

Pickerel Lake Sanitary District

Spring 2021 Update

Septic Tank Information:

As cabin owners, you are responsible for maintaining a healthy septic system to ensure your system works properly. For resources you can check out to learn more about your septic system and how to maintain a healthy environment, check out our resources page of the About Us section on PLSD website:

www.plsdistrict.org/statutory-documents

2021 PLSD Trustees:

- Craig Bair, President
- Iver Finnesand, VP
- Josh Bartos

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PLSD Welcomes Justin Carlson and Curtis Gruba

The PLSD Board promoted Justin Carlson to System Manager effective December 1, 2020. Justin has extensive experience with managing wastewater systems, is certified, and is already familiar with the PLSD system from serving in the backup maintenance position. He will be a great asset to the District and is actively evaluating the system to prioritize the next phase of system improvements. The Board hired Curtis Gruba to replace Justin as the backup maintenance employee effective January 1, 2021. The Board also recognizes Al Fedje for his years of service with PLSD and wish him the best in his future plans.

PLSD Hires Accounting Firm

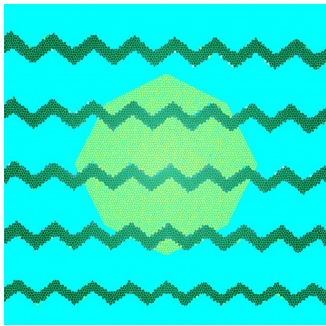
The PLSD Board recently hired Todd Garry, PA, to handle PLSD's financial duties beginning in 2021. Your spring billing will direct you to send your payment to Todd Garry's office, so please update your bank's bill pay feature with the new payment address. If you need to update your email address or primary cell number, please email us at info@PLSDistrict.org.

PLSD System Upgrades Accomplished

The PLSD Board has worked diligently over the last few years to make improvements to the system to better serve you, our customers. Some of the accomplishments to date include:

- Installed a standby generator on the main lift station and purchased a portable generator to pump other lift stations on the system when there is a power outage
- Implemented an emergency text alert system
- Completed a line inspection using cameras to ensure all gravity lines are free from blockage and to make sure no damaged lines exist
- Located all submerged manholes and installed risers to make them easily accessible for maintenance
- Restored vaults integrity that had deteriorated over time

With the system nearly 30 years old, the Board continues to look at additional system needs in addition to the significant funds already invested.



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2021 Meeting Dates:

- April 9, 2021
- May 14, 2021
- June 11, 2021
- July 9, 2021
- August 13, 2021
- September 10, 2021
- October 8, 2021
- November 12, 2021

Board meets the 2nd Friday of the month April – November. Agenda is posted on the website 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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PLSD Prioritizes System Improvement Needs

Justin Carlson conducted a system assessment based on inspections completed during his first two weeks as manager. He addressed items in need of immediate action such as adding degreaser blocks and repairing the broken lagoon overflow valve. He also highlighted three primary areas that need to be addressed in the near future. 1) Main lift station vault installation: The station was not built with access or shut off valves which makes repairs difficult and costly. PLSD will install an above ground vault as the most cost-effective approach with the least amount of disruption. 2) Air relief valve testing: Carlson attempted to exercise the air relief valves and discovered that the valves tested were rusted shut. Since there are 47 valves, the Board voted to replace 13 air relief valves on the west side, the oldest part of the system. Once the initial valves are replaced, the Board will determine how to proceed with replacing the remaining valves, possibly in phases. 3) Pump needs: The manager addressed the current pump inventory and future needs for upgrading the system to operate more efficiently. Since many of the needed improvements are significant investments, PLSD will approach the upgrades in a prioritized manner.

PLSD Keeps 2021 Rates Low

PLSD is pleased to announce that 2021 rates will not increase; however, will need to revisit for 2022 to cover the prioritized improvements. The Board is required to periodically review customer rates to ensure revenue is adequate to cover anticipated operating expenses and system reserve funds. Beginning with 2021, the \$50 capital improvement fee ends, and the amount will be reallocated to the operating and reserve funds as follows:

Fee	Amount	Yearly Total
Operating Expense	\$205.48	\$410.96
Reserve & Replacement	\$68.92	\$137.84
Total	\$274.40	\$548.80

You will receive your spring billing by March 1st, due March 31st, and your fall billing by September 1st; due September 30th.