

# Cochran Lake Management District

## Quarterly Meeting Minutes

*February 13, 2025*

Conference call

Attendees: Rick Dittberner, Warren Johnson, Maggie Jungwirth, Don Schmitz, Jon Radloff, Frank/Nancy Sevcik, Scott/Candee Craven.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

**Old business** - Warren J. made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov/24 quarterly meeting, Candee C. seconded. Minutes approved.

### **Board Reports -**

Warren J. - Financial report as of 1/31.

Bank balance - \$9,847.29

Income - Special assessment \$37.45

### **Agenda Item #1** - Submerged pier - Rick D.

Rick D. contacted the Greelys again regarding the submerged pier with our offer to remove it for them. They responded that it will be their first priority this Spring, and they can do it themselves. They had other priorities last year.

### **Agenda Item #2** - Print/Online Owners Directory - Maggie J.

Maggie suggests the removal of the online owner directory and using a print directory again. The online directory is a liability, according to our insurer, and she suspects it may be how spammers are finding us. Two quotes for printing 50 booklets were \$85 and \$110. The board can spend up to \$100 without a vote on that expense. Warren recommended the LUHS student printers, for a reduced rate; Maggie will get a quote from them. Maggie can prepare the booklet for print. Pros and cons discussed, consensus was that printing a directory before the annual meeting and distributing there would save mailing costs. A **vote at the annual meeting** would be held whether to remove the online directory, which was the preference.

**New Business** - Warren J. reported that a new mini-pumper has been purchased with funds from the town and Firefighters, Inc. The new pumper will have a 1,000 ft. hose that can reach down driveways, and maneuver better on the driveways.

Board terms were discussed again, regarding all board members' terms being up. Consensus was that it would be detrimental to have three new board members, and some carryover with one or two members staying on preferred. Instead of seeking three new members, one or possibly two members will be **elected at the annual meeting**.

Don S. stated that he believes paying multiple lot assessments for owning more than one lot is contrary to the by-laws, and feels the CLMD should refund assessments owners have paid beyond one lot. He reasoned that owners get one vote on elections,

and should only pay one assessment. Refunds should go back one year only, and be a permanent change. Maggie J. said this would decrease CLMD's income, which would not be desirable. Warren J. will report at the Annual Meeting what the income change would be with one assessment fee paid compared to what our current income is. A **vote will be held at the annual meeting** to decide whether or not to change CLMD policy. One vote per property owner/s, as always.

*(Note - Eric Olson, UWSP Ext. Lakes was contacted regarding the assessment change. He said the fee change may be voted on. If the change results in insufficient funds, the board may place a second vote to raise the single assessment to a sustainable District income. Refunding owners was not advised, is very problematic, involving local ((CLMD is a government)) and town governmental procedures and records.)*

Motion to adjourn by Warren J., seconded by Candee C. Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

*Submitted by Maggie Jungwirth, 2/14/25*

# **Cochran Lake Management District**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

May 24, 2025, Pike Lake Fire Station

**27 Attendees** - Jeff/Carlene Bauer, Scott/Candee Craven, David Ebert, Rick Dittberner, Rich/Ann Halfpap, Warren Johnson, Alan/Maggie Jungwirth, Sig/Mary Kaminski, Jay Knoke, Brian/Donna Mandt, Phil O'Rourke, Joel/Coreen Prah, Rick/Pat Schwai, Don Schmitz, Dan/Ann Scullen, Jeff/Peggy Soldberg, Jon Tornberg.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am

**Old business** - The minutes of last years annual meeting were approved. Scott C. made the motion, Warren J. seconded.

**New District Members** - Joel and Coreen Prah joined us. Welcome!

### **Board Reports -**

Rick Dittberner reported that the Renatta Greely, owner of the sunken pier, said that the pier will be removed by the end of memorial day weekend. Next steps were suggested, no further action planned.

Warren Johnson-

- Financial report from 4/24 - 4/25;
  - Expenditures - Budgeted \$2,329, Spent \$2,047.86
  - Income - \$2,284.46
  - Net gained - \$236.60
  - Assets- \$12,069.27
- Proposed budget for 2024-25
  - Budgeted- \$3,129.00

See detailed budget attached.

### **Fifield Supervisor David Ebert -**

David is the newly elected Price County Supervisor. He answered questions about the crack sealing on the local roads. He said there were lots of repair priorities seen on the annual road tour, but not much money to address them. He said he is in favor of looking for efficiencies in the town finances. There is a new DNR representative at the Park Falls office, Kendal Patrie.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

Water quality - Alan J.

Alan discussed lake data collected for the Citizen's Lake Monitoring Network for the eighth year. Last year we had two ice-out days, one on March 14th, then refreezing a

week later on the 21st and opening again 15 days later on April 6th. The lake was frozen for 136 days, which is less than average. Temperature, clarity, level are checked about every ten days, with chlorophyll and phosphorus levels tested once each during June, July and August. The lake is between a 40 and 50 on the Trophic scale, which means a moderate level of nutrients in the water and moderate clarity, and compares favorably to other shallow seepage lakes in our region. The Secchi depth (clarity) spring reading is decreasing over time.

Loon Watch Status - Pat S.

The Loon Watch program is being suspended, it was connected to the Siguard Olson Inst. at Northland College, that closed. It is possible the Institute may find another home, there is a chance the program may be started again in the future. Pat reminded us of loon best practices. We thank her for her years of reporting data as Loon Ranger.

Adopt-a-Road - Carlene B.

Carlene said that there was not as much litter collected this spring. The closing of the Springstead Lake Lodge may have played a role in that. "Winning" cans were reported. Volunteers Rick/Pat Schwai, Alan/Maggie Jungwirth, Rick/Doreen Dittberner, Jon/Don Tornberg, Jay/Jessica Knoke, Sig/Mary Kaminski, and Jeff/Carlene Bauer were thanked.

Fire Dept. - Warren J.

Warren discussed the new 4-wheel drive ambulance and the customization that is being done to it to make it more efficient for use in the woods. The fire dept. received an \$150,000 grant which was put toward this. The engine that was built in '97 was tested and said to be working satisfactorily, but will need to be replaced soon. The new mini pumper, which was paid for with FFI funds, works well on our long driveways. Fire number signs were discussed. If people feel their fire number sign needs replacing, they should contact the Price County offices.

Fisheries - Sig K.

Sig asked Phil O. to share the fish stocking update. 1,000 to 3,000 6-8" walleyes will be stocked, starting this fall, in staggered years. Minnows will also be stocked, to relieve feeding pressure on the walleye fry. Perch will also be stocked. Phil is paying for the stocking himself. We thank Phil for his generous donation.

Sig says there is a 50" muskie in the lake, a 42" northern, a 25" walleye, and a 14" crappie. There is a strong crappie population right now. Sig suggested that anglers use wide gap hooks, and to press the barbs down for catch and release. He shared a chart of info about how many eggs each species lays a year, average weight per age. He said that loons eat about ?? pounds of fish per year.

Website/Google Group - Don S.

Don reported that he has a new host for the website. He said if there are any additions or changes wanted, let him know.

### **New Business -**

- a) Removal of owner directory from website -  
Scott C. motioned, Rick D. seconded. Motion passed.

- b) Change CLMD fees from lots owned to property owner -  
Consensus reached after discussion to keep fee structure the same - per lot.  
Scott C. motioned, Rick S. seconded. Motion passed.
- c) Repair or replace boat landing pier -  
Consensus reached after discussion to repair the pier.  
Rick S. makes a motion to allow up to \$1,000 to repair pier, Peggy S. seconded.  
Motion passed.
- d) Approval of 2025 budget -  
Proposed budget shared, no changes requested. Motion made by Peggy S.,  
seconded by Scott C. Motion passed.
- e) Election of two new officers -  
Sig K. nominated Don Schmitz. Sig K. motioned, Peggy S. seconded.  
Don Schmitz elected.  
  
Jay Knoke volunteered for second board position. Warren J motioned, Peggy S.  
seconded. Jay Knoke elected.

Peggy S. made a motion to adjourn, Rick D. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:43AM.

Submitted 5/25/25 by Maggie Jungwirth.

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\* Volunteers are needed to work on the pier repairs. Contact Sig Kaminski to help.  
715-762-1823  
kamanski.marysig@gmail.com

**COCHRAN LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**Annual Budget April 2024-April 2025**

Expenditure Item	Budget	Item	Name	Check #	Date	Actual	Delta
Boat Landing Maintenance/Repair	\$200.00					0	\$200.00
"	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00
Website Hosting	\$200.00					\$155.88	\$44.12
Water Testing							\$0.00
Algae/Water Plants							\$0.00
Wisconsin Lakes Dues 2022	\$100.00	Dues		1482	6/10	\$100.00	\$0.00
Newsletter		Software	Maggie	1486	3/17	\$20.00	-\$20.00
Fish Stocking							\$0.00
Software for Newsletter	\$0.00					\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Meeting Misc. Costs	\$100.00					\$0.00	\$100.00
"		Agenda copies	Maggie	1483		\$13.98	-\$13.98
"		Goodies-Annual	Sig&Mary				\$0.00
							\$0.00
Liability Insurance	\$1,729.00		Insurance			\$1,758.00	-\$29.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,329.00</b>					<b>\$2,047.86</b>	<b>\$281.14</b>
						<b>Credit Union Dividend</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>						May 2024	0.43
Tax Levy on	\$2,240.00					June 2024	0.42
Additional tax collections	\$37.45					July 2024	0.43
Credit Union Dividends	\$7.01					August 2024	0.43
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,284.46					September 2024	0.59
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,047.86					October 2024	0.69
GAIN/(LOSS)	\$236.60					November 2024	0.66
						December 2024	0.69
<b>ASSETS</b>	As of 4/30//2024	As of 4/30/2025	Gain(Loss)			January 2025	0.69
Business Account	\$3,389.74	\$5,396.75	\$2,007.01			February 2025	0.62
Checking Account	\$8,442.93	\$6,672.52	-\$1,770.41			March 2025	0.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,832.67</b>	<b>\$12,069.27</b>	<b>\$236.60</b>			April 2025	0.67
	<b>GAIN (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$236.60</b>				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7.01</b>

# Cochran Lake Management District Quarterly Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2025

Conference call

**Attendees:** Don Schmitz, Jay Knoke, Sig & Mary Kaminski

## **Old Business:**

Removal of owner directory from website completed.

To contact the Lake District Board use email address: [CLMD@googlegroups.com](mailto:CLMD@googlegroups.com) This is noted on website and was sent out via latest message sent with google groups.

Sig updated on repairs to Lake District Pier, replaced a couple of pier poles (poles donated by Don Schmitz) and replaced several deck boards and one support board, Sig supplied the wood. Thanks Sig

## **New Business:**

Mary Kaminski asked if there was any walleye stocking update, the board has not heard anything from Phil O. about this, so nothing new to add from annual meeting.

Sig mentioned water temp was at 76 degrees, and weed growth seems to be gaining ground with the water level dropping, due to lack of rainfall. More weeds are visible and very close to the surface.

Jay Knoke inquired about investing some of our savings in an investment (CD, Money Market) account to gain some interest. Warren can/will check with our bank to see what would be available to us.

Don reported that web site is up for renewal at the end of August, Cost is going up a bit to \$176.76 from \$155.00 in previous year.

Next Meeting Set: Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Motion to adjourn by Jay Knoke, second by Mary Kaminski

Meeting Ended: 7:21pm

# **Cochran Lake Management District Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

November 6, 2025

Conference call

**Attendees:** Don Schmitz, Jay Knoke, Sig & Mary Kaminski

## **Old Business:**

Minutes from 8-7-2025 approved by Mary Kaminski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jay Knoke.

## **New Business:**

Jay Knoke and discussion of the group about moving some of the Lake Districts savings account with the credit union to a CD which would make more interest compared to leaving it in savings. The group thought moving \$6,000.00 from our savings account to a 6 month CD earning 3.3% with our current credit union was a good idea. Mary Kaminski second the idea, and it was agreed to complete the transfer.

Don Schmitz brought up idea of adding a second person onto the Credit Union account for safety and for a smoother transition once Warren's appointment on the board is over (May 2026). Jay Knoke had inquired with the Credit Union and they would like a copy of the minutes where the board is in agreement of doing this. Don Schmitz asked Jay Knoke as president and full time resident of Cochran Lake if he would fill that position. Jay agreed and Mary Kaminski second the approval. Jay Knoke will reach out to the Credit Union to get his name added to the account. This notice will serve as the board's vote to approve adding Jay Knoke to the Cochran Lake District account.

Sig Kaminski reported that he had a quick conversation with Phil O'Rourke regarding the walleye stocking that was to take place on our Lake. Phil is awaiting the final sale of his company before he can get the walleyes, so hopefully this spring.

Jay reported on Clean Roads a special thanks to all that participated: Mary & Sig Kaminski, Brian & Donna Mandt, Rick & Doreen Dittberner, Alan & Maggie Jungwirth, Jay & Jessica Knoke, Kurt & Wendy Vinge, Carlene Bauer. Again thanks for helping keep the area looking nice!

Motion to adjourn by Jay Knoke, second by Sig Kaminski

Meeting Ended: 7:24pm

**Next Meeting Set: Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm (Call In)**