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Board of Commissioners Meeting June 2, 2025 Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chair Mary Therese Breger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Mark Wagor, Brian Treinen and Jaimee Maples were present. Jeff Geib was excused. Sixteen other District property owners, residents and interested parties were also in attendance.
 - B. Breger introduced Jaimee Minney Maples, who was appointed the Town of West Bend Representative to the LCLPRD Board of Commissioners at the Town's May meeting. Breger thanked outgoing Town Rep Pam Tukesbrey, who had served as both Town Rep and Board Secretary since September 2022, and presented her with a small token of the Board's appreciation for her service.
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2025 Meeting

Wagor moved and Breger seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Treasurer's Report

Wagor presented the Treasurer's Report.

 - A. Operational expenses YTD have been \$19,785 (22.4% of 2025 budgeted amount).
 - B. New revenues for 2025 have amounted to \$78,535 and have consisted mostly of tax levies and DNR reimbursement for 2024 patrol.
 - C. Checking account balance is \$63,236. The most significant disbursements since the last meeting were payments of \$6,300 to Horton Insurance and \$4,800 to Inland Harvesters.
 - D. CD balances are \$51,291 and \$80,902; total cash on hand is \$195,429.
 - E. Breger moved and Treinen seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Operations
 1. Weed harvesting

The harvester required repairs prior to launching in early May. A pre-launch check revealed hydraulic leaks on one paddle drive. Inland Harvesters subsequently repaired the affected paddle wheel motor and the seat on the harvester. Geib and Dennis Jarvis surveyed the lake on 5/23; milfoil had not emerged to a level that warranted harvesting. Harvesting will commence next week; we will possibly skim this week. Pier pickups are scheduled for June 12. The harvesting schedule is posted to the LCLPRD website: https://lclprd.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/LCLPRD_Harvest_Schedule_2025.pdf
 2. Lake patrol
 - a. Patrol commenced on Friday, May 23 (Memorial Day weekend). There were 43.5 patrol hours for May, during which time seven verbal warnings and five written citations were issued.
 - b. Local Ordinance signage

As was mentioned at the May 2025 meeting, the Ordinance signage at Ackerman's public launch requires updating. State Law requires posting at public access points of any Local Ordinance more restrictive than State Boating Law. In addition, the Wake Surf Recommendation sign requires revision due to the modified buoy locations defining Water Traffic Lanes. Breger submitted the updated language for signage to Samantha Murray at Washington County. The County's estimate from their sign maker is \$500 for the Local Ordinance sign and \$100 for the Wake Surf Recommendation sign. Breger discussed payment for signs with Jamie Ludovic, Washington County Director of Community Development. As this represents a previously unbudgeted

expense, the County may not be able to pay for the new signage until the next Budget year. Ludovic will evaluate potential options and reconnect with Breger. As the Local Ordinances are not enforceable unless posted at the public launch, Ludovic offered for the County's print shop to fabricate temporary Local Ordinance signage. Breger confirmed with Chief Rollins that this arrangement would suffice until permanent signage is available. A photo of the temporary Local Ordinance posting was projected at the meeting.

c. Ordinance cards

Chief Rollins has suggested that the LCLPRD provide laminated cards on which the Local Ordinances are printed on one side, and Wake Surf Recommendations on the other. Officers would have the cards available on the patrol boat. A meeting attendee suggested the cards also be made available at the Ackerman's launch. Breger prepared a draft for the card and obtained an estimate from Kruepke for printing and lamination. Wagor moved and Treinen seconded a motion to proceed with ordering of Local Ordinance/Wake Surf Recommendation cards at LCLPRD expense, and proceed with ordering the signs, while pursuing either partial or full County funding for such. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

1. Starry Stonewort (SSW)

The season's only diver-assisted hand pull event is scheduled for Saturday, July 12. Patrick Siwula (WDNR Southeast WI Region AIS Coordinator) and Amanda Schmitz (Waukesha County AIS Coordinator) will conduct a sub-point intercept survey of the area adjacent to the Ackerman's launch on June 26. Their findings (locations and density of SSW populations) will determine the scope of the July 12 project, need for volunteers, etc. Breger has secured divers for the event, as well as the necessary permit and launch closure until 1:00 p.m. An initial request for volunteers has been conveyed via email; subsequent requests will be solicited via the Newsletter and email.

2. Purple loosestrife

Sylvia Hillmann provided the Purple Loosestrife (PL) report. Twenty-nine (29) of 32 PL plants survived overwintering in the storage building and are currently netted and being cultivated in pots outdoors. In late May the team harvested a total of 280 *cella* beetles and divided them among the netted PL plants. The beetles will reproduce to about 1000 beetles and larvae per plant prior to their release in four weeks. The team is seeing success from their biocontrol efforts of the past four years. The native PL plants at Ackerman's Grove between the boat launch and beach are very small and have extensive evidence of previous *cella* activity (i.e., leaves are significantly eaten). Furthermore, mating *cella* beetles were observed on many plants. The PL population on the north end of Ackerman's where *cella* beetles had previously been released likewise demonstrated evidence of previous *cella* activity and current mating *cella* beetles, though not to the degree as has been observed south of the launch. This is the first year that both previous and active beetle activity has been observed in areas of earlier biocontrol efforts. The team plans to place most of this year's potted PL plants at the north end of Ackerman's, and on shorelines of properties at the end of Birchview Road and Hickory Lane. It appears that the beetles migrate south; the team will confirm this by checking the properties for beetle presence in the next two weeks.

3. Yellow Flag Iris

Breger presented a report which was provided by Ron Bartos. Property owners are encouraged to wait for the plants to bloom to distinguish invasive Yellow Flag Iris from noninvasive native iris. Once they have bloomed, flowers should be clipped, collected and disposed appropriately. Bartos hopes to recruit a few volunteers for whole plant removal in late June or July.

4. Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW)

Boat inspectors from BCLPRD were at Ackerman's launch on one Saturday (May 3, Opening Fishing Day) and four Sundays in May. Julie Riley has been pairing one veteran with one novice. In addition, the Washington County AIS intern inspected boats at Ackerman's on Saturday, May 24 (Memorial Day weekend). Weekday boat inspection shifts will be added once school is out on June 11. Inspector shifts are generally four to five hours, in the morning.

C. Citizen Lake Monitoring (CLM)

Bob Fitts presented a report on the CLM team's activities. The group was out on May 29 for the second time this season. The water was cold and dissolved oxygen levels were favorable. Clarity in south basin was 18 feet at this time last year and is 12 feet this year. The team hasn't begun their sampling for chlorophyll and phosphorous yet. They will begin twice monthly monitoring this month and continue that

frequency for the rest of the summer. Their results are posted to the DNR's Surface Water Integrated Monitoring Systems (SWIMS) database.

D. Lake levels / dam management

Breger provided the dam management report. We received 3.5+” of rain from May 20 to May 22. Board removal from the Little Cedar Lake (LCL) dam began on May 20; as many as six (of nine total boards) had been removed through May 24. The Big Cedar Lake (BCL) dam management team removed as many as four boards during that period. The LCL level increased to 2” above its Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM), BCL rose to 1.75” above its OHWM. Board replacement at the LCL dam began on May 25, at the BCL dam on May 26. As of May 29, BCL was 0.5” above its OHWM with one board out and LCL was at its OHWM with one board out. Today, LCL remains at OHWM with one board out.

E. Ackerman's Grove County Park

1. LCLPRD Storage Building

- a. A keypad was installed on the entry door to the building due to recurring issues with the locking mechanism on the door handle. Those requiring building access were assigned unique entry codes.
- b. Geib obtained a quote of \$2,347 for gutter guard replacement. We will proceed with the project using Building reserve funds.
- c. Geib observed that the ridge shingles on the building are deteriorating. He attempted to obtain a quote for their replacement but was told by the roofing contractor that the entire roof needs replacing. We will revisit this issue at a future meeting.

2. Plan for monitoring of parking restriction enforcement

Although the County has deputized Weekend Staff to write parking citations, the Staff must cover all Washington County parks and are frequently unable to closely monitor Ackerman's Grove. Breger suggested formation of a Surveillance Committee consisting of volunteers who could visit Ackerman's throughout the weekend and document and report any illegally parked vehicles to either the Parks Staff or Sheriff. Bob Kent graciously accepted the opportunity to lead this committee. Volunteers are still needed to assist in this effort. Interested individuals should respond via the LCLPRD email (lclprd@gmail.com).

F. LCLPRD Communications update

a. Website

We have recently incurred some website expenses, which included a one-time fee of \$600 for a much-needed upgrade, and the \$600 annual fee for website hosting and \$20 for maintaining our domain name. Maples is working with Town Web on refreshing the LCLPRD website.

b. Newsletter

The Spring Summer Newsletter Draft is nearly complete. We are awaiting the revised Wake Surf Recommendation PDF and the current District Property Owners list from the County. Kruepke Printing has indicated that the time from printing to mailing will be approximately two weeks. We will send the Newsletter PDF to those in the email database as soon as it is available and anticipate that mailed printed copies will be received by District property owners by mid-June.

G. Geese

We again had fewer than 40 geese required for round-up (17 Canada Geese have been observed on LCL this year). Focusing on nest and egg depredation in the spring appears to be our best option for Canada Goose population control.

H. Lake User Survey Review

Justin Poinatte, a biologist from SEWRPC who had a significant role in the development of Survey questions, data collection and analysis, presented a summary of the LCLPRD Lake User Survey. Individuals who would like a copy of the full Survey results may request such via the LCLPRD email. Highlights of Poinatte's presentation included:

- 248 postcards were mailed to District property owners, each postcard had a unique number to ensure only one response per property owner, results were kept anonymous.
- 104 responses to the survey were received (42%) which is higher than standard, typical return is approx. 10-15%.
- Over 70% of respondents are year round residents, the majority of whom have lived on the lake for over 10 years.
- District property owners who live directly on the lake shared many sentiments regarding perception use and management of the lake with non-riparian residents.

- 90% of respondents boat on the lake (motorized or non-motorized) at least weekly in the summer.
- Respondents were generally satisfied with the courtesy and ordinance following of other boaters; however, many are concerned with boat density on summer weekends where 59% occasionally or frequently modify plans due to number of boats and 30% feel density is too high to use the lake on summer weekends.
- Fishing is very popular; 68% of respondents reported fishing and 38% indicate they fish regularly (=> 2x monthly)
- 88% of respondents were aware of the Wake Surf recommendations
- 46% of respondents are in favor of allowing wake surfing with some restrictions, 8% feel it should be treated like any other motorized boating activity; 46% support a ban of wake surfing on LCL.

V. New Business

A. Town of West Bend appointee to LCLPRD

Wagor presented a summary of the new Roles & Responsibilities of the Town of West Bend appointees to the Big Cedar, Little Cedar and Silver Lake PRDs.

B. Upcoming LCLPRD events

1. Boat parade – July 3 @ 7PM
2. Summer Social – August 3 @ 3PM

C. Next meeting: July 7, 2025

VI. Adjourn

There being no other New Business, Breger moved and Treinen seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brian Treinen
 Secretary, LCLPRD