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MEETING NOTICE

- I. Call to Order
Mary Therese Breger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were Brian Treinen, Mark Wagor and Jaimee Minney Maples. Jeff Geib attended virtually, as did six other District property owners and interested parties.
- II. Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2025 Meeting
Breger moved and Wagor seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the December meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- III. Treasurer's Report
Wagor provided the Treasurer's report.
 - A. Expenses year-to-date have been \$775 (.01% of \$93,000 Budget)
 - B. Revenues year-to-date are \$73,290 (60.1% of \$122,000 Budget)
 1. Tax levies: \$57,051
 2. DNR 2025 patrol reimbursement: \$14,332
 3. Earned interest: \$1,087
 4. Prepayment (partial) for 2026 Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant: \$750
 - C. Investments and reserves
 1. Checking: \$82,956
 2. CDs: \$60,901 and \$100,635
 3. Total cash and investments on hand: \$243,405
 - D. Breger moved and Treinen seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Operations
 1. Weed harvesting
 - a. Geib will return in early May and launch the harvester and patrol boat. He will be the LCLPRD liaison for harvesting services again this year.
 - b. The tentative harvesting schedule was shared. Harvesting will commence the day after Memorial Day pending sufficient milfoil emergence, and continue every other week after that. Ron Schmoldt will return as the primary harvester operator on LCL.
 2. Lake operations/lake patrol
 - a. Buoy installation is tentatively scheduled for the first week of May.
 - b. Time for commencement of lake patrol was discussed. Commissioners agreed that Memorial Day weekend was appropriate. Breger will convey this to Chief Rollins, as well as the request for significant coverage on weekends and weekday coverage when available.
 - B. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
 1. Starry Stonewort/Purple Loosestrife/Yellow flag iris
 - a. Starry Stonewort (SSW)
 - i. Breger submitted all materials for grant reimbursement in March, which resulted in a \$7,216.14 deposit to the LCLPRD checking account from the DNR on 4/3/26.
 - ii. Breger had a virtual meeting with Heidi Bunk (DNR Lakes Biologist), Patrick Siwula (DNR SE WI AIS Coordinator), Amanda Schmitz (Wash County AIS Coordinator) on 4/1/26 to discuss this year's plan for SSW containment in LCL. Sylvia Hillmann and Jaimee Minney Maples

also participated in the meeting. Following our submission for grant reimbursement, we learned that there is a balance of \$15,111.36 on our second Early Detection and Response Grant. We had planned to self-fund any evaluation and action required for SSW management this year. However, at the meeting, Heidi Bunk agreed that we could apply for a grant extension through 2027. If the grant extension is approved, we would be able to avail ourselves of the remaining balance (\$15,000 in grant funds = \$20,000 in grant expenses, as it is a 75%/25% grant). Amanda Schmitz indicated that she and her intern could provide sub-PI evaluations of the area near the launch and area leading to the dam outlet where large amount of SSW were removed in 2024. Additional activities that could be at least partially subsidized by a grant extension include diver-assisted hand pull events and full PI studies in August 2026 and 2027. If the District wants to pursue this plan, Breger will apply for the grant extension and a permit for the hand pulls. The alternative is for the District to self-fund SSW containment efforts, which would require amending our Aquatic Plant Management Plan and applying for the permit. There was consensus regarding an attempt to secure a grant extension.

b. Purple Loosestrife (PL)

In October, Hillmann and her team collected the purple loosestrife (PL) plant pots they had placed in the lake last summer. They divided those that were root-bound and overwintered ~30 plants in the LCLPRD storage building. Mary Ellen Fitts and Ron Bartos plan to retrieve those plants next week and begin the Spring cultivation and netting process in kiddie pools outside the storage building. *Galerucella* beetles will be harvested in late May and added to the PL plants to reproduce. Pots with beetles will be placed in targeted PL population areas in late June.

c. Yellow Flag Iris

The LCLPRD plans to continue education of property owners on identification of invasive yellow flag iris and methods to limit its spread. An overview of the plant, how to identify it and ways to limit its spread will be included in the annual Newsletter.

2. Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW)

a. The LCLPRD received notification from the DNR in December that it had been awarded a CBCW grant. The grant period is 2/15/26 to 12/31/26. The grant covers at least 200 hrs of boat inspections. Inspectors will be provided by BCLPRD. The District received a grant prepayment of \$750 on 2/27/26. At end of the season, LCLPRD must submit expenses for additional grant reimbursement. Breger noted that there is a new grant reimbursement form, which she emailed to Commissioners on 2/21/26.

b. Per Amanda Schmitz (Washington County AIS Coordinator), the AIS intern should be able to provide ~100 hours of boat inspections at Ackerman's this summer.

c. If desired, Washington County will provide CBCW signage and cleaning station materials for the Cedar Bay Association, Inc. (CBAI) launch.

d. Boat wash station for Ackerman's Grove

Brett Scherer (Washington County Natural Resources Dept) has ordered the pressure washer for the boat wash station; the other components are out for bid now. The bid process takes about a month. The County is hoping to have the wash station operational by July.

C. Citizen Lake Monitoring update

Bob Fitts & Chuck McGrady conducted the first Little Cedar monitoring of the season in late March. The water temperature was 43°F from the surface to the bottom which means the lake had not yet turned over. Lake clarity based on Secchi disc was 12.5 feet (lower than usual but same as last September). Lake oxygen was high (above 12 mg/L) until below 30 feet, when, as expected, oxygen content decreased. They were unable to test the phosphorus level as they hadn't received sulfuric acid or collection bottles from the DNR prior to their first outing. However, these items arrived subsequently, and a sample was collected and sent the State lab for phosphorus analysis. The results should be available in a few weeks.

D. Lake levels / dam management

1. New leadership in the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation (CLCF) has resulted in some removals and additions to the CLCF members of the dam committee. Linda Mutscher and Mike Nast have been replaced by Sophie Gosetti (new Executive Director of CLCF), Rich Czarnecki (new Board President of CLCF) and Ross Anderson (new Board Vice President). Sarah Moore (CLCF Stewardship Manager), Max Whealon (CLCF Operations Manager) and Michael Voss (CLCF volunteer) remain in the CLCF group. Members of the LCLPRD dam management team remain the same (Breger, Geib, Tommy Zernia, Sylvia Hillmann and Mike Mosley)

2. As reported at the December meeting, three boards were removed from the LCL dam on 11/30/25. They remained out for the duration of the winter. Two boards were removed from the BCL dam on 1/8/26; two more boards were removed this morning, as its level was 2" above the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). As of yesterday, the level at the LCL dam was 1" above our OHWM. We received quite a bit of rain yesterday afternoon. This afternoon, the level at the LCL dam was 2.5" above the OHWM. Given the fact that there are now four boards out at the BCL dam and there is rain in the forecast for the next three days, three more boards were removed from the LCL dam. There are now six boards out, three boards in at the LCL dam and four boards out, four boards in at the BCL dam.

E. Ackerman's Grove County Park

1. The 2026 Park access code for Commissioners and other volunteers was obtained from the Parks Department and has conveyed it to pertinent parties.
2. LCLPRD Storage Building
The roof will be replaced this year. Given the anticipated cost of the project, Treinen and Geib will obtain three competitive bids for the new roof.
3. Plan for monitoring of parking restriction enforcement
The LCLPRD will again solicit volunteers to help monitor enforcement of vehicle/trailer parking restrictions at Ackerman's Grove this summer. A request for volunteers will be included in the printed Spring/Summer Newsletter. Individuals interested in assisting in this endeavor should contact the PRD (lclprd@gmail.com).

F. LCLPRD Communications update

Maples provided the update:

1. Lake Directory
Compilation of contacts for the Directory is nearing completion. Those still interested in being included should send an email to lclprd@gmail.com as soon as possible.
2. Spring/Summer Newsletter
 - a. Ideas for content were solicited from Commissioners and meeting attendees. In addition to the usual items, suggestions included recent updates on fish cribs, Quagga mussel monitoring, and information on installing shoreline buffers with native plants.
 - b. Goal is to provide digital copy to the printer by May 15 in anticipation of printing and subsequent USPS mailing by Memorial Day.

G. Fish stocking update

Wagor provided the Fish Stocking Update"

1. Walleyes for Tomorrow (WFT)
2026 is a "bye" year for WFT on LCL. The equipment usually used on LCL was used on a "new" lake this year. WFT should be back on LCL in 2027(would provide nets, etc.) but would like LCL volunteers to ultimately assume responsibility for the program. This will require a significant volunteer contingency. Marcus Vanderkin (CBAI resident) has assumed a large responsibility for past efforts on LCL.
2. Plan to stock perch in October.

H. Geese

1. The LCLPRD's Nest and Egg Depredation Permit was issued on 2/26/26.
2. Maples has sent several emails encouraging property owners to search for nests, as well recommendations for egg disruption. Any nest or egg depredation actions must be reported to the LCLPRD, a requirement of our permit. To date, no one has reported any action(s) taken.

V. New Business

A. Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention

The Convention will be held 4/15-4/17/2026 in Stevens Point; Treinen will attend.

B. 2026 Meeting Schedule

The Board of Commissioners Meeting schedule for May-September was presented. Meetings are generally the first Monday of the month. The date for the Annual Meeting has been revised from that proposed earlier. It is now scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

C. Upcoming LCLPRD events

1. Boat parade – July 3 @ 7PM
2. Summer Social – August 2 @ 3PM; Shelter 3 at Ackerman's Grove

D. Town of West Bend update on road work around Little Cedar

Wagor presented a preliminary overview on road work planned by the Town over the next several years:

1. Extensive repairs/construction are required on many roads in the Town, the most significant of which are those around Big Cedar Lake.
2. The Town is borrowing \$1.2 million from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) for the projects.
3. The extent of the road projects necessitates they must be put out for bids. The work probably won't commence until July.
4. Bonds will be required for new construction homes to repair road damage resulting from construction vehicles.
5. Wickert Drive is the Little Cedar road scheduled for the most extensive work.

VI. Adjourn

There being no other New Business, Breger moved and Maples seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Treinen
Secretary, LCLPRD