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10/06/2025 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Brian Treinen, Mary Therese Breger, Mark Wagor, Jeff Geib

Excused: Jaimee Minney Maples

Other attendees: Two LCLPRD constituents; virtual meeting option unavailable.

- I. Call to Order: Mary Therese Breger called meeting to order 6:30pm
- II. Approval of Minutes of August 4, 2025 Meeting
  - Breger moved to approve, Geib seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - Operational expenses YTD \$37,508 (42%) v budget of \$88,400. BCLPRD has yet to invoice us for lake patrol and weed harvesting which are the primary drivers of difference to budget.
  - Reserve allocations are funded for the year, \$28,600 (100%) v budget of \$28,600
  - New revenues and reserve release YTD \$121,273 (104%) v budget of \$117,00
    - Tax Levy \$80,000
    - Carry -forward from 2024 \$8,317
    - DNR Patrol reimbursement \$10,133
    - Earned interest \$4,444
    - Grants \$750
    - Reserve Funds \$17,500
  - Checking balance 9/30/2025: \$60,841
  - Cash on hand, reserves and investments 9/30/2025: \$203,442. CD #2 matures 11/21/25, it will be renewed in February into another CD, making a six month differential from maturity date of CD #1.

- Notable disbursements
  - BCLPRD (Clean Boats / Clean Waters): \$3,118
  - Harvester Storage: \$1,000
  - Annual Meeting printing: \$629
- Breger moved to approve, Brian Treinen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. Old Business

##### A. Recap of Annual Meeting

- Attendance lower than in 2024 ( ~49 attendees in 2025, 44 ballots issued; 88 ballots issued in 2024, contested election)
- Check-in procedure was seamless with three knowledgeable staff. Will need to include formal notice of ID requirement with 2026 Annual Meeting materials.
- 2026 Budget of \$122,000 with a corresponding tax levy of \$80,000 (unchanged since 2020) was approved unanimously.
- Use of microphone by meeting presider and participants was suggested for next year's meeting, as noise from the room's air circulator made it difficult for attendees to hear.

##### B. Operations

- Weed harvesting
  - Weed harvesting has been completed for the year. Breger thanked Dennis Jarvis, Mark Riley and Ty (summer crew member) for conducting pier pickups on Saturday, September 6.
  - Harvester is in storage at former Town of West Bend Recycling garage, winterization and annual maintenance to be completed by Inland on site on 10/7/25.
- Lake patrol / public works
  - Last patrol date was Labor Day, 9/1/25
  - Patrol boat is out, winterized and stored
  - Patrol boat lift is also out of the lake

- Buoys removed on 10/4/2025. Buoys will be inspected to determine need for replacement before installation in spring.
- a. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) update
- Starry Stonewort grant reimbursement request needs to be submitted by 12/31/2025. This will cover the last three years of Starry Stonewort containment expenses.
- Purple Loosestrife
  1. Potted purple loosestrife plants will be removed from the lake in the next two weeks and divided. The team hopes to retain 30-35 plants to overwinter in the storage building for next year.
  2. Informal reports are, where treated, the loosestrife flower heads are smaller than prior years and there appear to be more native plants coming in to take the place of the loosestrife.
- ii. Clean Boats Clean Waters
  1. Grant reimbursement paperwork completed and submitted to WDNR. LCLPRD received \$750 grant pre-payment earlier in the year, remaining reimbursement will be \$1588.
  2. Application for 2026 will be submitted following adoption of Authorizing Resolution at this meeting.
  3. Total hours 2025: BCLPRD staff (248 hrs, 200 boats inspected, 321 encounters); AIS intern (41 hrs, 71 boats, 133 encounters). Per Amanda Schmitz (Wash County AIS Coordinator): Intern was only able to cover 41 hours at Little Cedar, due to the CBCW component of the County's other surface water grants. The number of boat inspection hours provided by the AIS intern on Little Cedar should approximate 100 in 2026, as the County does not anticipate any additional projects.
- b. Citizen Lake Monitoring (CLM) update

- Since the Annual Meeting, the CLM team has made one lake quality analysis (Sept 11). Secchi depth in the deep hole was 12', surface temperature 67°F, and at 50' depth, 48°F. The north basin was less clear, with a Secchi depth of 8', which was better than in late August after the rains. Temp in the north basin was 67°F on the surface and 63°F at 25' of depth. The average Secchi depth in similar lakes in WI is 7.5' while our average in the deep hole is 11.2'.
- Bob Fitts of the CLM team encourages everyone to go to the Wisconsin Water Explorer (WEx) website for the full report <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/SurfaceWater/WEx.html> . Our lake is in great shape and its Trophic State Index (TSI), a classification system to rate lakes based on the amount of biological productivity they sustain, has been similar over the past 25 years, but somewhat better than the 1980s and 1990s. However, there is not much data prior to when the CLM team began their work in 2023. Little Cedar's TSI is between 40-50, which is the range that reflects enough nutrients to support plant and fish life but not so high as to produce high algae and low oxygen. Our Chlorophyll-a ranges from 1.5 to 4 mcg/l with an average of 2.5 in comparison to like lakes in Wisconsin where the average Chlorophyll-a is 8 mcg/l. Total phosphorus is consistently between 0.01 and 0.02 mg/L with average of 0.013. Values < 0.03 are consider healthy.
- CLM team also studied zebra mussel numbers at three sites, two in the south part of the lake and one in the kettle. Zebra mussel count was higher in the kettle than at the two measurement points in the lower lake, speculation as to the cause is higher amounts of sunlight in the kettle measurement location.
  - c. Lake levels / dam management
- Since the Annual Meeting, we received precipitation (0.8-1.5") on 9/4, 9/13 and 9/21. Boards were removed and replaced at both BCL and LCL dams in response to changing lake levels. As of 10/3, both dams were 0.5" below their respective Ordinary High-Water Marks (OHWMs), and boards that had been removed in response to the late-September precipitation were replaced at both locations. All boards currently in at both dams. LCL level today was 0.75" below OHWM.
  - d. Ackerman's Grove County Park
- All items have been removed from the patrol office. Office has been winterized
- LCLPRD pledged \$2,400 for the Boat wash station project at Oct 2024 meeting.

- TJ Abraham, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 762 (West Bend) organized, managed, and helped build a shed that will house the new boat washing station near the vehicle/trailer parking area. This effort was in collaboration with the Washington County Parks Department as the main sponsor, as well as Cedar Lake Sales and other private donors.
- Next steps, per Brett Scherer (Washington County Natural Resources Dept): New well behind the structure, electrical connections/trenching and the addition of the pressure washer. Should be completed by the end of December, ready for use in the Spring.

## V. New Business

### A. Adopt Resolution for 2026 Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Application

- Breger will apply for a 2026 CBCW grant. The application is due on 11/15/25, and requires the adoption of an Authorizing Resolution. Breger read aloud the proposed Resolution in its entirety.
- MTB moved to adopt, Wagor seconded the motion. The Authorizing Resolution was adopted unanimously, and will be included with the CBCW grant application.

### B. Elect LCLPRD Officers

- Breger presented a proposed slate of LCLPRD officers for the current Board of Commissioners term. There was consensus that the officers would remain unchanged, i.e., Chair: Breger; Treasurer: Wagor; Secretary: Treinen.

### C. Next meeting: December 8, 2025.

### D. Adjourn

There being no other New Business, Breger moved and Wagor seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Treinen

Secretary, LCLPR