which shows a flow rate of 420 gallons per minute. As the well-head water level drops, the rate slows down to about 395 GPM. The amount of water pumped per day would be about 576,000 gallons. The district will keep track of the days the pump runs and gallons pumped. Pete spoke to the DNR well division, and all new well permits require a meter, so we are in compliance. Rick suggested we get the manual for the meter and see when it might need to be calibrated

5. Update on sign installation at Compost Pile [Pete Kraeger]

The new signs have been installed at the compost site. Our farmer David Hoefgen has processed the leaf pile. Additionally, he filled some ruts that were created on the athletic field.

6. Discuss the possibility of PLAA Gazebo Installation at the Pavilion [BOC]

The BOC discussed the possibility of working with the PLAA to install a gazebo at the pad near the basketball court. Currently there are 4 aluminum posts on the slab that are weak and poorly installed. They are a hazard as someone might lean on them and fall over. The BOC supports the idea, but the PLAA will have to pay for it.

7. Lake endowment fund update [Al Mauremann]

The fund was opened this year in April. Total contributions to date have been \$36,031. Current balance is \$38,592, which is 8.5% growth since opening. A reminder has been sent out with a link to donate for those who would like to take advantage of a tax deduction before the end of the year.

8. New business [BOC]

Jeff Kaphengst reported that he was disconnecting the battery on the mower. Also, he put some Stabil into the mower.

It was brought to the board's attention by the members of the mowing crew, that there are two rotted 4"x4" posts in the athletic field that need to be removed. They could be a hazard if they fell over.

Rick did some research regarding chloride levels in Pretty Lake. The levels are in the good range now, but it is something we should watch.

9. Invite public comments* [Pete Kraeger] None.

10. Schedule the next board meeting – March 16, 2026 [BOC]

11. Adjourn meeting [Pete Kraeger] The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Randy Cavaiani
Secretary