

HARVESTER OPERATION GUIDELINES

The Aquarius Systems HP-220 harvester/trailer and tow vehicle are owned by the White River Flowage Lake Management District and are used to maintain a channel system on the Flowage for the benefit of the members of District as well as the general public. The following instructions for the harvester operation have been approved by the White River Flowage Lake Management District Board of Commissioners:

- Only properly trained individuals over the age of 21 with a valid driver's license (due to insurance liability) may operate the harvester, trailer, and tow vehicle. All operators must read the harvester/trailer operating manual and be personally trained on the operation of this equipment by an experienced operator. The District Chairman must approve all harvester operators.
- The harvester, trailer, and tow vehicle must be inspected by the operator before each use (i.e., adequate fuel, greasing where needed, check for hose leaks, etc.). Any problems or issues with the equipment should be reported to a District Board member.
- The harvester will be used to maintain the main channels as well as provide access channels to the main channel for riparian owners within the District. The harvester will cut an access channel approx. 16' wide from the end of the riparian owners' docks to the main channel system (see map).
- The harvester will not be used outside of the channel system due to the possibility of encountering stumps, shallow water depths, disturbing fish breeding beds and weed beds, etc.
- The harvester may be used for special use (off-site contracts, hand pull operations, etc.) only with the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
- Riparian property owners are allowed to manually clear a 30' perimeter around their docks (WI DNR Chapter NR-115). Riparian property owners will be responsible for disposing of their removed plants (WI State Statute 901 requires any pulled plants to be removed from the water). Manually removed plants/debris cannot be placed on the harvester and/or trailer to prevent damage to this equipment. Any violators will be required to remove said plants/debris from the equipment or be reported to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR).
- The channel system acts as a guide for safe navigation for residents and visitors without damage to the ecosystem of the Flowage.

Approved on _____ 5th _____ day of _____ September _____, _____ 2020 _____, by the White River Flowage Lake Management District Board of Commissioners by a vote of:

Yeas _____ 16 _____ Nays _____ 0 _____

Recorded by Fran Geier, Secretary/Treasurer, White River Flowage Lake Management District