

**PRETTY LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2026**

Board Members Attending: Pete Kraeger, Al Mauermann, Andy Memmel, Randy Cavaiani, Rick Bjodstrup, and Michael Jones

Electorate Attendees: Dan Kuehn, Gary Liedtke, Wes Jones

1. Call the meeting to order [Pete Kraeger] Pete called the meeting to order at 5:59pm.

2. Review and approve the minutes from December 1, 2025 [Randy Cavaiani]

Randy asked for edits or comments on the minutes. There were no changes, so Andy moved to approve and Al seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Review and approve the Treasurer's report [Al Mauermann]

Al noted that through February, he has paid mostly electric bills. We received the \$1,400 credit for CBCW intern. Payment for the new well meter of \$3,321 will be due on March 1. There will be a change in auditors for the financials – Wes and Pam Jones and Linda Weber. Randy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Andy seconded and the motion passed.

4. Recap of Fishing Jamboree/Discuss Fish Stocking and Lake Stewardship Ideas.

Al stated that the total funds collected were approximately \$3,319. As we agreed at the annual meeting, these proceeds (2026 only) will be moved into the operating fund to help offset the cost of the walleye spawning bed.

Andy asked if we could introduce new species into the lake in future stockings?

We suggested that Maureen speak with Ben (DNR) to see if there are additional species we could consider. We would like to get a copy of the most recent shocking report.

5. Discuss Muskrat Trapping Ideas [BOC]

Andy recently caught 5 muskrats on his shoreline, Dan caught 3, and Mike has caught some as well. Nuisance muskrats may be trapped at any time on your own property. Traps can be borrowed from Dan Bartels or Mike Hart, or property owners may provide written permission for one of these individuals to trap on their property.

6. Discuss Ideas for Major Projects at Annual Meeting

Pavilion: Complete siding the outside up to the peak. We will get an estimate from Tom at Home Specialty Services.

Pavilion: The PLAA is looking into building a structure over the outdoor serving/bar area. Pete will speak with Mike Kellman about donating his 20x10 tent.

Walleye spawning bed: Relocate or add rocks to the bed due to lack of water coverage near the shore? We cannot add rock as we are already at the maximum 150 square foot size. We could, however, move rock from the shore further out where they would be submerged. We agreed to assess the progress this year and adjust next year if required.

7. Discuss Clean Boats, Clean Waters 2026 Intern Budget

Pete explained that the Intern cost has gone up more than 50% (\$19.90/hour) since 2018, but the DNR has not increased our grant. We paid more than \$1,000 in 2025 above and beyond the grant. We agreed it is a worthwhile program, and we should continue to fund the effort.

8. Lake endowment fund update [Randy Cavaiani]

Randy updated the endowment balance after just shy of one year in existence:

Total contributions to date: \$38,900 (\$25,000 from the land acquisition fund and \$13,900 in private donations);

Current Balance: **\$43,044**

Randy offered to suggest language at the June meeting regarding uses of the fund and processes for approval, with a goal to bring suggested language to the annual meeting for incorporation into the by-laws.

9. Old business [BOC]

10. New business [BOC]

Randy noted that a resident had commented on the policy of ‘no commercial traffic allowed’ at the compost site. The issue is that there are several residents who use small independent lawn care companies to handle their leaf cleanup in the spring and fall. Ideally there should be a means for these companies to use the compost and brush piles for material taken directly from residents’ lots.

We kicked around the concept of a simple annual permit for the homeowner that would authorize the contractor to deposit residents’ material at the site.

Andy suggested that we bring it to a vote (including the brush pile) at the annual meeting. The BOC agreed.

Michael Jones informed us that Western Lakes Fire Dept has requested that all towns and villages in their jurisdiction enact a new ordinance. People have been installing aerators and circulators near their docks so the docks don’t freeze in over the winter. The aerators cause thin ice making it dangerous and potentially leading to drowning deaths. The Town of Ottawa will be organizing the ordinance for the town’s lakes and waterways.

11. Invite public comments* [Pete Kraeger]

12. Schedule the next board meeting. - June 15, 2026

13. Adjourn meeting [Pete Kraeger] The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm.

Randy Cavaiani
Secretary