

**BY-LAWS FOR
THE WHITE RIVER FLOWAGE ASSOCIATION
TOWN OF DAKOTA, COUNTY OF WAUSHARA**

AMENDED for approval on SEPTEMBER 4th, 2021
Past Amended Dates: September 2010; April 2011; April 2018; & current
changes recommended on September 4th, 2021

ARTICLE 1- PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect the White River Flowage and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety and aesthetic values of the White River Flowage, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.

ARTICLE 11 – STATUS AND LIMITATIONS

To carry out the program of the Association and to make effective representations on behalf of its members, the Association shall be organized as a non-profit, non-stock corporation under Charter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes. (Sections of the Statutes are cited throughout these by-laws.) No asset of the Association shall benefit any officer or member. The Association shall not participate in partisan political activity.

ARTICLE 111 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1- MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the Association shall be open to any individual, family, business, or organization, that (a) subscribes to the purposes of the Association and (b) owns or leases property within one mile of the shores of the White River Flowage.

Section 2 – HONORARY GUESTS*: Honorary guests shall be designated as any individual, family, business, or organization that (a) subscribes to the purposes of the Association but (b) does not own or lease property within one mile of the shores of the White River Flowage. Honorary guests shall not be obligated to pay membership dues, but may make financial contributions to the Association if they wish. Honorary guests may attend meetings and participate in Association activities if they so desire, but are not eligible to vote on Association business.

Section 3 – DUES: Membership dues shall be \$10.00 paid on a calendar year basis.

ARTICLE IV – VOTING

Section 1- MULTIPLE VOTING: Any individual adult member may cast only one vote on any question called to vote. Up to two adult individuals may represent a family, a business, or an organization; and each of these individuals may cast one vote on any question called to a vote.

Section 2 – CASTING BALLOTS: A member should be present at the meeting at the time the vote is called in order to vote. However, members may vote by proxy or absentee ballots on certain pre-determined agenda items. All votes shall be counted by a show of hands or proxy ballots unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws.

Section 3 – REFERENDA: The Board of Directors may at any time solicit reactions from members through a mail survey. The Board resolution authorizing the referendum shall indicate whether the results shall be considered advisory or binding on the Board. Members shall have 30 days to return response forms. Results of

the referendum shall be announced at a membership meeting or in printed form within 90 days of the response deadline.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 – ANNUAL MEETINGS: The two annual meetings of the Association shall be held in the vicinity of the White River Flowage on a Saturday in April and September. NOTE: These meetings will be held after the Lake Management District meeting. The agenda of the annual meetings shall include elections, discussion of projects, member concerns, and an educational program.

Section 2 – SPECIAL MEETINGS: A special meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the President, or by written request of one-twentieth of the members or six members, whichever is greater. The agenda of a special meeting may include any items properly brought before an annual meeting.

Section 3 – INFORMATIONAL MEETING OR SOCIAL EVENT: The Association may sponsor a variety of meetings or events designed to provide educational, recreational, or social opportunities for its members and their guests. It may also sponsor fund-raising activities. If business is to be conducted at such events, the notice requirement for special meetings must be met.

Section 4 – NOTIFICATION: Every annual or special meeting must be preceded by notice to paid members from the preceding year who have not yet renewed their membership. Notification may be included along with the notice made by the Lake Management District notice as our meeting will follow this meeting in April and September. The notice shall summarize any proposed changes in the By-Laws,

shall highlight any proposals to dissolve the Association, and may include a detailed agenda.

Section 5 – QUORUM: No formal business may be conducted at the membership meetings unless at least twenty percent (20%) of the paid-up members or 10 members, whichever is less, are present.

Section 6 – PROCEDURE: Roberts Rules of Order, in the current revised edition, shall be in force at the meetings of the Association, of the Board of Directors, and of the Association committees unless required otherwise by Wisconsin Statutes or these By-Laws. Non-members of the Association may be recognized to speak at Association functions at the discretion of the presiding officer who shall also serve as parliamentarian.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – AUTHORITY: Subject to directives of annual and special meetings and these By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall have authority over the activities and assets of the Association.

Section 2 – COMPOSITION: The Board of Directors shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and two (2) Trustees.

Section 3 – ELECTIONS: The Board of Directors shall nominate one or more members for each vacant position on the Board. Additional nominations of members, present at the annual meeting and willing to serve, shall be taken from the floor. All elections for the Board shall be conducted by secret, written ballot. [Section 181.20(2)]

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Section 4 – TERMS OF OFFICE: Directors are elected for two-year terms. All terms of office shall run from January 1 through

December 31. The terms of the office of President, Vice-President, and one Trustee shall expire in even-numbered years. The terms of Secretary/Treasurer and the other Trustee shall expire in odd-numbered years. [Section 181.20(3)]

Section 5 – BOARD MEETINGS: The new Board shall meet at the annual meeting and at least one other time prior to the next annual meeting. Regular meetings shall be held at places, dates and times established by the Board. Special meetings may be held on the call of the President or any three Directors after at least 24 hours notice by telephone, mail or e-mail, or by personal contact. Three Directors shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. The meetings shall be open to the members. Decisions shall be made by a majority vote of Directors present, with the President voting only to break ties. Between meetings, the President may solicit decisions from the Board through written communications. [Sec. 181.22; Sec. 181.24]

Section 6 – VACANCIES: Any Director who misses two consecutive meetings without good cause as determined by the Board may, at the discretion of the Board, be removed from office. Any vacancy may be filled for the remainder of the term by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office, although less than a quorum but at least two. [Sec. 181.20(4)]

Section 7 – COMPENSATION: Directors shall not be compensated for their time and effect. The Board may authorize officers, directors, and committee members to be paid actual and necessary expenses incurred while on Association business.

Section 1 – PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over all membership meetings and Board meetings. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, responsible for day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Association and supervision of any employees or contractors. The President shall appoint all committee members who shall serve until the end of that President's term. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2 – VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President should that office become vacant and shall preside at meetings when the President is unable to attend. The Vice-President shall arrange for the educational segment of the annual meeting and carry out other assignments at the request of the President.

Section 3 – SECRETARY: The Secretary shall maintain the official records of the Association as well as an archives. The Secretary shall record and distribute the minutes of members meetings and Board meetings. The Secretary shall maintain a current record of the names and addresses of members entitled to vote and shall send out notices of membership meetings. The Secretary shall prepare publicity for the Association and shall prepare the Association newsletter unless an editor is appointed to do so. The Secretary shall serve on the Membership Committee.
[Sec.181.27]

Section 4 – TREASURER: The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of the Association and shall sign all checks along with one of the two Trustees. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual financial statement for the annual meeting and shall be responsible for presentation of the proposed budget to the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall serve on the Finance Committee.

Section 5 – MULTIPLE OFFICE HOLDING: The same person may hold the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer or the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. [Sec. 181.25(1)]

Section 6 – OTHER OFFICERS: Two Trustees shall be elected to the board with each one serving a two-term that expires on alternating years. In addition, other officers may be appointed by the President, with the concurrence of the Board. A legal counsel, an executive secretary, newsletter editor, or such other assistant officers as deemed necessary need not be members of the Association.

ARTICLE V111 – COMMITTEES

Section 1 – MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The Membership Committee shall initiate plans for recruiting of new members and the retention of current members.

Section 2 – SOCIAL COMMITTEE: The Social Committee shall provide refreshments at the annual meeting and, after receiving Board approval, shall organize and publicize other social events to be sponsored by the Association.

Section 3 – FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee shall recommend fund-raising activities to the Board and, after receiving Board approval, shall organize such activities. The Finance Committee shall also annually audit the financial records of the Association.

Section 4 – LAND USE COMMITTEE: The Land Use Committee shall represent the Association at local public hearings and informational meetings relating to zoning, sanitation codes,

subdivision ordinances, pollution sources, and changes in land use which might affect water quality. The Committee shall offer proposals to the Board regarding land use issues.

Section 5 – BOATING SAFETY COMMITTEE: The Boating Safety Committee shall represent the Association at the local public hearings and informational meetings relating to water safety patrols, lake use ordinances, and obstacles to navigation. The Committee shall offer proposals to the Board regarding water use issues.

Section 6 – FISHING AND WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE: The Fishing and Water Quality Committee shall represent the Association at Department of Natural Resources hearings and at local meetings relating to in-lake water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and water levels. The Committee shall offer proposals to the Board regarding water quality monitoring and ecological management of the fishery.

Section 7 – AQUATIC PLANT AND ALGAE COMMITTEE: The Aquatic and Algae Control Committee shall represent the Association at Department of Natural Resources hearings and at local meetings relating to the control of nuisance plants and to the protection of desirable vegetation. The Committee shall offer proposals to the Board for a vegetation management plan and may be delegated responsibility to implement such a plan.

Section 8 – OTHER COMMITTEES: The President may appoint such other committees as are deemed necessary to support the efforts of the Board.

ARTICLE 1X – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1 – INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: As provided by Wisconsin law, the Association may indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent who was, is, or may be involved in legal proceedings by virtue of his or her good faith actions on behalf of the Association. [Sec. 181.045]

Section 2 – FISCAL YEAR: The records and accounts of the Association shall be maintained on a yearly basis to begin on September 1 of one year and end on August 31 of the following year.

Section 3 – ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENTS: Funds of the Association shall be promptly deposited at a financial institution designed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws, and any amendments thereto, may be adopted at any annual meeting or special meeting of the Association by two-thirds vote of members present and entitled to vote. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws must be summarized in the notice for the annual meeting at which the amendments are to be voted on.

ARTICLE X1 – DISSOLUTION

The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all directors, may recommend that the Association be dissolved and that the question of such dissolution be submitted to a vote at a subsequent meeting of members. Notice of the meeting shall

highlight the question of dissolution. At the meeting, a two-thirds affirmative vote of members present and entitled to vote shall be required to approve a resolution of dissolution. Such a resolution shall direct the Board of Directors to prepare a dissolution plan for subsequent approval by the members as provided under Wisconsin law. Dissolution of the Association shall not be final until the members, by majority vote, shall have approved the dissolution plan, either at a meeting or by a binding mail referendum. [Sec. 181.50; Sec. 181.52]

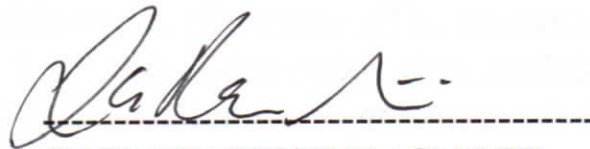
CERTIFICATION

These By-Laws were first adopted by a vote at the Association meeting on the 8th day of April 2000; These By-Laws were then Amended on March 20, 2003. These By-Laws were again reviewed and the changes were recommended and approved at the September meeting in 2010. The By-Laws were again reviewed and changes were approved on April 16th, 2011. These By-Laws were Amended for reviewed with changes effective after final review at the meeting on April 21, 2018.

By-Laws again presented for reviewed and approval on September 4th, 2021, these Amended changes will be effective after this final review.



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY/TREASURER