

FOX LAKE CONSERVATION LEAGUE INC.
SHERBURN - WELCOME
BOX 212, SHERBURN, MN 56171

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Dear Life Member,

Our 75th Annual Business Meeting will be held Friday, April 29th, 2022 at the Sherburn Community Hall. We will present business and financial reports and answer questions followed by the drawing for the Polaris ATV Raffle. Raffle tickets are still available at a cost of \$20 each. The drawing includes a Polaris Sportsman 500 ATV, a Yeti cooler and 2 shotguns. Come out and share your ideas and concerns about Fox Lake and the surrounding wildlife community with the Board of Directors. There is much to talk about as the League has again been very busy in the past year and have accomplished a lot of good projects.

Everett Park continues to be a valuable asset for the League providing camping, fishing and boat access to Fox Lake. In the past year a number of the electrical posts have been updated to 50 amp services to accommodate today's larger RV units. We hope to have all 30 sites updated in the near future. There are now three 48' floating docks in addition to the 60' floating T dock. All are handicapped accessible. 2021 saw the additional of some commercial grade playground equipment (approximately \$30,000) to provide activities and exercise for the kids.

Firearm's Safety Training was held again this past fall with 15 students attending. Students who successfully complete the course will receive their Firearm's Safety Certificate from the MN DNR.

We continue to acquire marginal farmland properties which are eventually turned over to the MN DNR for Wildlife Management Areas and are restored to include native prairie grasses, flowers and forbs along with restored wetlands. Most are purchased through grants from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. I cannot begin to express how important the Outdoor Heritage Fund has been to Martin County conservation! This is the 3/8's of 1 percent increase in our sales tax. The League has been able to leverage approximately 15 million dollars since it was approved by voters in 2008, for local wildlife habitat acquisitions and improvements, not to mention water quality protection and improvements. Besides acquisitions, we do Conservation Partner Legacy grants which enhance existing habitat. There is an incredible amount of work that could be done here if we had the manpower. Please consider getting involved. Whether you enjoy paperwork or getting your hands dirty we have projects that otherwise will not get done. It is satisfying and rewarding work.

We are excited to announce the purchase of the former Alliant Energy coal burning power plant property on Fox Lake this past July! This 44 acre site includes 1,000's of feet of shoreline and a wide array of possibilities for development. The new park will be opened to the public in the near future. With the demolition of the old power plant building and related infrastructure we will need to establish some vegetation to protect the soil from erosion before we can allow traffic onto the property. We are working with a Presidential Scholarship student from Iowa Lakes Community College to help us devise a plan for development of the new Park. Many ideas have been discussed for inclusion at the site, including, but not limited to, a boat ramp, fishing piers, bee and butterfly pollinator plots, a clubhouse, marina slips, a trap range, seasonal RV campground, wedding ceremony

area, children's playground, walking trails, benches, bald eagle or osprey nesting platforms, to row crop farming areas. We cannot use grant money to help us pay for this purchase or its development, so we will need to generate some dollars from this property to help pay for it or we may need some type of fundraiser to help finance this project.

This would be a good place to mention that the League received memorials from several families this past year which are always appreciated and put to good use. Please remember the League in your estate planning if you can. Donations can be earmarked for the power plant property purchase and development if so desired. The Betty A. Lewis University Environmental Charitable Trust is a great example. In 2021 we received \$6,131.50 from her thoughtful giving.

Our annual fishing tournament is going to be completely new in 2022. We have partnered with the Fairmont Lakes Foundation and together we will be holding the "Chain of Lakes Open" on the Fairmont chain of lakes on June 4th this year. There will be 3 divisions, with walleye, panfish and yellow bass each having their own payouts. Entry fee is \$60 per 2 person team and is limited to the first 50 boats to register. Info is available online at Foxlakeconservation.com or at Sommer's Outdoors in Fairmont, the Welcome Legion Club, Amborn Lumber in Sherburn or by calling Jim Miller at 507-236-3442. All participants under the age of 16 will receive a new rod and reel combo!

Our annual Fox Lake Fall Banquet will be held September 17th at the Welcome American Legion Clubrooms. This is the League's largest fundraiser of the year and we need everyone's support to continue our conservation efforts here in our LOCAL area. The Banquet features a prime rib supper, raffles, door prizes, a silent auction and more. Tickets are \$45 and attendance is limited to 145.

Our charitable gambling operation continues to go well and continues to provide significant revenue for our conservation purposes as well as providing dollars for other needs in our local communities. We have 8 sites – Municipal Liquor Store in Sherburn, Legend's II in Ceylon, The Old Northrup Bar, the Granada Bar & Grill, The Still in Dunnell, Ghost Town Tavern in Imogene, the Fox Lake Golf Course, and the Blazer Bar in Fmt. We offer paper pulltabs, electronic pulltabs, along with sports boards and meat raffles at some locations.

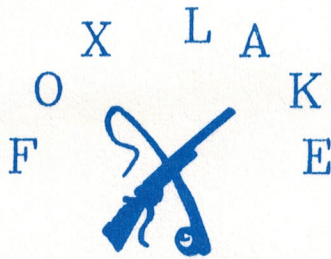
The League has accomplished a tremendous number of projects over the past decade and look forward toward future projects. Thank you for your past support and we hope to be able to count on your continued support to accomplish even more. Please consider getting involved in the League as there is still an enormous amount of conservation work yet to be done! It will get you outdoors and is very rewarding.

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, November to April at the Welcome Legion Clubroom and from May until October at Everett Park. All meetings begin at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Your F.L.C.L. Board of Directors

Tim Eisenmenger – President	Jake Krohn – Vice President		
Nate Amborn – Secretary	Jim Miller – Treasurer		
Jim Claussen	Dustin Frank	Bob Smith	Terry Viesselman
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2021 Year End Financial Report

General Account

Bank and Cash Accounts as of 1/1/21 \$ 425,891.08

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	-	<u>Expenses</u>	=	<u>+ or (-)</u>
Memberships	10,460.00		285.07		10,174.93
Assn Memberships			240.00		(240.00)
Donations	11,428.50				11,428.50
Everett Park	54,419.24		42,609.25		11,809.99
Fall Banquet	9,000.00		172.56		8,827.44
Interest	846.02				846.02
Lawful Gambling	19,248.05		18,593.75		654.30
Firearms Safety Training	111.93		111.93		
FoxMasters Tournament			125.00		(125.00)
Administration			9,793.66		(9,793.66)
Miscellaneous			4,262.56		(4,262.56)
Insurance	1,246.48		3,471.25		(2,224.77)
Power Plant Property			227,057.08		(227,057.08)
Habitat	<u>1,131,650.02</u>		<u>1,086,626.37</u>		<u>45,023.65</u>
	\$ 1,238,410.24		1,393,348.48		(154,938.24)

Bank and Cash Accounts as of 1/1/22 \$ 270,952.84

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Miller

Treasurer

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Habitat Income and Expense breakdown

	Income	Expense
• Grants	\$ 89,537.19	70,371.75
• Blachowske	\$ 32,760.94	63,276.21
• Dick	\$ 47,240.55	9,958.40
• Jorgensen	\$ 825,600.00	829,389.33
• Kittleson	\$ 49,180.00	27,347.00
• Krahmer	\$	37,726.00
• Krusemark	\$	8,784.00
• Kuehl	\$ 16,436.00	1,022.00
• Lorenz	\$	575.00
• Maday	\$	86.00
• Miller	\$ 2,867.00	918.00
• Olson	\$ 11,500.00	8,862.39
• Rooney Run	\$	187.00
• Schultz	\$ 16,436.00	2,625.00
• Swanson	\$ 33,130.00	11,900.76
• VanderWert	\$	286.00
• Native seed	\$ 1,726.00	6,663.56
• Winter Food Plots	\$ 4,800.00	4,800.00
• Conservation Tree	\$	468.84
• Miscellaneous	\$ 436.34	1,379.13