

WHITE RIVER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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Hi White River Lake District neighbors,

It's so much easier to communicate via email and saves the lake district money. If you have an email address or a change of email address, please send it to me at pastortom@campPhillip.com. Thanks.

There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, September 4th, at 10:30 AM at the Deerfield Town Hall on County C. Since there is a goose control/roundup presentation with projector and screen, we plan to have the meeting indoors.

Included in this packet:

White River Lake District agenda - September 4th, 2021, at 10:30 AM
White River Lake District annual meeting minutes - May 29th, 2021
2021 White River Lake District financial report
Audit committee report from 8/06/2021

You can also find the meeting reports on our website at
<http://www.whiterivermillpond.com>.

See you soon.

Tom Klusmeyer,
White River Lake District Secretary/Treasurer

White River Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District agenda

September 4th, 2021, at 10:30 AM, at Deerfield Town Hall

1. Call to order (Grace Thomsen)
 - A. Introduction of Lake District Board members
 - B. Introduction of Town of Deerfield Board members (Steve Meyer; Roger Stratton; Tom Whalley)
 - C. Introduction of new lake district property owners
 - D. Additions to agenda
2. Goose control/roundup presentation by Mike Jones, USDA wildlife biologist
3. Minutes of previous meeting (Tom Klusmeyer)
4. Treasurer's report (Tom Klusmeyer)
Report on CD that matured on 5/14/2021
5. Condition of lake (Lee Simono)
 - A. DASH update
 - B. Chemical treatment report
 - C. Water test results--11 pages are on the website under Documents
 - D. Dam tree and brush removal required by DNR
6. Other matters that need to be addressed
 - A. Audit committee (Dorothy Peissig, Tony Saiia and Phil Stenz) report from 8/06/2021
 - B. Central Sands Water Action Coalition update (Bill Hendee)
 - C. Action item from 5/29/2021 meeting--Report on price of fathead minnows by Mark Martin
 - D. Boat landing report/dredging??
 - E. Formation of a "Welcome Kit" committee to work over the fall and winter
7. Future calendar
 - A. Next Board meeting immediately following this informational meeting
 - B. Next year's annual meeting: May 28th, 2022, at Deerfield Town Hall at 10:30 AM
8. Adjournment

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Steve Meyer (Township commissioner) / Bob Wedell (County commissioner)

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White River Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District annual meeting

May 29th, 2021

Outside at the Deerfield Town Hall

→ indicates an action item.

1. Call to order
 - A. Chairperson Grace Thomsen called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM.
 - B. A moment of silence was held for Lake district member Greg Dobratz who passed away this last year. Lake district members who served in the military were also recognized.
 - C. Grace introduced Lake district Board of commissioners Terry Henning, Tom Klusmeyer, Steve Meyer (township representative), Lee Simono, Joan Voigt and Bob Wedell (County commissioner). Town of Deerfield supervisor Roger Stratton was also introduced as were guests Jeff Nett, the Town of Wautoma chairman, and David Bolha, the DNR stream biologist.
 - D. 35 Lake district members signed the attendance record; the names are attached to this report.
2. Goose control/roundup presentation: The presentation on goose control/roundup that was supposed to be done by → Mike Jones, USDA wildlife biologist, was canceled by Mike for personal reasons. It will be rescheduled for our Labor Day weekend meeting. We have been granted a permit to oil goose eggs.
3. Minutes: The minutes from the 9/05/2020 annual meeting were approved as presented.
4. Treasurer's report: The current financial report as of 5/14/2021 showed an income of \$13,950.00 for the year and expenses of \$2,388.00. The total financial picture looked like this:

Associated Bank public funds checking account	\$42,969.65
CD (30 month CD at 2.7% interest matured on 5/14)	\$53,448.29
Total	\$96,417.94

→ The Board will determine what to do with the money from the CD that matured.
The financial report was approved as presented.
5. Elections: Two commissioners needed to be elected for three year terms. Terry Henning was willing to have his name placed on the ballot again. Lee Simono will not run again but will continue to serve as Director of Operations and will continue to help with issues related to the dam, milfoil and the DASH grant program. Phil Stenz was willing to have his name placed on the ballot. First Terry Henning was elected to the Board by voice vote and then Phil Stenz was elected to the Board by voice vote. Lee Simono was thanked for his years of service (Lee began serving on the Board in 1996.) and was presented with a sweatshirt embroidered with "Director of Operations".
6. Lake, dam and weed harvesting report: Lee Simono reported that DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) will take place the weeks of July 5th and July 12th. When asked whether we should pursue a third week of DASH this year, Lee recommended that we check into chemical treatment. Township representative Steve Meyer said that → chemical treatment has been successful on several area lakes including Fish Lake. The Board will check into chemical treatment.

Joan Voigt discussed the need for getting volunteers this summer to talk to people launching boats on our lake about the importance of the Clean Boat/Clean Water (CBCW) program. Some area lakes have zebra mussels and we want to keep them out of our lake; the CBCW program helps educate people on the need to clean their boats to stop the spread of nasty stuff from one lake to the next. The grant that we received for treatment of Eurasian water milfoil included an agreement that we volunteer 200 hours for the CBCW program; this is the last year of the grant and so far we have tallied only 50 hours. Joan also reviewed the various forms that she has available to help with the CBCW program.

When asked why we are doing no weed harvesting this year, Grace explained that weed harvesting further spreads milfoil because the cut fragments float and then take root. Weed harvesting has contributed to the spread of milfoil on our lake.

When asked why we have no trash bins at the landing for boaters, it was mentioned that the landing is the township responsibility. Town of Deerfield rep Roger Stratton mentioned that when trash bins had been tried years back at boat landings, people had treated them as dumpsters and the areas were overloaded with garbage.

→ Phil Stenz did the water test this spring. The results were just received and will be posted on the website.

Grace reviewed some of the results and, basically, the results were very good. Grace also encouraged landowners to keep their shorelines undeveloped--don't mow all the way to the lake.

Town of Wautoma chairman Jeff Nett was given an opportunity to inform lake residents about the survey work that will be done in the near future on the lower dam on 13th Avenue which is the dam below the upper dam that creates our lake. The DNR and Trouts Unlimited approached the Town of Wautoma which owns the lower dam to remove the dam in order to improve the class 1 trout stream which begins right after the upper dam. Much discussion took place; the survey is being done to provide answers to many of the questions that were being asked.

7. 2021 proposed budget: Before the proposed budget was adopted, a motion was made, seconded and approved to add \$10,000 to milfoil removal; this provides the Board the ability to pursue chemical treatment or another week of DASH, if the board deems this appropriate to stop the spread of milfoil. The resulting \$31,070 budget was then approved as follows:

Fees: Lake associations	\$25.00
Fees: Water quality testing	\$180.00
Insurance: Liability	\$900.00
Insurance: Workmen's comp	\$270.00
Lake: Goose roundup	\$3,000.00
Lake: Harvesting	\$0.00
Lake: Milfoil removal	\$25,000.00
Maintenance: Equipment repairs	\$300.00
Maintenance: Operating costs	\$500.00
Miscellaneous: Meeting needs	\$125.00
Miscellaneous: Memorials	\$200.00
Office: Postage	\$150.00
Office: Supplies	\$150.00
Office: Website	\$270.00
Grand total	\$31,070.00

The motion to set the lake district fees for 2022 at \$150 was approved

8. Other matters that need to be addressed:

A. Audit committee: Dorothy Peissig, Tony Saiia and Phil Stenz were thanked for their work.

→ B. Central Sands Water Action Coalition update: A link to the latest newsletter will be placed on the website.

C. Motion from Labor Day 2020 meeting "that the Board collect data on the water levels and flow concerns and report back to the lake district at the Memorial Day 2021 meeting."

Grace reached out to David A Bolha <David.Bolha@wisconsin.gov>, DNR stream biologist, concerning monitoring water levels in the lake. His response : "The easiest way for you to better understand what is coming into your lake is measuring what is going out (over the dam). How much water is leaving the lake down the West Branch of the White River should give you a pretty good sense of how much water is coming into your lake (although it is not 1:1). Since you don't have a easily measured source of water, such as a river or stream, coming into the lake, we'd have a difficult if not impossible time trying to figure that out by looking in the lake itself or upstream. The good news is some monitoring of flow coming out of your lake has been done in recent years. I'd say on average during the summer time about 4 million gallons per day were leaving your lake (2013-2017). I'm sure that number has likely gone up over the last 3 years as they have been on the wetter side. Most of the flow monitoring on the West Branch of the Whiter River is done by volunteers and if you're interested someone from your lake group can easily be trained to do that as well."

D. Action item from Labor Day 2020 meeting--A committee of Mark Martin, Lee Simono and Chuck Basting will bring a report to the 2021 Memorial Day meeting on what to do about the fish in the lake:

Mark Martin reported that the committee's research found that the #1 predator in the lake is the northern pike and the #2 predator is the bass. The DNR recommendation is that we add a food source to the lake that all fish will eat; the recommended food source is a fathead minnow which will hatch 4 times per year. A permit is necessary for stocking the lake with these minnows. Mark will check on the cost of fathead minnows for the Labor Day meeting. Mark also has obtained information on the process for renaming the lake in case we are interested.

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E. Action item from Labor Day 2020 meeting--Boat landing report (Steve Meyer):

Steve reported that the township put some gravel down and that the boat landing looked good. One neighbor said that he will still have difficulty getting his pontoon boat into the water and is wanting to see the lake dredged and that the DNR says that dredging is the township's responsibility and that the township says that dredging is the DNR's responsibility. The Board will check with DNR's Ted Johnson about this issue. → Someone also asked about the possibility of collecting fees from people who put their boats into our lake as some lakes do. Someone also asked about the possibility of having parking lines painted at the boat landing.

9. Future calendar

The next Lake district meeting will be September 4th, 2021, at 10:30 AM.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Klusmeyer, White River Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Secretary/Treasurer

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(Number in parentheses is when the term expires)

Terry Henning (2024) / Tom Klusmeyer (2023) / Phil Stenz (2024) / Grace Thomsen (2023) / Joan Voigt (2022)

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People in attendance

Chuck and Lisa Basting / Rich Burkwald / Bonnie Wegner / Phyllis Buyeske / Jim Fisher / Tom Freed / Terry Henning / Jim Hoegemeier / Kristy Keller / Tom Klusmeyer / Mark Martin / Carol Mauer / David Mauer / Steve Meyer / Mary Neustifter / Dorothy Peissig / Joe Pfiffner / Tony Saiia / Tim Semmann / Lee Simono / Camille Stelmachowski / Phil and Sue Stenz / Roger Stratton (town board) / Steven and Joanne Szymaszek / Mark and Grace Thomsen / Thomas and Joan Voigt / Karen Wagner / Bob Wedell (county commissioner) / Kyle Wilson (Camp Phillip) / Mary Yauck / Guests David Bohla (DNR stream biologist) and Jeff Nett (Town of Wautoma chairman)

Following the Lake District meeting the Board met from 12:31 PM - 12:32 PM. Present were Tom Klusmeyer, Phil Stenz, Grace Thomsen and Joan Voigt. Board members were reelected to their current positions: Grace Thomsen as Lake District Chairperson and Tom Klusmeyer as Secretary/Treasurer.

Audit Committee Report
August 6th, 2021

On August 6th, 2021, an audit of the 2020 White River Lake District financial activity was conducted by Dorothy Peissig and Tony Saiia with the help of treasurer Tom Klusmeyer. Disbursements were verified against bank statements and samples of items paid were found to be supported with an invoice and /or receipt. Income from lake association property owners was received on time and transferred to our accounts. The financial reports were in agreement with the banking statements.

All items reviewed were in balance. The treasurer's records are very easy to follow and were complete. In addition to reviewing 2020 financial activities, we reviewed the latest available 2021 closing bank statements to verify that major savings and checking account funds were in place.

We reviewed the CD funds and Tom indicated that he and President Grace Thomsen were looking at other options including Thrivent Financial.

We again discussed lost income due to some property owners in the Lake Association not willing to pay the annual fee. We understand that this may have been an unwritten agreement reached with a few select individuals, but we are mentioning this again so that when such properties change hands, the new owners should be asked to pay the White River Lake District tax allotment, as they benefit from the money and effort expended... (Weed control, dam inspections and maintenance, landing repairs & improvements, better water quality, and ultimately enhanced property value, etc.)

Respectfully submitted.

Dorothy Peissig
Tony Saiia