

White River Flowage Lake Management District

Annual Spring Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2025

1. Called to order at 9:00 am
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by members in attendance
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion Eric Prigye/Jennifer Achterberg, 22 yes
4. Approval of Minutes of August 31, 2024, meeting: Motion Gordy Loehr/Gary Grenier, 22 yes
5. Treasurer's Report by Ruth Weinberger
  - a. Members in attendance received copy of checkbook registry from September 2024 through April 2026 to review.
  - b. Jennifer Achterber questioned attendance of the Wisconsin Rivers and Lakes Conference by Lynn Bockenhauer. Bockenhauer gave a short summary and overview of the conference to attending members.
  - c. Bockenhauer shared that the White River Dam is in good condition.
  - d. Gordy Loehr noted that the County has placed warning balls near the dam.
6. Audit Committee Report shared by Fran Geier, member of the Audit Committee.
  - a. The White River Flowage Lake Management District Audit Committee reviewed the books and accounting procedures of the District and found that the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2024.
7. Aquatic Plant Inspection (P.I.) Survey and Treatment Updates by Lynn Bockenhauer
  - a. Bockenhauer shared the report from P.I. Survey from 2025.
  - b. WI Lake and Ponds will not be treating anything less than 4 acres. Bockenhauer stated that the DNR does not want existing plants to become resistant to treatments so is recommending the change. The Flowage has only 2.5 acres that needs to be treated. Bockenhauer stated that a survey will be done later in 2025 to test if there has been additional spreading beyond the noted 2.5 acres.

- i. Fran Geier suggested waiting longer between surveys and reports due to cost (\$2,900 for survey/report).
- ii. Laura Soldner suggested placing signs near infected areas to prevent further spreading by boaters.
- iii. Lynn Bockenhauer reminded members that a survey is needed for treatments and noted the recent sandstorm created algae bloom from top soil that was deposited – which keeps other things from blooming.
- iv. Dean Bockenhauer suggested researching and calling outside options for surveys and treatments, and Jennifer Achterberg agreed. John Wilcox reminded members that treatments can only be done at certain times to be effective, and this will need to be confirmed when researching additional options.
- v. Lynn Bockenhauer will follow up with researching other options and will report findings at the August 2025 budget hearing/annual fall meeting.

8. Harvester Operations by Gordy Loehr

- i. Truck repairs were a success and the truck runs well. Harvester in storage and will be taken out the last week of April/first week of May.
- ii. Need additional volunteers for harvester operations. Training provided.

9. White River Flowage Association Dissolution by Laura Soldner.

- i. Soldner shared that an official vote was needed to dissolve the Association. The vote would take place on April 26, 2025, after the White River Flowage Lake Management District meeting.
- ii. Once vote is taken, paperwork would be submitted for license and tax id to be removed.

10. Other Items

i. No Wake Signs by Gary Grenier

- 1. Grenier stated that he thought an ordinance had been filed years ago and is currently researching. Posting signs is allowed, however, they cannot be enforced until ordinance is filed. Signs are currently posted at the two public landings.
- 2. Lynn Bockenhauer stated she has created a few no wake signs and is willing to create more for those who are interested in placing them at their piers.
- 3. Mike Braun mentioned it is fishing boats and people who do not live full time on the river who seem to ignore the no wake signs.

4. Jennifer Achterberg noticed kids at the landing creating ruts with their trucks.
5. Dean Bockenhauer suggested installing cameras at the public landings.

ii. Road/Landing Repairs Update by Gary Grenier

1. 19<sup>th</sup> and Czech Road will be repaired as well as White River Road.
2. Public landing repairs have been made.
3. Ditch trimming done by the County.

iii. Summer Boat Parade by Laura Soldner

1. Boat parade and summer picnic now under the White River Lake Management District's oversight/management once the Association has been dissolved.

iv. Open Positions on Board

1. Bill Van Dongen and Gordy Loehr will be stepping down from the Board. Van Dongen's term ends August 2025 and Loehr's ends August 2026. No other members indicated an interest in being on the Board at this time.
2. Once Bill Van Dongen's term ends, Fran Geir and Dean Bockenhauer suggested researching options for calculating the Lake Management District fees that are less complicated for the Treasurer position or consider initiating a flat fee. Gary Grenier suggested contacting the County for additional help/options.

v. Volunteers Needed for Harvester Operation

1. Two people needed when the harvester is being used.
2. Brian Zenker suggested training/orientation be given for each volunteer driving the truck as well as the harvester.
3. Laura Soldner reminded members that a process should be written down for how to drive the truck and harvester.

11. Next Meeting: Budget Hearing, August 30, 2025, at 9:00 am, Dakota Town Hall.  
Following Budget Hearing, annual fall meeting.

12. Adjourn 10:30 am – all business concluded: Motion John Wilcox/Greg Neu – 22 yes