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Board of Commissioners Meeting August 4, 2025

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
Chair Mary Therese Breger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners Mark Wagor, Brian Treinen and Jeff Geib were present; Jaimee Minney Maples was excused. Three other District residents were also in attendance.
- II. Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2025 Meeting
Breger moved and Geib seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 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 \$30,451 (34% of budget).
 - B. New revenues and reserves released for 2025 YTD are \$98,583 (84% of budget).
 - C. Checking account balance as of August 1 is \$52,570.
 - D. Cash on hand (including CD reserves) as of August 1 totals \$187,596.
 - 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
 - a. The number of harvested loads of weeds remains low. Eelgrass is beginning its seasonal uprooting on Little Cedar, resulting in floating biomasses. These will be skimmed by the harvester when it is out this week.
 - b. There will be pier pickups on Thursday (August 7).
 2. Lake patrol
 - a. There were 107.75 patrol hours and 12.25 administrative hours (120 total hours) in July.
 - b. Twenty-three (23) verbal warnings and seven citations were issued. Violations included those pertaining to equipment (e.g., non-functioning fire extinguishers), PFDs, registration, slow, no wake and speeding.
 3. Sheriff's Office Water Patrol
Breger presented a report from Sergeant Alex Herriges. He indicated that there has not been a high level of interest this summer from deputies that are able to conduct boat patrol, so the number of patrols is significantly reduced when compared to 2024 and 2023. To date, there have been two Sheriff's Office water patrol shifts: 1) May 30 (Friday of Memorial Day weekend): six hours, one citation, one warning; 2) July 4: seven hours, four citations.
 - B. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
 1. Starry Stonewort (SSW)
A diver assisted hand-pull was conducted on July 12, with efforts concentrated in the area adjacent to the public launch at Ackerman's Grove. Three divers (13 hours total), eight volunteers, the Washington County AIS Coordinator and intern assisted in the effort. Seventy (70) bags of SSW were removed. Patrick Siwula (WDNR AIS Coordinator) and Amanda Schmitz (Washington County AIS Coordinator) will conduct the second sub-PI evaluation of the area on August 13 and provide a

summary afterward. It is unlikely they will recommend another hand-pull this summer. Our Early Detection & Response (EDR) Grant funding expires on 12/31/25. Our only other grant option to fund SSW containment in the future is a WDNR Surface Water Grant (SWG), the awards for which have become highly competitive. Given the nature of our project, we would unlikely be awarded SWG funding. Breger recommends self-funding of future SSW containment efforts. This option will provide flexibility and consistency that aren't guaranteed with the grant program. However, the WDNR cannot guarantee they will be able to continue sub-PI surveys in the future due to staffing and budget concerns. The WDNR would, however, like to continue SSW data acquisition from Little Cedar long-term, and will continue to provide guidance to the LCLPRD re: management/containment of SSW in the launch area. Currently, the WDNR feels that planning for an annual hand-pull (regardless of SSW population status) is a valid approach to the containment strategy. However, if we proceed with this approach, we will be required to amend our 2024 Aquatic Plan Management (APM) Plan to include SSW management options. We will include amendment of our APM Plan and permit, as well as one hand-pull of SSW, in the proposed 2026 LCLPRD Budget.

2. Purple Loosestrife (PL)

Breger presented a report provided by Sylvia Hillmann. The PL plants are starting to bloom, and there is significant evidence of growth retardation, leaf damage and decreased flower size to the PL plants in areas of earlier *Galerucella* beetle release.

3. Yellow Flag Iris

Breger presented a report provide by Ron Bartos. He has observed that many of the seed heads have been cut from yellow iris plants on the south end of the lake by someone who is not a member of the AIS team and expresses gratitude to that/those individual(s) for their efforts in reduction of the yellow iris population.

4. Clean Boats, Clean Waters

- a. As of July 31, BCLPRD staff have provided 216 hours of boat inspections (YTD CBCW labor total:\$2,719). In 2024, they provided 224 total hours (\$2,834). Our CBCW grant reimburses 75% of expenses up to \$4,000. There was consensus among commissioners that we should continue this year's boat inspections for as long as the BCLPRD seasonal staff can provide them.
- b. The Washington County AIS intern has provided 40.65 hours of boat inspections YTD. This is significantly fewer than in past years and is largely due to her coverage of other County launch sites in order to fulfill the commitment associated with the County's CBCW grant.

C. Citizen Lake Monitoring (CLM) Update

Bob Fitts provided the CLM report. Clarity is very similar to 2024, although with variation. It was 12-14' in May and June, then decreased in July (9.5 feet in the both the big lake and the kettle). The CLM team was out once in July. The water temperature has been four to five degrees warmer at every 5' increment this year (In July, 81°F at the surface, 65.8°F at 25 feet). Dissolved O2 is higher than last year, despite the higher water temperatures. At 20 feet, it's still 8.6 mg/L; in 2024, dissolved O2 was 2.9 mg/L at 20 feet. Fish require dissolved O2 levels of at least 4mg/L. Water samples were obtained in June and July and were sent to the State lab for analysis of phosphorus and chlorophyll, but the results have not yet been posted to the SWIMS website.

D. Lake levels / dam management

Communication between Little Cedar and Big Cedar Lake dam management teams remains excellent. Despite nearly 6.5" of rain since the July LCLPRD meeting, lake levels on both Big and Little Cedar have been maintained at essentially their Ordinary High Water Marks (OHWMs) by removal and replacement of boards at the respective dams. As of this morning, LCL is at its OHWM with all boards in, and BCL is 0.25" below its OHWM with all boards in.

E. Ackerman's Grove County Park

1. LCLPRD Storage Building

- a. A 50% deposit was paid when the gutter guard order was placed. Installation of the guards is planned this week.
- b. Roof replacement will be included in the Proposed 2026 budget. We will need to obtain competitive bids before proceeding.

- c. Signage (“Do Not Enter” and “Notice: This Area is Under 24 Hour Video Surveillance”) has been installed to deter trespassers from the patrol boat/harvester access pier.
 - d. Washington County installed the new Local Ordinance and Wake Surf Recommendation signage at the launch on July 12.
2. Parking restriction enforcement
- A small group of volunteers continues their informal surveillance at Ackerman’s Grove. The County’s weekend Parks Staff has been responsive to calls about violators. Parks Staff issued 11 citations in July; there have been 22 total citations issued this summer (all but five have been by Parks Staff). Beau Flitter (Washington County Parks Supervisor) texts Breger every Monday morning with the weekend citation update. Vehicle/trailer units continue to park on Hwy Z when the spots inside the park are full.

F. LCLPRD Communications

Jaimee Minney Maples provided the update:

1. Launch of the “new” website is scheduled for Monday, August 11.
2. Individuals in the LCLPRD email database have been provided the opportunity to be included in the District directory.

G. Summer Social Recap

The annual event is held on the first Sunday of August. This year, most waited until the deadline (July 28) to respond. Thirty-seven (37) individuals were expected, 43 attended. Breger thanked Pam & Jim Tukesbrey and Maggie Gustafson for their efforts in ensuring a successful event. Pam sourced broasted chicken and Italian beef from Olde Cedar Inn, and attendees brought appetizers, salads, sides and desserts based on the first letter of their last name. The group enjoyed a delightful afternoon with lake neighbors.

V. New Business

A. Annual Meeting Considerations

1. Breger has asked three non-LCLPRD individuals to conduct the Annual Meeting check-in, as well as to distribute and count ballots.
2. The proposed Agenda was discussed; edits were implemented.
3. Wagor presented the Proposed 2026 Budget. Breger moved and Geib seconded a Proposed 2026 Budget of \$122,000 budget with corresponding tax levy of \$80,000. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Election of Commissioner
Wagor intends to run for another three year term. If no other candidates express an interest in the position, we will not include a candidate statement in the mailing of meeting materials.
5. Kruepke Printing must receive meeting materials (Notice & Agenda, Proposed 2026 Budget and Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting) by August 8 in order to complete printing and mailing by August 19.

B. Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention

The 2026 Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention (<https://wisconsinwaterweek.org>) will be held from April 15-17. The 2026 Budget includes funds for Commissioner attendance at the Convention.

VI. Adjournment

There being no other New Business, Breger moved and Treinen seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Treinen
Secretary, LCLPRD

