

## Annual Meeting and Budget Review

**Where:** Lakeview Elementary School  
W8363 R & W Townline Road

**When:** August 23, 2014

### Agenda

- 8:30 Opening remarks – Rich Charts, Chairman  
Approval of 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 8:45 Review by commissioners:  
Chemical - Ernie Roy  
Weed Harvesting - Larry Brady  
Bog Removal - Rich Charts  
Equipment - Chuck Chamberlain  
Financials - Brad Corson  
Audit Report - Dominick Fashoda
- 10:00 Introduction of candidates followed by voting:
- 10:15 Presentations on Lake Initiatives  
Goose Depredation - Dave Clevon  
Lake Quality - Tom Ganfield  
Lake Safety - Larry Brady  
Fish Stocking - Tom Potrykus
- 10:45 Input from Towns of Richmond and Whitewater

- 11:05 Election results  
11:20 Open Discussion/Resident Input  
11:30 Adjourn  
11:35 GWLPOA Meeting  
11:50 Brief District Board Meeting

### Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

The Whitewater Lionesses will have coffee and sweets available between 8 am and 8:30 am for your enjoyment prior to the annual meeting. Proceeds are used to help support Whitewater organizations such as the food pantry, fire and rescue departments, Bethel house, and other non-profit organizations. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank You.

Whitewater Lioness Susie Speerbrecher  
Past President/Secretary



# Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

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### Message From The Chairman

It may be the occasional algae or the backbreaking Saturday weeds that trouble you. If so, read Tom Ganfield's article. Then make sure you don't feed these nuisances with phosphorous. Buy non-phosphorous fertilizer or tell your landscaper to not use phosphorous based fertilizer. Your lake will thank you.

The lakes are getting more use especially with a greater diversity of recreation. We intentionally have high traffic areas and no wake passive areas. Be courteous and avoid competing with skiers, fishermen, swimmers and kayakers in the same places. It doesn't work for anyone.

Note: The No-Wake ordinance printed in the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association has some discrepancies. Please refer to the Town of Whitewater website (<http://townofwhitewater.org/ordinances.htm>)

Wisconsin law allows you to vote directly on budgets, decisions and priorities for the Lake District at the annual meeting. It is your opportunity to guide the board. There will be changes to the 2014 end of year spending authority, approval for 2015 operations, approval for the transporter replacement and final approval for state grant money.

Rich Charts – Chairman

### Nominees for the Board

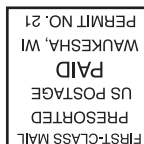
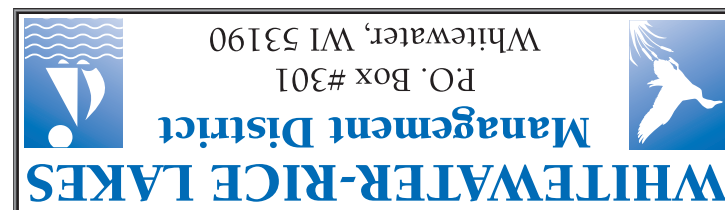
#### Brad Corson

My wife, Dawn, and I have been property owners on Whitewater Lake for 19 years and have been full time residents since 2009. I have been an active member of the Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District since 2009 in the capacity of Audit Committee Chairman for 2 years and serving as Treasurer for the past 3 years. I have extensive business experience from my 32 years at Hyatt Hotels Corporation where I held the position of Vice President of Accounting prior to retiring 5 years ago. I graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelors of Science in Hotel & Restaurant Administration. With my financial and business experience, both professionally and prior service with the District, I believe I can continue to make a valuable contribution.

#### Ernest J. Roy

Ernie has over 40 years in the construction business and his education includes a Bachelor of Arts in General Business Administration from Michigan State University. He has experience working as a subcontractor, General Contractor, Construction Consultant, Developer and owned his own Development /Construction Management firm since 1991, in northern Illinois. Since 1997 he has specialized in Veterinary and Pet related projects. He was a member of the McHenry County Development Corp in Illinois and was chairperson for the Marketing Committee for about 3 years.

He and his wife Lillian bought on Whitewater Lake in 2003. He retired in 2007, after his wife retired, and they found they were spending most of their time at the lake and finally became Wisconsin residence in 2012.



## Chemical – Weed Spraying

The volume of weeds we had this spring was less than last year except in the South Lobe. Per the DNR requirements, we sprayed on the May 29 & 30th, this was about a week later than last year due to the ice staying on the lakes so late. We used Clean Lakes Inc. who have the ability to spray for both invasive weeds, Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed, at the same time and below the water surface. The result in the sprayed areas, we believe, was very successful. We started harvesting the south lobe in the non-sprayed areas the 1st of June. It is now navigable but we are continuing intensive cutting and harvesting.

A weed survey is being conducted now (July) for our 2015 Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Whitewater and Rice Lakes. This is required by the DNR every 5 years and Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) is conducting the survey. Beverly Saunders is in charge of the report and is planning to be at the annual meeting on 23rd of August to help answer questions about our lake weeds.

Ernie Roy – Commissioner

## Weed Committee Report

Despite an extremely cold winter with lots of ice & snow cover on the lakes, the weeds, particularly in the South Lobe of Whitewater Lake, emerged late & with intensity not seen in numerous years. With the late “ice out” weed growth was not present till late May & this delayed the DNR’s weed assessment. When the assessment was finished, the weeds had already overrun the southernmost portion of the lake & several other areas as well.

The assessment is required prior to any chemical treatment (for invasive species) of the lakes. The DNR required that harvesting could not begin prior to the completion of their examination of aquatic activity in our lakes. Had we begun harvesting prior to their approval, chemical treatment would not have been allowed.

We did have some luck. The weed growth in Rice Lake was minimal allowing the 7’ harvester to be place in Whitewater along with the 10 & 12 foot harvesters. There were a few start up issues with equipment but they were quickly resolved.

To date, the South Lobe is 95% under control & the harvesters are cutting in other areas of the lake. Unless the weeds abate soon, we plan on cutting till Labor Day where & when required.

Saturday pick up will continue. Please do not place large sticks or logs in these piles. They can damage the transporter chains.

A number of people have requested we cut close in to shore or next to their docks. We simply cannot maneuver the equipment in those areas & we are restricted from cutting lower than two feet from the lake bottom. Our mission as a District is to provide for safe & weed free navigation in the dock to “No Wake Buoys” areas as well as the main navigation channels.

For those people that need or would like more assistance in their immediate Riparian areas, we are putting together a list of private aquatic weed management companies to assist individual owners. This is a “list only” & in no way is it an endorsement of these companies or their work. If you choose to engage their services, please make sure they have the **proper licenses & permits** to perform any services in or near the lakes. The DNR fines for improperly done or non-permitted work can be substantial.

Thank you for your patience & continued support of our efforts.

Larry Brady – Commissioner

## 2014 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Annual Equipment Report

The Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management Board continues to provide maintenance funds to repair and improve our current operating equipment. This spring the Board provided needed funds for repairs to our trucks and transport barge. The long range plan had called for an extensive refurbishment of our transport barge during the winter season. Considering that the transport barge is the oldest piece of equipment (purchased in 1992), the Board determined it was in our best interest to put a hold on the planned refurbishment and consider applying for matching grant funds from the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to assist in purchasing a new transport barge.

A formal 50/50 Matching Grant was submitted to the Department of Natural Resources for FY15 on June 1st for the sole purpose of purchasing a new, more efficient transport barge. Additional information on the status of the grant request will be available at our annual meeting in August.

Currently all equipment is fully operational and harvesting weeds per the 2014 schedule.

Chuck Chamberlain – Commissioner

## Water Quality

As part of the statewide Citizen Lake Monitoring Program, we collect secchi disk readings, phosphorus samples, and chlorophyll samples throughout the summer. Our secchi disk readings, which measure water clarity, averaged 4-to-5 feet at our sampling stations in 2013. The average was 6.6 feet for the Southeast Region. Our phosphorus sample results averaged 33 ug/l, which is above the recommended level. Chlorophyll averaged 8.7 ug/l. These readings indicate that Whitewater and Rice Lakes are in an eutrophic state. Eutrophic lakes, with their high levels of nutrients, are likely to have excessive aquatic vegetation or experience algae blooms, sometimes both. They are susceptible to oxygen depletion. Small, shallow lakes are vulnerable to winterkill of fish.

One of our goals is to move out of the eutrophic state and achieve water quality similar to the majority of lakes in Southeastern Wisconsin. There are some practices we can do to help our lakes. When fertilizing your lawn, use no phosphorus fertilizer (see also State and Local no phosphorus rules). Look for “0” in the second number of the formula on the bag, such as 15-0-10. The first number is the nitrogen content, the second number is the phosphate content, and the third number is the potassium content. These and other guidelines for living on a lake can be found on the UW-Extension Service website.

Tom Ganfield – Lake Initiatives

## 2014 Financial Update

The surprisingly heavy weed presence in the south lobe of the lake has required initial commitment of weed harvesting resources. While it’s too early to determine how the balance of the weed harvesting season will progress, its estimated weed harvesting costs will exceed our budget this year by almost \$7,000. The Chemical budget will come in slightly under budget to offset some of that deficit, however together with significant mechanical problems and their associated repair costs with the two trucks, an overall deficit is projected against the budget of just over \$11,000. Our proposal is to fund this deficit from the 2015 Operations Budget rather than the Capital Budget which needs to continue to grow to meet our equipment needs. The Capital Fund will have a projected balance of approximately \$94,000 at the end of 2014.

## Safety Project

Anyone interested in a boater’s Safety Certificate should contact Larry Brady at lbrady22w@gmail or call 847-975-6334. Anyone born after 1/1/1989 is required to carry a certificate to operate **Any** motorized boat or PWC (Illinois also requires this as of 7/1/2014). The Boater’s Safety Class is tentatively planned for mid-May 2015. The course is also available on line at Wisconsin.dnr.gov.

Larry Brady – Lake Initiatives

**2015 WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES TAX ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**

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Cost per tax parcel	\$196.20	\$211.66	\$223.23	\$225.70	\$313.41	\$323.14	\$323.15	\$353.80	\$ 0.02	0.0%	\$ 30.65	9.5%
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	0	0	0	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
Cost per tax parcel	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$14.20	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
<b>TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$138,128	\$149,012	\$157,152	\$168,891	\$220,639	\$227,487	\$227,500	\$249,078	\$ 13	0.0%	\$ 21,578	9.5%
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**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES PROPOSED 2015 OPERATING BUDGET**

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Interest Income	1,391	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions & Other	1,568	3,217	617	179	422	10	10	10	-	-	-	-
Total District Revenue	\$141,087	\$152,229	\$157,769	\$169,069	\$221,061	\$227,497	\$227,510	\$249,088	\$13	0.0%	\$ 21,578	9.5%
Operating Expenses												
Weed Harvesting	18,803	20,525	7,948	37,278	42,687	50,143	43,250	46,150	(6,893)	-15.9%	2,900	6.7%
Chemical Treatment & Other	27,837	52,861	33,546	44,610	56,204	59,066	61,600	64,600	2,534	4.1%	3,000	4.9%
Bog Removal	72,873	50,781	45,292	45,471	47,216	48,500	48,500	50,200	-	0.0%	1,700	3.5%
Repairs & Maintenance	24,890	25,121	39,671	32,580	29,542	35,973	28,800	32,750	(7,173)	-24.9%	3,950	13.7%
General & Administrative	13,310	14,080	11,407	12,506	14,167	15,189	15,360	15,260	171	1.1%	(100)	-0.7%
Total Operating Expenses	157,713	163,368	137,863	172,445	189,816	208,871	197,510	208,960	(11,361)	-5.8%	11,450	5.8%
Transfers To/(From)												
To Capital Reserve Fund	16,500	5,861	27,150	(3,375)	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
To Next Years' Operations	24,245	7,245	-	-	1,245	(10,128)	-	-	10,128	-	-	-
From Prior Years' Operations	(57,371)	(24,245)	(7,245)	-	-	(1,245)	-	10,128	1,245	-	10,128	-
Net transfers	(16,626)	(11,139)	19,905	(3,375)	31,245	18,627	30,000	40,128	11,373	-	10,128	-
Net surplus/ (deficit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	-
Assessed Valuation (000 omitted)	\$ 267,693	\$252,916	\$255,889	\$249,529	\$251,544	\$251,544	\$251,544	\$251,544				
Change from Prior Yr		-5.5%	1.2%	-2.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Mil Rate	0.52	0.59	0.61	0.88	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.99				
Average (704 Tax Parcels)	\$ 195.93	\$ 211.36	\$ 223.23	\$ 313.41	\$ 323.14	\$ 323.15	\$ 323.15	\$ 353.80				

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Beginning Fund Balance	\$63,301	\$78,213	\$62,257	\$87,470	\$65,835	\$66,325	\$94,425
Additions:							
Transfer from Operations	16,500	5,861	27,150	(13,375)	30,000	30,000	30,000
Budgeted capital assessments				10,000			
Interest income earned/transfd	1,303	706	413	290	117	100	75
Total Additions	17,803	6,567	27,563	(3,086)	30,117	30,100	30,075
Expenditures							
Equipment Purchases (1)	(2,891)	(22,523)	(2,350)	-	(11,199)	(2,000)	(82,000)
Major overhauls (2)	-	-	-	(18,549)	(18,428)	-	-
Total Expenditures	(2,891)	(22,523)	(2,350)	(18,549)	(29,628)	(2,000)	(82,000)
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