

**Minutes**  
**MONDAY January 8, 2024 @ 6PM**  
**WHITE POTATO LAKE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**  
**BRAZEAU TOWN HALL**  
**10892 PARKWAY RD, POUND WI 54161**  
<https://www.wpldistrict.org>

This is an open meeting of the Standing Committee of the White Potato Lake District Commissioners.

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1. Call to Order- at 6pm Chairman Wittmann called the meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – The pledge was recited
3. Roll Call – present Wittmann, Williams, Schafer, Schneider, Kneibel Others present Steve Heimerman, John Jensema, Christine Jensema, Laurie VanDenElzen, Pam Swanson, Curt Swanson, Larry Jaeger, Fred Rosner
4. Agenda Approval motion by Williams Second by Schneider to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 5-0
5. Review Minutes from Sept 2, 2023 Membership Meeting (have to be approved at 2024 annual meeting)
6. Minutes of November 6, 2023 Motion by Schneider, Second by Kneibel to approve the minutes
7. Treasurer’s Report – Schafer reported we have \$1190 in checking and we are expecting to receive a donation by the Lake management committee for about \$7500 and are also going to receive our first tax collection soon. Motion by Schneider second be Kneibel to approve treasurers report. Motion passed 5-0
8. Public Comments
9. Discussion Items
  - A. Oconto County Lake Management Plan – Wittman explained how the lake district plan came into being and that we are looking for volunteers to help on committees and get land owners involved in helping the district
  - B. 2024 Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) Management – Wittman explained that this is just a part of the plan and what we have been concentrating on in the past. Also looking for people to get involved.
10. Action Items

- A. Insurance – General Liability Insurance Quotes and Comparisons for the White Potato Lake District- Williams explained that we got 3 bids from insurance companies and that Westbend has the best price and coverage for our needs at this time. Motion by Schafer second by Kneibel to go with the Westbend bid for \$952 for general liability, personal property and directors and officers coverage. Motion passed 5-0
- B. Town of Brazeau and Oconto County Lake District Tax Levy – Schafer and Wittman explained that we have been contacted by the Town of Brazeau, Oconto County and the Sanitary District that they all got charged the district tax rate and as a result we are really double charging our self's and that we should exempt them for m paying our tax. After discussion, we can't change the rates anymore to waive them this year. Motion by Schafer, second by Kneibel to bring to annual meeting and recommend and budget to waive future charges.
- C. Oconto County Lakes and Water (OCLAWA) Membership Payout Approval – The lake district membership was approved at the adoption of our annual meeting
- D. Stevens Point Wisconsin Association of Lakes Convention – Attendees it was discussed that some of our commissioners can not make this convention and we agreed that committee members could take the place of commissioners if space and money were available. Motion by Williams, second by Schafer to allow John Kneibel, Mark Williams Larry Jaeger and Christine Jensema to attend the conference. Passed 5-0 Also a motion by Schafer second by Kneibel to pay the Federal milage rate. Passed 5-0

**11. Committee Reports with possible action**

- A. Communications Committee Recommendations and Action on Budget Expenditure - budgeted items have been identified and plan put together per the budget
  - 1. Newsletter Content – directed to put as much info in as possible to inform landowners
  - 2. Town of Brazeau Website - Lake District Information – the commissioners agreed to post all of our names, phone numbers and email addresses on our website and the town of Brazeau web sites
- B. Grant Status – Aquatic Plant Management (APM) – Wittman explained we are going through the process and have applications that are pending
- C. Committee Status and Members – committees and membership that we have so far:
  - Communications Committee – Mark Williams, Gwen Schafer Dennis Schafer, Lori VanDenElzen, Larry Jaeger
  - Policy Committee – John and Christine Jensema, Dennis Schafer, Terry Miller
  - AIS Committee – Bob Wittman, Kurt Swanson, Mark Wittenburg, Fred Rosner
  - Fisheries Committee – Bob Wittman, John Kneibel, Dan VanStraten, Terry Brazeau

**12. Items for Next Agenda- Budget**

**13. Next Meeting March 4 or 11**

**14.** Adjournment motion by Schneider, second by Kneibel passed 5-0

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