



Candidates

Rich Charts* Jim Felland*
Brian Morris* Dwight Smartwood
Bill Watts* Andy Wojdula

**Current commissioner*

The above candidates are running for a total of 5 positions on the board, 3 for three year terms and 2 for two year terms (VOTE FOR ONLY 5) on the ballot issued at the check in table.

Rich Charts

With my wife Denise, I have been on the lake about 7 years. I am recently retired from 18 years with a pharmaceutical company where Denise still works. Prior to that I spent 21 years in a variety of agencies with a state government. I have been active in Boy Scouting, led Explorer Scout groups for many years, was president of the North Shore chapter of the Data Processing Management Association, and have been a volunteer for a number of organizations. I am webmaster of the whitewaterlake.org website, working to make it your primary reference for all things Whitewater and Rice.

I am currently on the Board, appointed last year and asking to be elected to a full term. I have been treasurer during that time maintaining cost controls and reporting. My goal is to replenish the capital fund that will sustain the maintenance of our equipment on an ongoing basis. As a taxpayer, I want to be sure our taxes are spent wisely and prudently. I also want to be sure that the needs of the lakes, environment and citizens are equally considered. Communication with people and associations on and off the lake is vital for the success of our district. Cooperation with the various governmental units at the local, regional and state levels is an ongoing challenge that needs continuous nourishment. The current board has spent considerable effort in communications and I want to continue assisting in that effort.

I am sited directly in front of the floating bogs and its elimination is a personal goal. The maintenance of the lake is what you most notice and I want to make sure that continues. The current good condition of the lake

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Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing

Where Lakeview Elementary School
W 8363 R&W Townline Road

Time 9:00 am

Date August 22, 2009

A G E N D A

- 9am** Opening remarks by Chairman
Brian Morris
- 9:15** Review- Presentations by
Commissioners and Committees
Bill Watts- Chemicals
Don Wickersheimer- Weed Harvesting
Jim Felland- Equipment
Brian Morris- Bog
Dave Clevens- Goose Committee
Brian Morris- Fish Stocking
Don Wickersheimer- Lake Plan
Rich Charts- Financials
- 10:15** Introduction of candidates and a short
bio followed by commissioner voting.
- 10:30** Whitewater Lake Dam Issue
Shane Crawford-
Walworth County Representative
Bill Watts- Commissioner
- 10:45** BY-LAWS
Bill Watts - Commissioner
- 11:00** Election Results
- 11:15** Adjourn
- 11:30** 1st meeting of the 2009-2010
Whitewater - Rice Lake Management
District to elect officers and positions
for the coming year

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is as much a result of climate, ongoing diligence and the tremendous efforts of prior boards and volunteers. I will work to continue building on those results. We have a beautiful resource that deserves to remain priceless today, tomorrow and in the future.

Jim Felland

16th year of full time residency, Whitewater Lake
N7681 East Lakeshore Drive, Whitewater, WI.

Currently serving year six on the whitewater-Rice Lakes Management Board.

Seeking re-election for another term, why? Because we love this lake and the Lake has become part of our Family, and I enjoy playing an oversight role in its health and well-being. I bring to the Board a strong voice to newly elected members of things past, as well as foresight in trying new things as our Lake evolves and changes with time. Whether I am re-elected or not I would like to take this time to thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Thank you, Sincerely, Jim Felland

Brian A. Morris

I am currently Chairman of the Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District. I have owned and lived on Whitewater Lake since 1995 with my wife, Becky. I retired in 2002 after working in the railroad industry, managing stand alone business units with responsibility for \$ 1 billion in sales. Over the years I have been active with GWLPOA and Lake Management and was appointed Weed Harvesting Commissioner in 2004, complimenting my fish stocking responsibility. If elected; my goals from the past year will remain the same; to promote a positive lake environment (Whitewater and Rice Lakes) so that the diverse interest of residents are recognized and acknowledged. I will follow the fiduciary responsibility of the position to make sound financial decisions in guiding the board to maximize the value of our budget dollars....

Dwight Swartwood

Owned property at the lake since 1983 except for 1997-2001. First on Woodchuck Alley and now on Krahn Dr.

Spent adult working life in Telecommunications beginning as an engineer for a major Telco and later as the founder/owner of three separate successful companies. Two companies were equipment manufactures and one was an engineering service company. Retired in 2006.

My wife Joyce and I, married 43 years, have two sons and

5 grandchildren. We started living here full time during the summer season in 2008. We maintain our residence in Geneva, IL some 80 miles away and visit the lake often during the off-seasons.

Our immediate and extended family spends a lot of time here during the summer and we are very interested in doing everything possible to maintain the beauty and quality the lake offers. It is something very special and deserves all of our care.

Bill Watts retired in 2006 and moved to the lake full time in June of 2006 with his wife Kathleen. They have four children and three grandchildren with their fourth due next month. He served as a high school principal in the Chicago area for 16 years prior to his move to Whitewater. Elected as a Lake Management Commissioner in August, 20006, he has served as chair of the Chemical Spraying Committee.

Andy Wojdula

Education: Bachelor from UW-Madison; MBA from DePaul-Chicago

Professional Experience: Over 15 years of business experience with three major corporations (Standard Oil, Blue Cross and Baxter) in the area of Human Resources.

Over the last 25 years directed Wojdula & Associates, LTD a management consulting/executive recruiting company.

Currently part-owner/operator of a two facility Assisted Living company (RidgeStone) in Walworth County.

Whitewater Lake Experience: -Family has owned the current lake residence since 1969.

-Volunteered to carry the original petition to establish the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

-Committee member that studied the current configuration of the District's boundaries

-Committee member of the Canadian Goose Nest and Egg Depreciation program

Personal Goals: With recent retirement interested in increasing my volunteer time to local, practical environmental and personal causes.

Want to ensure that the almost priceless Whitewater-Rice Lakes are maintained to the fullest extent possible. 🐦

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Proposed 2010 Budget

	2008 PROPOSED	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET	2010 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)	%
Revenue- Tax Assessments	\$166,400	\$166,400	\$139,200	\$149,000	\$9,800	6%
- Operating surplus	30,000	30,000	59,000	-	\$(59,000)	
- Interest Income	-	2,051	1,795	1,500		
- Contributions & Other	-	325	-	-		
Total District Revenue	196,400	198,776	199,995	150,500	(49,200)	-25%
Operating Activities						
Weed Harvesting	86,300	35,332	73,400	52,000	\$(21,400)	-25%
Chemical Treatment & Other	59,600	57,772	46,600	35,000	\$(11,600)	-19%
Bog Removal	35,000	32,179	65,000	57,000	\$(8,000)	-23%
General & Administrative	5,500	3,942	4,200	6,500	\$2,300	42%
Total Operating Activities	186,400	129,225	189,200	150,500	(38,700)	-21%
Capital Equipment Fund	10,000	10,000	16,500	-	\$(16,500)	-165%
Other Transfers to Equipment Fund	-	-	(5,891)	-		
Total Expenses & Reserves	196,400	139,225	199,809	150,500	(55,200)	-28%
Surplus (Deficit)		59,551	186	-		
Assessed Valuation (million)		238,049	269,303	269,303		
% increase in Assessed Valuation		4%	13%	0%		
Mil Rate		\$0.699	\$0.585	\$0.553		
Average Assessment (610 approx. tax parcels)		\$273	\$228	\$244		

Note: amend 2009 budget moving \$16,500 operating surplus to Capital Fund

Whitewater Lake Dam Ownership

Background

On April 26 of 1945 Ken Hackett donated the dam site and 13 acres to Walworth County to be used for park purposes. Under Wisconsin law a county has the power to request and use county funds to improve water ways coupled with county power to condemn lands.

Last September of 2008, a representative from the county attended a WWRLMD monthly meeting and asked the commissioners to approach the owner-members of the Lake District to consider taking ownership of the dam. Like all government bodies, the county is experiencing a budget crunch, and the precipitating events for the county's decision to give up ownership appear to be the failure of the Lake Delton dam last spring coupled with the demand of the DNR that the north and south access paths (north from the marina and south from the beach park) be made handicapped accessible, i.e. paved.

The dam was only inspected last year for the first time in nearly 20 years (out of compliance) and was found to be in need of repair. As of this writing, the district has not received confirmation that all the required repairs have been completed and that the dam has been re-inspected to

ensure that it is now in perfect working order.

Pros of the WWRLMD Taking Ownership

District could ensure that the dam is inspected at least every ten years as required by law.

District could ensure that the dam is adequately maintained.

Cons of the WWRLMD Taking Ownership

District would have to allocate new monies to maintain and repair the dam as necessary.

District would have to assume liability if the dam failed or if one or more persons were injured and allocate new monies to pay premiums for liability insurance.

District would have to allocate new monies to make the dam handicap accessible and to maintain the path.

Board of Commissioner Recommendation

At the July 9th, 2009 regular monthly meeting of the Board, all five of the home owner-commissioners voted to recommend that the District *not* take ownership of the dam from the county. ➤

Proposed Changes to Lake District By-Laws

1. Number of Candidates Needed To Stand for Election to Board

Current By-Laws– # of vacancies plus one

Proposed Change– at least equal to number
of vacancies

2. Required Written Notice Of Annual Meeting And Budget Hearing

Current By-Laws– mailed 10 days in advance to all
homeowners or published twice
in local paper

Proposed Change– mailed 30 days in advance to
all homeowners and published
once in local paper

3. Length of Terms of Board Commissioners

Current By-Laws– does not specify an exact num-
ber of two-year and three-year
terms

Proposed Change– establish three 3-year and two
2-year terms

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This Year's Agenda Includes:

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Bog • Goose Committee • Fish Stocking
Lake Plan • Financials*

Introduction of Candidates

Voting

Whitewater Lake Dam Issue

By-Laws

