

Since we last met at the 2009 annual meeting your elected board has been active on your/ our behalf.

We continue to attend both the Town of Whitewater and Town of Richmond meetings and provide input with regards to our lakes as required.

In the body of this notice you will see commissioners Wojdula's remarks on weed cutting but you should be reminded that many properties have piers, rafts and other water toys that make it unsafe for us to cut weeds too close. Under those circumstances we will do the best we can and the same applies to the Saturday pickup of weeds on the end of piers. ➤

## Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing

Lakeview Elementary School

August 28, 2010 • 9:00 am

This Year's Agenda Includes:

Presentations by  
Commissioners and Committees  
*Weed Spraying • Weed Harvesting  
Equipment • Bog Removal  
Goose Committee • Fish Stocking  
Financials*

Open Discussion  
*Input on Town of Whitewater Ordinances*



# Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

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## Special Recognition

GWLPOA—Congratulations on a job well done by the outgoing board of Val Vesley, Val Martinez, Pat Cruse and Shirley Wickersheimer... We have all enjoyed your efforts...and good luck to the incoming group headed by Gloria Navarre, Kathleen Watts, Diane Mekeel and Carol Marvin.

Minneiska Water Ski Team—What a great compliment to our lake and the Saturday evening shows...

Below you will find brief updates from each commissioner on the area of responsibility and look forward to seeing you on August 28, 2010

Brian A Morris, Chairman ➤

## Weed Spraying & Water Quality

Lake and Pond Solutions, Inc accompanied by a DNR representative did a survey of weed growth at the beginning of May and found significant evidence of both Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Weed growth all along the east side of Ridge Road and west side of East Lakeshore Dr (the old Bass and Round Lakes). Surprisingly, there was no evidence of either plant in the south lobe and only very limited growth in spots along West Lakeshore Drive. So, in the first week of May, all areas were sprayed for both weeds, which required two applications. Hence, we had to exceed our budget for spraying but felt it was well worth it since the spraying has been so effective in recent years.

In addition, water samples were sent to a lab in Madison for analysis of water quality. The data from the sampling efforts were nearly all well within normal, acceptable parameters except for nitrogen levels, which are very slightly elevated accounting for our occasional algae blooms. In addition to tests for nitrogen, the analysis measured pH, conductivity, alkalinity, hardness, phosphorus, ammonium, chloride, sulfate, sodium, potassium, turbidity (color) and color.

Bill Watts, Commissioner ➤

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W 8363 R&W Townline Road

**Time** 9:00 am

**Date** August 28, 2010

### A G E N D A

**9am** Opening remarks by Brian Morris - Chairman  
Approval of minutes for 2009 Annual Meeting

**9:20** Review -  
Presentations by Commissioners  
Bill Watts - Weed Spraying  
Jim Felland - Equipment  
Andy Wojdula - Weed Harvesting  
Brian Morris - Bog Removal  
Rich Charts - Financials  
Presentations by Committee's  
Dave Clevens - Goose Committee  
Brad Corson - Financial  
Brian Morris - Fish Stocking

**10:30** OPEN DISCUSSION -  
INPUT ON TOWN OF  
WHITEWATER ORDINANCES  
Number of people being pulled by watercraft  
Boats designed to create extreme wakes

**11:00** Adjourn

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## Weed Harvesting

Over the last several years we have experienced reduced levels of weeds in our lakes. In 1999 we removed 641 loads of weeds from the lakes. Last year we removed less than 10% of that amount of weeds.

We believe that this decline in lake weeds is the result of higher water levels, overall cooler temperatures, snow cover, our spraying program, the focused harvesting program and the weed growing cycle. This year looks like another light weed growing season. The DNR has alerted us to the 7-year growing cycle for Milfoil and suggested that we may be on the up-side.

We began our harvesting the week of June 21; the latest we have ever started. We began our work on Rice Lake July 5. We began our Saturday "end-of-pier pick-ups" the 4th of July weekend. We expect to conclude our harvesting Labor Day weekend.

Andy Wojdula, Commissioner

## Equipment

All equipment was returned to service for the 2010 season. There were no major repairs required. The weed harvesting equipment is aging and consideration to appropriating the funds to replace them will be necessary as cost to maintain them make it prudent. The 7-foot harvester was purchased in 1996, and is used mainly on Rice Lake. The 10 Foot harvester was purchased in 2001, and the 12-foot harvester was purchased in 2005. In the past grants for 50% of the purchase price was provided from the State of Wisconsin. This spring we purchased a used 2006 pickup truck to replace the 1994 pickup truck. For the first time we replaced the weed transporter Outboard Motor with a Four Stroke Engine. The Outboard Motor was purchased through the Governmental purchase program and will be for sale next spring to anyone in the Whitewater-Rice lakes Management District.

Jim Felland, Commissioner

## Update

During the fall 2009 we continued our bog removal consistent with the permit the DNR granted us. We now use JNT and their industrial type clam shell to take the bog out of the lake and dispose of it as we do the weeds we harvest.

## Issues for Discussion

The town of Whitewater is willing to consider possible changes to its current ordinances governing the issues of how many persons can be pulled by a boat (whether it be on a tube or tubes, skis, knee boards, or wake boards) and how high a wake a boat is permitted to generate.

Currently, only two persons are allowed to be pulled on no more than two tubes, or pairs of skis or boards even if a tube has three or more seats on it. The sheriff on the lake believes that pulling more than two people at a time creates unnecessary safety issues by increasing the risk of riders cracking heads and/or falling off into the water where they could be injured by other boats.

Another town ordinance states that boats are not permitted to create a wake that "swamps" other boats. This seems reasonable but some lakefront homeowners think it is too "weak" because the newer so called wake-board boats are creating waves that swamp their shoreline wearing down the seawalls and lifting up the the boards on their peers causing damage.

Other area lakes have passed ordinances that limit the size of the wake a boat can make because of these problems. The WWRLMD has no authority to pass ordinances but does have the responsibility to advise the town on lake issues such as these. So, we encourage all district members to share their views on these two issues at the annual meeting. Depending on how the discussion evolves, a vote of those present may be taken so that the town board members can receive advice from the district membership for their deliberations on these issues.

## Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Proposed 2011 Budget

|                                       | 2008<br>ACTUAL   | 2009<br>ACTUAL   | 2010<br>BUDGET   | 2011<br>PROPOSED<br>BUDGET | INCREASE<br>(DECREASE) | %          |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Revenue- Tax Assessments (1)          | \$166,400        | \$138,128        | \$149,000        | \$157,150                  | \$8,150                | 5%         |
| - Operating surplus (1)               | 30,000           | 57,371           |                  | 7,245                      | 7,245                  |            |
| -Interest Income                      | 2,051            | 1,391            | 1,500            | 1,350                      |                        |            |
| - Contributions & Other               | 325              | 1,568            | -                | -                          |                        |            |
| <b>Total District Revenue</b>         | <b>\$198,776</b> | <b>\$198,458</b> | <b>\$150,500</b> | <b>\$165,745</b>           | <b>15,395</b>          | <b>10%</b> |
| Operating Activities                  |                  |                  |                  |                            |                        |            |
| Weed Harvesting (2)                   | 35,332           | 42,013           | 52,000           | 42,038                     | (9,962)                | -19%       |
| Chemical Treatment & Other (2)        | 57,772           | 27,837           | 35,000           | 52,200                     | 17,200                 | 49%        |
| Bog Removal (5)                       | 32,179           | 82,524           | 57,000           | 62,000                     | 5,000                  | 9%         |
| General & Administrative (4)          | 3,942            | 5,339            | 6,500            | 9,507                      | 3,007                  | 46%        |
| <b>Total Operating Activities</b>     | <b>\$129,225</b> | <b>\$157,713</b> | <b>\$150,500</b> | <b>\$165,745</b>           | <b>\$15,245</b>        | <b>10%</b> |
| Capital Reserve Transfer (3)          | 10,000           | 16,500           |                  |                            |                        |            |
| Other Transfers                       | 2,180            |                  |                  |                            |                        |            |
| <b>Total Expenses &amp; Transfers</b> | <b>\$141,405</b> | <b>174,213</b>   |                  |                            |                        |            |
| <b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>              | <b>57,371</b>    | <b>24,245</b>    |                  |                            |                        |            |
| Assessed Valuation (million)          | \$238,049        | \$269,303        | \$266,610        | \$261,304                  | (est)                  |            |
| % increase in Assessed Valuation      | 4%               | 13%              | -1%              | -2%                        |                        |            |
| Mil Rate                              | \$0.699          | \$0.580          | \$0.553          | \$0.589                    |                        |            |
| Average Assessment (appr 610 parcels) | \$273            | \$226            | \$244            | \$258                      | \$13                   | 5%         |

Tighter spending is holding surpluses down and creating less tax variability, currently projected at \$7,245 for yearend 2010

- (1). We expect to maintain this operating mode going forward. Weed harvest spending is down caused by greater use than planned of chemical application, the results from this trade-off have been good.
- (2). Harvesting costs though are not decreasing as quickly as hoped due to more breakdowns in aging equipment. A 16 year old truck was replaced with a 3 year old truck for \$21,000. Harvesters and transports may also need rebuilding or replacement as repair costs climb. \$8,500 or more is proposed to replenish some of the \$21,000 transferred from the Capital Reserve for this truck.
- (3). It would be prudent to add to the Reserve Fund at a higher rate but the Board decided to hold down tax assessments. Approximately \$4,500 is added to the G&A spending for anticipated legal work for possible ordinance changes.
- (4). Bog removal is budgeted higher than last year, better techniques are expected to remove higher loads.
- (5). Finally and to repeat, weed nuisance is way down in large part to more effective chemical application.