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Board of Commissioners Meeting July 7, 2025 Minutes

I. Call to Order:

Chair Mary Therese Breger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All Commissioners were present, as were four other District property owners.

II. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2025 Meeting

Mark Wagor moved and Breger seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Treasurer's Report

Wagor presented the Treasurer's Report.

- A. Operational expenses YTD: \$21,223 vs budget of \$88,400 (24%)
- B. New revenues & reserve released funds YTD are \$80,177 vs budget of \$117,000 (68.5%)
 - 1. Tax levies: \$57,655
 - 2. DNR Patrol Reimbursements: \$10,133
 - 3. Grants: \$750
 - 4. Carry-forward 2024: \$8,317
 - 5. Earned interest: \$3,228
 - 6. Forfeitures: \$95
- C. Checking balance as of July 1, 2025: \$61,797
- D. Cash on hand, reserves and investments as of July 1, 2025: \$195,633
- E. Notable disbursements since last meeting:
 - 1. Jeff Geib (reimbursement of fuel, gate/barrier and lock system: \$1,318
 - 2. Washington County (signage): \$68
 - 3. WE Energies: \$24
- F. CD balances are \$51,987 and \$81,848; total cash & investments on hand: \$195,633
- G. Breger moved and Treinen seconded motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

A. Operations

- 1. Weed harvesting
 - a. The harvester power washer hose was found to be defective upon arrival. This was replaced by Inland at no charge. Jeff Geib reported that the washer works well.
 - b. Weed harvesting continues per the schedule. Loads of weeds have been very few this season. There will be pier pickups on Thursday (July 10).
- 2. Lake patrol report for June
 - a. There were 96.25 patrol hours and nine administrative hours.
 - b. Seventeen (17) warnings and 19 citations (speeding, PFDs, fire extinguishers, registration, battery) were issued.

B. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) update

1. Starry Stonewort (SSW)

A diver assisted hand-pull is scheduled for July 12 in the vicinity of the public launch at Ackerman's Grove. Patrick Siwula (DNR) and Amanda Schmitz (Wash County) completed a sub-PI evaluation in the vicinity of Ackerman's launch on June 26. They observed that the SSW population is similar to last year, although with a slightly different distribution. They recommended limiting the pull to the areas beyond the lily pads, out to around or just beyond the first weed marker buoy. Siwula and Schmitz also visually assessed the outlet channel where hand pulling occurred last year. The SSW in that area remains short (~six inches high) and appears similar to what it was when evaluated post-hand pull last year. Siwula and Schmitz will plan to conduct a more thorough assessment of the outlet channel when they perform another evaluation in early August, in order to document that area one-year post removal activity.

3. Purple loosestrife (PL)

Report from Sylvia Hillmann:

Sylvia, Mike Mosley and Ron Bartos placed all the PL pots with beetles on June 22 at various shoreline locations at the end of Hickory Lane and Birchview Road, as well as at the north end of Ackerman's Grove. They observed that the native PL plants in those areas had significant evidence of *cella* beetle activity relative to when they began the initiative four years ago. The team will monitor this year's response by monitoring bloom density and plant height into late July and August.

4. Yellow flag iris

Report from Ron Bartos:

Yellow iris seed heads have been clipped on the west shoreline across from Ackerman's south to the dam. The success of the team's efforts of the past several years is demonstrated by fewer Yellow Iris plants resprouting. Ron has assembled a small group of volunteers to assist in the ongoing control effort and will contact new property owners for permission to access the large patch of Yellow Iris across from Ackerman's or see if they are amenable to learning about the control of this invasive plant. Property owners with Yellow Iris in their gardens are encouraged to remove and replace them with native vegetation, as seeds can be washed into the lake with runoff from heavy rains.

5. Clean Boats, Clean Waters

- a. Thus far this year there have been 104 hours of Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) boat inspections performed by BCLPRD staff at the Ackerman's public launch. Staffing for additional inspections is available thru August. Our grant provides 75% reimbursement for up to \$4,000 in CBCW expenses, and we currently are nowhere close to exceeding that. Breger will communicate the Board's desire to continue staffing boat inspections to the BCLPRD.
- b. The Washington County AIS intern has performed 25 hours of boat inspections at Ackerman's Grove this season. She is usually there one weekend day/week. These represent fewer hours than what have been provided in past years. Per Amanda Schmitz, the County is providing additional hours on Pike and Freiss Lakes for its WDNR Surface Water Grant this year, which has resulted in fewer hours at the other County lakes.
- c. Boat cleaning station update: The County is currently soliciting bids for the boat cleaning/power wash station that will be located at the far end of the vehicle/trailer parking area at Ackerman's Grove.

C. Citizen Lake Monitoring (CLM) update

Bob Fitts presented his report on CLM activity. The team was out twice in June (6/16, 6/30). The surface water temperature was 70°F on 6/16, 81°F on 6/30; temperature at the bottom of big kettle 48°F, small kettle 56°F (@25 feet); Dissolved O2 10mg/ml (high); it remains above levels needed for fish at 30 feet (big kettle), 20 feet (little kettle); Clarity: little kettle – 10.6 feet; big kettle 17 feet, 18 feet. Phosphate & chlorophyll samples taken on 6/30; results not yet back.

D. Lake levels / dam management

There has been significant precipitation since the last meeting. Boards have been removed from both Little Cedar Lake (LCL) and Big Cedar Lake (BCL) dams in response to rainfall and increasing lake levels. The highest LCL level was 2" above its Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) and highest BCL level was 1.5" above its OHWM. As many as four (of nine) boards were removed from the LCL dam, and three boards removed from the BCL dam. As of July 4, BCL was 1" above its OHWM with two boards removed, and as of

July 6, LCL was at its OHWM with three boards removed. There have been no Emergency High Water Declarations to date this season!

E. Ackerman's Grove County Park

1. LCLPRD Storage Building

- a. The new keypad for building access is working well.
- b. A commitment for gutter guard replacement has been made; installation is scheduled for either the last week of July or first week of August.
- c. Roof replacement was discussed. Board consensus is to postpone until 2026, when it can be a budgeted item.

2. Parking restriction enforcement

The Surveillance Committee has three non-Commissioner volunteers, plus Breger and Geib; they began their orchestrated monitoring efforts on June 21. They have detected illegally parked vehicles with trailers within the Park and observed vehicle/trailer units on Hwy Z. The Committee is logging and documenting their observations, as well as response of Parks weekend on-call staff when notified of violations. The initial call to Weekend Parks Staff on June 22 was unsuccessful, but the subsequent call to the manager on duty resulted in citations issued. Year to date, Parks staff have issued eight citations (seven in June) and the Sheriff's Office, four. The committee would welcome the assistance of additional volunteers in this endeavor.

3. Follow up on new Ordinance and Wake Surf Recommendations Signage and Cards

- a. The County has agreed to pay 80% of the total cost for new signage, and to provide temporary signage in the interim at the boat launch.
- b. The new signs were delivered today (July 7) and will be installed in the near future.
- c. The LCLPRD paid for the printing and lamination of 500 Local Ordinance and Wake Surf Recommendation cards. Officers now have them on the patrol boat; there are ample replacements in the patrol office. The CBCW staff has been asked to distribute the cards when conducting their boat inspections, and a "realtor's box" with cards is available at the launch kiosk for a self-serve option when inspectors are not on duty.

4. Discussion of anticipated expenses for potential inclusion in future County Budget(s)

The Board discussed potential upcoming expenses for which it may seek County support. Most significant were storage building expenses (e.g., \$17,000 for a new roof), and in-kind and actual expenses related to a future lake management plan.

F. LCLPRD Communications update

1. Website

Jaimee Minney Maples has been working on the LCLPRD website upgrade with the team at Town Web. We anticipate launch of the "new" website in early August.

2. Newsletter

A digital copy of the Annual Spring Summer Newsletter was distributed via LCLPRD email on June 9. District property owners received printed copies via USPS the following week. Commissioners have received significantly positive feedback regarding the Newsletter, especially the provision of a printed copy.

G. Boat Parade Review

Pre-registration of participants was requested this year. Boats were numbered, which the judges found very helpful. Tommy Zernia again served as parade marshal and led the group with rousing music and a lot of enthusiasm. There were ten participants and countless shoreline spectators. The Schmitz, Eickelman and Schineller contingencies judged the entries and unanimously agreed upon this year's winners: Callan Family (Patriotic Gondola; Best Decorated), Breger Family (Pirates of the Caribbean; Most Creative) and Zernia Family (Most Patriotic).

V. New Business

A. Lake Directory

Maples has offered to assume responsibility for creation of a Lake District directory, which has been a recurring request from District property owners. Inclusion in the Directory will be optional. An email will be sent the week of July 15 with a link to an information form. Directory distribution will initially be digital; we will consider printed copies in the future.

- B. Proposed 2026 Footstock event
Treinen presented a request from a local barefoot water-skier organization (Footstock) regarding the possibility of hosting one of their events in the kettle of Little Cedar at some point in 2026. Considerations for such include (but are not limited to): 1) Is a permit required, and from whom? 2) Can a part of the lake be “closed” for a portion of the day? 3) Where will spectators park? 4) From where will they watch the event? 5) Liability insurance; 6) Input from CBAI and kettle residents. This request will be considered when more information is available.
- C. Summer Social
The Annual LCLPRD Summer Social will be on August 3 @ 3PM at Ackerman’s Grove, Shelter 3. Event publicity is underway via the website and email. Pam & Jim Tukesbrey will again spearhead the event. The PRD will provide the meat and paper products, and event attendees will bring their own beverages and a dish to share. Shelter rental includes free park admission for all attendees.
- D. Considerations for next LCLPRD Meeting (August 4)
A primary focus of August’s meeting will be preparation for the annual meeting. In addition to the usual considerations, suggestions were made to include Lake User Survey topics that were raised by respondents, as well as a fish stocking update.

VI. Adjourn

- A. There being no other new business, Breger moved and Geib seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Treinen
Secretary, LCLPRD