

# WHITE RIVER FLOWAGE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2025, Dakota Town Hall

**Budget Hearing:** Lynn Bockenhauer, Chair, called Budget Hearing to order at 9:00 am. The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by members in attendance.

District Board Members in attendance: Lynn Bockenhauer, Steve Dahlke, Gary Grenier, Robert Wedell, Ruth Weinberger, Gordy Loehr

Absent: Bill Von Dongen

Bockenhauer welcomed new members and stated that each District member should have received a copy of the proposed 2026 budget with their meeting notice and asked if there were any questions or comments. Bockenhauer also stated that there were not enough infected areas to do a treatment this year according to new DNR regulations. However, these monies have been dedicated in the 2026 budget if treatment is approved by the DNR. If treatment is not approved, another survey will be done to check spread of invasive aquatic plants. Lynn reviewed proposed 2026 budget and noted the need to include a new DNR harvesting fee permit fee of \$300 in 2026 which will be in effect for the next five years. Total district budget is \$11,000. Board will discuss new ways to gather district fees and present these ideas at the 2026 fall Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting. Bockenhauer also noted the extra maintenance of the harvester/tow vehicle this year, but mentioned it was a good investment. Motion to approve 2026 budget – Jennifer Achterberg motioned to approve the 2026 budget, Greg Grenier seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Agenda** – Dean Bockenhauer motioned to approve Agenda, Brian Zenker seconded the motion, motion carried.

**District Meeting Minutes** – Randy Weinberger motioned to approve District Meeting Minutes, Dean Bockenhauer seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Board Minutes** – Lynn Bockenhauer provided summary of 2025 Commissioners meeting stating that the board had discussed having a survey completed in summer of 2025 in response to treatment being denied by the DNR and applying for a new harvester permit for 2026 which will be in effect for the next five years.

**Treasurers Report** – Ruth Weinberger provided copies of checkbook registry to district members, gave summary of outstanding bills to date, and stated bank balance as of August 2025.

**Emergency Action Plan for Power Dam** – Lynn Bockenhauer stated that the virtual meeting was attended by herself and Steve Dahlke. The meeting included information about what would happen if the dam failed and who contacts would be. Bockenhauer shared that the dam is in good shape overall. Bockenhauer will post emergency plan on district website.

**Update on Invasive Aquatic Plan Survey** – Lynn Bockenhauer stated that the Water Milfoil is expanding as well as the Curly Leaf. Flowering Rush is still present, but under control. An aquatic plant survey was completed in late summer of 2025. Bockenhauer recommended a Full Intercept Survey be done in July of 2026. Bockenhauer will seek out additional recommendations for treatment/survey providers for April 2026 meeting.

**Harvester Operation Report** – Steve Dahlke gave an update on repairs completed on the harvester in 2025. Harvester is now in good shape. Cutter head mount, teeth, and guides will need to be replaced for 2026 season. Trailer had three tires replaced in 2025. Weeds have been dropped off at Jon Wilcox's farm this season. Wilcox also requested that harvested weeds be dropped off at his farm in 2026 season. This year approximately 40 loads of weeds were harvested. Harvester goes into storage at the end of September.

**Volunteer needed for Water Clarity and Temperature Testing** – Lynn Bockenhauer stated that the DNR tracks water temp and clarity. Fran Geier offered to give training on how to collect readings with the DNR equipment and added that the collection takes place May – September at the deepest part of the river, and that it is helpful to use a boat/pontoon.

**Election to Fill Vacant Seat on Board of Commissioners** – Lynn Bockenhauer nominated Fran Geier. Randy Weinberger motioned to approved nomination, Dean Bockenhauer seconded the motion, all approved from those who were present – 22 yes.

#### **Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

- representatives from organization/entities/businesses focused on lake/pond management
- information about fishing sustainability practices

**Next Meeting** - April 18, 2026, 9:00 am, Dakota Town Hall.

**Adjourn** - All business concluded at 10:10am. Greg Neu motioned to conclude, Jennifer Achterberg seconded the motion, motion carried.

**The Board of Commissioners met immediately after the District Meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Weinberger, Secretary/Treasurer