



Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District



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Message from the Chairman

I'm writing this as summer has just started. Conditions are good, clarity is up, weeds are down, but between the rains and high temperatures things can quickly change. For the first time in possibly 30 years we have no goose problem. Thanks to the work of Dave Cleven and his band of volunteers, the USDA said there were too few to bother with this year. That said, the few remaining could double or triple next year.

We have new equipment that is unique for us, and we have a learning curve to overcome. Please be patient with us in using them. Come out to the Annual meeting August 25th and learn about our plans and costs. Add your voice to the debates and vote on the plans for action. We have three Board members up for election this year due to an oversight because of member turnover last year, so we forgot to reelect our Treasurer. We had to do an emergency appointment and have Brad Corson running out of turn. There will be one two year term and two three year terms up for election.

Right after the District meeting, stay for the annual report of the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association. They put on some great social events, dinners, picnics and parties. Learn what they have in store for the coming year. Come early, have coffee and donuts provided by the Minneiska Ski Team.

NOTE: We will meet at the Lions Clubhouse on the lake due to Lakeview School remodeling.

Rich Charts – Commissioner 

Equipment Report

On June 29th the District took possession of its new SC-34 Aquatic Shore Conveyor. This piece of operating equipment was purchased with the assistance of a 35% reimbursement grant that was applied for through the Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF) with the Department of Natural Resources.

The District also took possession of its new Ford F-550 Dump Truck on July 6th to use in conjunction with the new Aquatic Shore Conveyor for the removal of aquatic plant and bog material. The acquisition of these two pieces of equipment was accomplished over a two year budget cycle. The two new pieces of equipment working together will serve and enhance our mechanical harvesting operation by providing greater efficiency and capacity in the removal of aquatic plant and bog material.

As a side note, we get a question or two regarding one of our harvesters on the lake that appears to not be picking up plant material. There are two possible reasons for this. The harvester is either full of plant material waiting to unload or it is a training session for new employees. Please keep in mind that each year, both before and during the harvesting season, personnel changes take place and the new employees require time for proper training in the safe and efficient operation of the equipment.

Chuck Chamberlain, Commissioner 

Weed Committee

2018 has been a relatively light year despite some early weed growth in the Northeast bay. The balance of the lake has seen moderate weed growth. A combination of aggressive chemical treatment & harvesting appears to be working in our favor. Time will tell.

This year's news is the addition of a new shore conveyor & dump truck to the harvesting equipment. This should help efficiency & lead to lower labor hours relative to the current system of trailers & tow vehicles. The newer truck replaces an older, problematic Dodge for other harvesting duties but allows us to use the Dodge as a backup. We have worked on the navigation lanes on Rice Lake this season as it appears plant growth is coming back & Algae concerns have been reduced.

However, as I write this report, we are experiencing extended 90 degree weather with heavy rain. Weed growth can easily explode causing us to change tactics & harvesting routines.

As always, our concentration is on navigation & we do not harvest in swim, shore or pier areas. If a concern arises in a particular area, we will address it as best we can.

For those that have concerns or questions in the future regarding weed harvesting, I am available at 847-975-6334 or by email – lbrady22w@gmail.com.

Larry Brady, Commissioner 

2018 Financial Update and 2019 Proposed Budget

As noted in the Spring Newsletter, we had a surplus carry over from 2017 of about \$32,000 higher than we expected due to lower weed and bog harvest expenses. The 2017 carryover will reduce our proposed 2019 tax assessment by that amount along with an additional projected surplus in 2018 of approximately \$20,000 for a total projected surplus of \$51,500. So far this year, Weed Harvesting costs have been trending slightly under budget with reasonably mild weed growth and is expected to come in just under budget. The Chemical Treatment expense came in at \$8,300 under budget, \$91,703 vs \$100,000 respectively, based on the DNR approved survey. And the additional consulting services budgeted in Permits & Fees for Rice Lake have not yet been fully utilized contributing an additional \$8,200 towards the surplus. For 2019, we are proposing a tax assessment increase over 2017 of 8.3% due to last year's surplus impact, but still 8 to 10% lower than the previous three years. We are not proposing any significant increases to any line item expense budgets next year other than Insurance due to the new equipment. The new Shore Conveyor and Dump Truck have been purchased out of our Capital Funds which has a reserve balance of approximately \$57,000.

Brad Corson, Commissioner 

Safety Committee

The boater Safety Class has seen 80 students receive boater safety certificates over the last five years the District has sponsored the class. While this is a good accomplishment, we suffered a loss of life on Whitewater this year. A 19-year-old man drowned in what should have been a routine retrieval of a PWC. I cannot emphasize enough the proper use of personal flotation devices. Swimming in a lake environment is more difficult & can be fatal as we saw in this incident. Please acquire & use proper & well-fitting PFD's whenever you or your guests are on the waters.

Remember that anyone born after January 1, 1989 **must take & pass an approved Boater Safety Class – no exceptions** to operate a powered water craft in Wisconsin. Illinois also now has the same requirement.

Any Safety related concerns about boating or other activities on the Lake may be referred to Deputy Blanton, myself or any other member of the board. Let's all stay safe out there.

Larry Brady, Commissioner 

Chemical Report

On Monday May 7th, 2018, I accompanied Amy Kay from Clean lakes Midwest on a survey identifying and mapping the weed growth on Whitewater lake. This resulted in authorization from the DNR to treat up to a maximum of 175 acres. On Tuesday May 22nd, 2018, Clean Lakes treated 164.5 acres of invasive weeds. The DNR did not allow us to treat Rice Lake again this year because we are working toward the improved balance of noninvasive weed growth and water volume. As always, Clean Lakes will be doing a follow-up fall survey on both lakes in order to access the impact of our efforts.

Terry Anderson, Commissioner 

Fish Report

Carp removal in Rice Lake occurred late Nov., after several frosts. The cold water reduces the weed population and causes the carp to gather into large schools for the winter... improving netting results. About 1,000 pounds of carp were netted, about 350 fish. This was not a big haul..when compared to the 11,000 lbs taken out of Whitewater during its initial netting...but its a start.

As usual, the Lion's Club ice fishing Fish-a-Ree produced some nice sized fish caught, including several big Walleyes. A generous donation from the Lions Club will be used to stock Northern Pike on Whitewater , as a supplement to the DNR's pike stocking. Thank you Lion's Club members

DNR Stocking for 2018 calls for no fish stocking in Rice. This is after 3 consecutive years of Northern Pike stocking to control carp. Rice is now on the usual every other year DNR schedule. Whitewater will get about 1250 7"-10" Northern Pike this fall.

This Spring, the DNR conducted a walleye electroshocking survey of the Whitewater walleye population. 71 walleyes were surveyed, about 18 per mile of shocking, which the DNR says is a very good result . Our DNR Rep continues to support our plan for the walleye spawning reef. The only walleye problem is very few are being caught. They are harder to catch than Pike or Bass, and usual involve cold water or evening fishing tactics. A professional walleye guide was hired last August to fish Whitewater. It was the worst type of day for walleye fishing...hot, calm, sunny..but he did spot them on his fish finder and did manage to haul one out of the water. So the problem is US!

Call me with questions or suggestions. Tom Potrykus 608 883-6664 or 843 263-5387 (cell).

Tom Potrykus – Team Leader 

2019 WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES TAX ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Projected	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2018 Projected vs 2018 Budget		2019 Budget vs 2018 Budget	
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
OPERATIONS BUDGET TAX	\$ 258,200	\$ 240,053	\$ 195,827	\$ 195,827	\$ 236,152	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 40,325	20.6%
Cost per tax parcel	\$366.76	\$340.98	\$278.16	\$278.16	\$335.44	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 57.28	20.6%
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TAX ASSESSMENT	\$30,000	\$56,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (20,000)	-40.0%
Cost per tax parcel	\$42.61	\$79.55	\$71.02	\$71.02	\$42.61	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (28.41)	-40.0%
TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS	\$288,200	\$296,053	\$245,827	\$245,827	\$266,152	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 20,325	8.3%
Cost per tax parcel	\$409.38	\$420.53	\$349.19	\$349.19	\$378.06	\$0.00	0.0%	\$28.87	8.3%

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES PROPOSED 2019 OPERATING BUDGET

Summary Operations Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Projected	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2018 Projected vs 2018 Budget		2019 Budget vs 2018 Budget		2018 Change
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change	
Revenue - Tax Assessments	\$288,200	\$296,053	\$245,827	\$245,827	\$266,152	\$ 0	0.0%	\$ 20,325	8.3%	
Interest Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
DNR Grants	-	5,025	712	-	-	712	-	-	-	
Contributions & Other	1,503	1,557	2,459	1,700	2,000	759	-	300	17.6%	
Total District Revenue	\$289,703	\$302,635	\$248,998	\$247,527	\$268,152	\$1,471	0.6%	\$ 20,625	8.3%	
Operating Expenses										
Weed Harvesting	46,795	39,429	56,268	58,211	60,418	(1,943)	-3.3%	2,207	3.8%	
Chemical Treatment & Other	89,862	53,513	102,395	120,000	116,800	(17,605)	-14.7%	(3,200)	-2.7%	
Bog Removal	54,221	28,880	56,000	55,288	58,191	712	1.3%	2,903	5.3%	
Repairs & Maintenance	32,312	40,867	35,447	36,253	35,411	(806)	-2.2%	(842)	-2.3%	
General & Administrative	16,643	16,682	18,752	17,165	18,865	1,587	9.2%	1,700	9.9%	
Total Operating Expenses	239,834	179,370	268,863	286,917	289,684	(18,054)	-6.3%	2,767	1.0%	
Capital Reserve Fund	30,000	56,000	50,000	50,000	30,000	-	0.0%	(20,000)	-40.0%	
Prior Year Surplus (Deficit) Carryover	34,262	54,131	121,397	89,390	51,532	32,007	35.8%	(37,858)	-42.4%	
Net Surplus (Deficit) Carryover	54,131	121,397	51,532	-	(0)	51,532		(0)		

Assessed Valuation (000 omitted)	\$240,999	\$240,999	\$240,999	\$240,999
Change from Prior Yr	-4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mil Rate	0.84	0.81	0.98	0.91
Average Assmt (704 Parcels)	\$409.38	\$420.53	\$349.19	\$377.52

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY

Capital Reserve Fund	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Projected	2019 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	\$22,674	\$45,196	\$77,820	\$57,328
Additions:				
Transfer from Operations				
Budgeted capital assessments	33,000	59,000	50,000	30,000
Interest income earned/transfd	51	129	100	-
DNR Grants			30,958	-
Total Additions	33,051	59,129	81,058	30,000
Expenditures				
Equipment Purchases	(10,529)	(26,505)	(101,550)	(5,000)
Ending Fund Balance	\$45,196	\$77,820	\$57,328	\$82,328

Board Nominees

Brad Corson, Board Candidate for 2 year Term

My wife, Dawn, and I have been property owners on Whitewater Lake for 23 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 7 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.

Larry Brady, Board Candidate for 3 Year Term

Married, three sons & 6 grand children

Education: Bachelor of Electrical Engineering – Marquette U.
Master of Business Administration (Marketing) – Loyola U. (Chicago)

Military Service: USAFRes, Rank SSgt. Honorably discharged

Volunteer functions: Board member for the Medinah IL Park District.

Advisor Junior Achievement

Cub Scout Pack Master Boy Scout Adult Leader

YMCA Indian Guide Parent

2VP Medinah Home Owner's Association

Strategic Planning Committee – Fenwick High School Oak Park, IL.

Fathers' Club President – Fenwick High School

Boating Safety Instructor – Wisconsin DNR

Lake District Commissioner – WW/Rice Lake Weed Chair

Licenses: Illinois Home Inspector expires 11/30/16

Illinois Radon Measurement Professional expires 2/28/19.

Wisconsin Registered Radon Measurement Professional.

Rich Charts, Board Candidate for 3 Year Term

My wife Denise and I have been on the lake about 16 years. I spent half my career in state government and the other half in corporate life. I am President of the Walworth County Lakes Association and a member of the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute. As Chair of the Lake Management Board, previously Secretary and Treasurer, I have worked with your outstanding volunteer Board members and committees creating new initiatives. As a taxpayer, I want to be sure our taxes are spent wisely while balancing the needs of the lakes, environment and owners. Cooperation and communication with the various governmental units, lake groups and non-lake groups is a key to the success of our district.

Annual Meeting and Budget Review

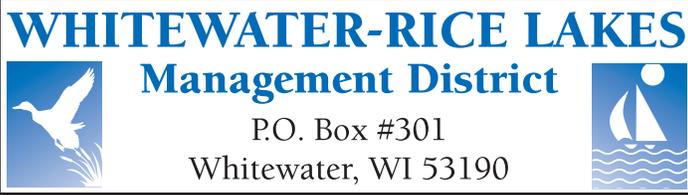
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Where: Lions Club
N7470 Kettle Moraine Drive

When: Saturday, August 25, 2018

Agenda:

- 8:30a** Opening remarks– Rich Charts, Chairman
Call to Order
Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 8:45** Review by commissioners:
Chemical– Terry Anderson
Weed Harvesting– Larry Brady
Bog Removal– Rich Charts
Equipment– Chuck Chamberlain
Financials–
2018 Actuals - Brad Corson
Capital Plan– Chuck Chamberlain
2019 Proposed Budget– Brad Corson
Audit Report– Dominick Fashoda
- 10:00** Introduction of candidates followed by voting: Brad Corson
Larry Brady
Rich Charts
- 10:05** Presentations on Lake Initiatives
Wildlife Management– Dave Clevon
Lake Quality– Tom Ganfield
Lake Safety– Larry Brady
Safety Patrol– Shawn Blanton/Larry Brady
Fish Management– Tom Potrykus
Shoreland Management– Theresa and Gerhard Stegmann
- 11:00** Input from Towns of Richmond and Whitewater
- 11:15** Election results
- 11:20** Open Discussion/Resident Input
- 11:30** Adjournment– Next Meeting August 24, 2019
- 11:30** GWLPOA Annual Meeting – Lillian Roy
- 11:50** Brief Lake District Board Meeting



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Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

The Minneiska Ski Team 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 the team's operations, equipment, uniforms and travel to competitions.

Thank You.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Lake Friendly Yard Care

Reduce your lawn footprint in favor of native plant diversity and layering of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants especially near the shoreline, but also consider replacing lawn in low-use areas such as on the street side of the residence. Densely planted native plants are far superior to lawns when it comes to slowing and filtering rainwater runoff of excessive nutrients, pollutants and sediments; controlling erosion; recharging groundwater reserves; and preserving wildlife habitat and natural scenic beauty around our lakes. For more information on best practices for healthy lakes visit healthylakeswi.com.

Keep leaves and lawn clippings out of the lake. Leaves and grass clipping contain phosphorus, a nutrient that is problematic for our lakes' water clarity and health. Please inform your landscaper that leaves and lawn clippings cannot be blown, discharged from a mower, or raked into the lake.

Mow lawns to a height of 3" or more. Mowing a lawn higher helps develop deeper roots and drought tolerance. Deep-rooted lawns require less water, are naturally healthier and are better able to out-compete weeds. Taller bladed grasses are better for slowing rainwater runoff and deeper roots have better rainwater holding capacity. Let your landscaper know you prefer a higher cut.

Consider fertilizing lawns less often or not at all. Always

test your soil before applying a fertilizer to see if there is a real need. Consider spot-treating weeds instead of applying an herbicide to the entire lawn. Learn to tolerate some lawn weeds for the benefit of a healthier lake.

Do not burn near your shoreline. Ashes are nutrient rich. According to Walworth County's Shoreland Zoning regulations, new fire pits must be placed more than 75' above the ordinary high water mark. Consider moving grandfathered-in fire pits inland or, if left in place, use a shovel to remove ashes from the shoreline after a burn and before a rain event.

The State of Wisconsin recognizes the value of protecting our lakes and has tailored shoreland-zoning regulations to stem the loss of vegetation along shorelines, especially in the no-touch shoreline buffer zone, specifically the first 35 feet above the ordinary high water mark. Before starting any project within 1000 feet of the shoreline, contact Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Zoning Department (LURM) (262) 741-4972 for complete and up-to-date shoreland zoning regulations.

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