FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES INC. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 18, 2019, 9AM, Associated Bank

The meeting convened at 9:03 AM. Schroeder declared a quorum of members present. Mike Henderson volunteered to take minutes of this meeting and Pam will type them up.

<u>Members Present</u>: Pam Schroeder, Stuart McPherson, Cliff Haskins, Mark Smith, Al Murray, Harry Resch, Mike Henderson, Bruce Court, BobEbben

<u>Members Excused</u>: Lee &Vi Lamers, Pat Schultz, Les Schram, Kathy Babcock, Sue & Dennis Koshere, Dawn Nash, Larry Sommer

Members Absent: Barb Charlton, Dave Zager, Mary Sprenger

Agenda Approval: A motion (Resch/Court) to approve the agenda as ammended .

<u>Minutes Approval</u>: A motion to accept the minutes from 11-9-18 meeting as presented (Smith/McPherson). Motion approved. We are still searching for an FCAL secretary.

<u>Treasurers Report:</u> Henderson/Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business: Contact lists for the 2019 FCAL BOD were handed out.

Audit was performed by Lee Lamers, Larry Sommers and Bob Ebben in November. The books balanced.

A budget for 2019 was presented with a forecasted deficit of \$3000, given 2018 membership numbers. Grants have been requested from FC Potawatomi and Sokaogon Chippewa tribes to make up this deficit. There was a discussion regarding the need to increase annual dues, business memberships and ticket sales to the annual banquet in order to carry on FCAL work without the dependence on grants

<u>New Business</u>: Al Murray presented Forest County Board updates. His new title is "County Conservationist and GIS Director". Al has requested information from all Forest County Lake Associations regarding the number of members, the number of associations, the names of officers and the distance from the lake required for membership. FCAL Board members will provide this info from their respective lake associations to Al.

Copies were distributed of a multi-jurisdictional resolution (Resolution 1-2019) written by Al Murray and offered by the FC Towns and The City of Crandon to Governor Tony Evers requesting additional money be allocated to Forest County from the State Gaming Compact.

There will be a one day tour of stream crossings offered in April by the DNR and Trout Unlimited, and a two day workshop regarding the proper design for stream crossings. Town board members and Highway Departments are the targeted audience. FCAL is encouraged to promote attendance by our townships. Murray/Haskins moved to offer a free, business card sized ad to all member businesses in our FCAL newsletter. The motion carried. Board members are requested to solicit businesses near their lake for FCAL memberships.

Pam will attend the Sokaogon Chippewa grant awards meeting at Mole Lake on Monday, Jan. 21st. FCAL will be receiving a \$2000 grant to be used for our newsletter.

The 2019 Essay Contest will be organized by Harry Resch. This year's topic will be "Things We Can Do to Protect or Improve Forest County Lakes and Streams". Pam will get copies of the letters that will be sent to the schools to Harry before our March meeting.

Lumberjack RC&D has not heard from the DNR as to whether or not their request for a Tri-County AIS Coordinator has been approved.

Thank you letters were received from Lost Lake for the \$500 Lake Association Grant and from WI River Alliance for a \$100 donation.

The next FCAL BOD meeting will be held on Friday, March 15 at 9AM in the Associated Bank meeting room in Crandon.

Haskins/Smith moved to adjourn at 10:58. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Henderson & Pam Schroeder.