

MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 12, 2024
WHITE POTATO LAKE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
BRAZEAU TOWN HALL
10892 PARKWAY RD, POUND WI 54161
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This is a quarterly meeting of the White Potato Lake District Commissioners.

The meeting was held on Monday August 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Brazeau Town Hall, 10892 Parkway RD., Pound, WI 54161.

Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, by forwarding the complete agenda to the Town of Brazeau and by posting to public bulletin boards at the Brazeau Town Hall, Rescue building, the WPL Sanitary Building on Walkers Bay Rd. and the Lake District website:

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1. Chairperson Bob Wittmann called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.
3. Roll Call - Commissioners present included: Bob Wittmann, Mark Wildenberg, Gwen Schaefer, and John Kneibel.
Excused: Keith Schneider.
4. Agenda Approval – Motion made by Schaefer and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried
5. Minutes of July 9, 2024, quarterly meeting. A Motion made by Wildenberg and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was voted and carried.
6. Treasurer’s Report- Gwen Schaefer, District Treasurer, gave the Treasurer’s Report. The report was treated as information and placed on file.
7. Public Comments - No comments were made.
8. Discussion Items with action
 - A. Water clarity and Lab testing. Wittmann explained that 2 of the 3 water tests have been taken and the results have been returned to the committee. These results will be compared to past and future samples to monitor the health of White Potato Lake.
 - B. Aquatic Plant Management Stake holder survey. - The Survey will be mailed out to the stakeholders on August 12, 2024. Stakeholders will receive a postcard with instruction on how to complete the survey via the internet. Deadline for survey will be September 9, 2024. Onterra will contact the committee once the results are completed.
 - C. Town of Brazeau, Sanitary District and Oconto County tax levy waiver option – Commissioners Kneibel and Schneider were appointed to secure the necessary documents to remove the parcels from the tax levy. This is still ongoing.
 - D. QR tracking and donation directing: Jaeger explained that he has contacted several other Lake Districts and none of them have an option for donations on their websites. Discussions concluded that donations will not be handled on the White Potato Lake District (WPLD) website. If someone wishes to make a donation, they are to contact a board member.
 - E. Budget for 2024 EWM harvesting: Wittmann explained that 3 days of harvesting are scheduled for 2024 and the budget amount will be adequate to cover the contract.

9. Committee Reports with possible action

A. Communication Committee

- a. Fall newsletter: Williams laid out a timeline for the newsletter. All articles should be submitted by October 1. Revisions and additions by October 15. Layout and final approval October 15-31 with printing and mailing scheduled on November 1, 2024.
- b. Williams secured permission to install an information box outside the south entrance door at Brad's. This will enable the Lake District to post information where it will be more visible to our members.
- c. Website: Williams will look into acquiring a different website that is more user friendly and report to the board on his findings.

B. AIS Committee

- a. Purple Loosestrife: Wittmann witness the release of 500 beetles by Derrick Thorn at the hotspot on the west shore. Other means to control the loosestrife will be looked at. This area is hard to access because of shore weeds.
- b. EWM Harvest: The first contractor harvest took place on July 18 & 19, 2024 at a few of the hotspots on the lake. One more harvest date is scheduled for August 15, 2024.
- c. Onterra whole lake survey: This survey has been completed. The results will be available on the WPLD website when they become available.

C. Policy Committee: Four policies were presented to the board for review. The board reviewed them and sent suggestions back to the committee for their action.

D. Fisheries Committee: No report.

E. Projects Committee:

- a. Kneibel reported that the committee is looking into the other methods to control Loosestrife and EWM. Will report back after concluding more investigation.
- b. Committee is going to look into the problem of the goose droppings in yards and boat landings.
- c. Discussions on lake structure and what can be done to increase fish habitat. Kneibel has inquired about the installation of fish cribs but because of the lake's shallow depth, this is not feasible. The possibility of increasing structure along the county owned land on the west shore of the lake is a possibility.

11. Items for next agenda. To be submitted by Chair.

12. Next Meeting: September 24, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Wildenberg. The motion was voted on and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Mark Wildenberg
District Secretary
8/15/24 -Draft
9/24/24 - Approved