

July 27, 2026

Dear White Potato Lake District Community Members,

I am pleased to invite you to join us for the 4th Annual Membership Meeting of the White Potato Lake District (WPLD). Your participation helps guide priorities for White Potato Lake and supports the work we do together as a district community.

Annual Meeting Details

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the Town of Brazeau Hall, 10892 Parkway Rd, Pound, WI 54161. The meeting begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. Doors and registration will open at 8:00 a.m.; please plan to arrive early to register and be seated before the meeting begins. Coffee and donuts will be available. Our guest speaker will be Emily Schwartz, newly appointed Oconto County LWCD Water Resource Specialist.

Please bring your current photo I.D. to register to vote.

The Board has one commissioner position open this year for a 3-year term. Attending White Potato Lake District Community Members will vote on this position. Nominations will be taken from those in attendance. Nominated candidates must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and either an elector (resident voter) or an owner of property within the district. Nominees will be asked whether they accept their candidacy. After accepting, candidates will have an opportunity to briefly address the voters. The commissioner election must be conducted by secret ballot. No absentee ballots or proxies are permitted.

2027 Budget Vote

Members will also have the opportunity to vote on the Board's proposed 2027 budget.

The budget includes continued Non-Lapsing Funding (NLF) for a future Lake Management Plan (LMP). These NLF accruals support projected future projects.

The Board continues to work toward maintaining a stable year-to-year budget through revenues from Oconto County Healthy Land and Waters grants, Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association (OCLAWA) grants, and a yearly \$600 donation from the Brazeau Boat Ramp. Financial commitments include expenses from the recently completed Aquatic Plant Management (APM) plan project, the future Lake Management Plan (LMP), rising yearly costs for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) harvesting, and Early/Late Season Lake Surveys. As a result, the proposed 2027 budget would increase next year's tax levy to either a \$75.29 flat parcel rate or a mill rate equal to \$0.548 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Members will vote to choose between these two levy methods.

Included Packet Materials

This packet includes the following materials for your review:

- Annual Meeting Agenda
- Previous year's Annual Meeting Minutes
- Voting Instructions
- 2027 Budget proposal, with comparisons to the previous year's budget
- Summary of WPLD accomplishments and activities

District attendees selected the Annual Meeting date at last year's meeting. If the August 15 date is acceptable, the Board would like to establish future annual meetings on the third Saturday of August. Next year's annual meeting would then be held August 21, 2027.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting. This district meeting is an important opportunity to receive the most up-to-date information on 2026 activities and 2027 plans.

Sincerely,

Bob Wittmann

WPLD Chair

2025 to 2026 District Accomplishments

- Completed the Aquatic Plant Management (APM) plan with assistance from Onterra, which continues to conduct EWM lake surveys.
- Maintained control of EWM spread throughout White Potato Lake, keeping it confined primarily to the lagoon according to Onterra's 2026 year-end summary.
- Established a volunteer lagoon surface water cleanup effort last August and are planning the same effort this year on August 29.
- Continued diver hand pulling as the most economical and efficient method for keeping the EWM population down and preventing spread to the lake body.
- Continued hand pulling purple loosestrife plants from shorelines, releasing plant-eating beetles, and investigating an herbicide spraying project in hard-to-reach biomass shorelines.
- Completed reconstruction of boat ramp signage at all six launch sites using volunteer labor, donated building materials, and an OCLAWA grant.
- Hired a new website coordinator to improve communication with stakeholders. The website is www.wpldistrict.org.
- Planned a Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) project with volunteer boat ramp inspections to educate boaters on preventing the spread of invasive species.
- Inspected docks and boat lifts for zebra mussels before spring installation, with none found.
- Continued laboratory lake water sampling, clarity checks, and oxygen measuring.

Voting instructions:

1 - Requirements for voting:

Current Photo ID.

All voters must be 18 years of age or greater.

Must be a US citizen.

Must be present at the time a vote is cast, no proxy or absentee votes.

2 - Qualifications:

-Must be an owner of real property listed on the WPLD tax roll, a person who owns title to real property even though the person's name does not appear on the tax roll (i.e. a spouse), or an official representative authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or other organization owning real property in the WPLD. Property owners do not have to reside in the WPLD.

-Residents in the WPLD who do not own real property are qualified voters if they meet the requirements listed in #1 above, have resided in the WPLD for at least 28 consecutive days prior to the WPLD Annual Meeting and have no intentions to move in the near future.

3 - Voting:

-Each qualified voter will have one vote to cast on elections and agenda items, regardless of the number of properties they own.

-Qualified Voters will register as they arrive at the meeting and will receive a voting card and ballot(s).

-Commissioner elections will be conducted by secret ballot. Other matters will not require a secret ballot, but may be done by such if deemed necessary by the members.

-A proposed budget for lake management actions, plans and programs in 2027 will be presented for approval or modification through amendments from the electors.

-After there is a final approved budget, the electors will hold a hand vote regarding which method of taxation will be applied. The continuation of a flat parcel rate or change to a mill rate.

-This listing of voting information is to inform all potential meeting attendees and qualified voters as to the general voting process. It may not contain every detail but is intended to provide basic understanding.

-At this 2026 Annual WPLD meeting, there will be one commissioner position voted on.

Candidates will be determined by nominations from the floor at the meeting. A nomination needs a second and an acceptance by the nominee that they will faithfully serve. Once, there are no more nominations offered, the presiding officer will ask for any more nominations three (3) times. After hearing no other nominations, the presiding officer will ask for a motion to close the nominations, accept a second, and ask for a voice vote to close the nominating process. The secret ballots will then be voted, collected and tallied/counted. All Candidates may observe the counting process.

Each election ballot will list one slot, each voter can vote for one candidate. At the end of voting, the candidate with the most votes will receive a three (3) year term.

AGENDA

WHITE POTATO LAKE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday August 15, 2026
Members sign in 8am – 9am
Meeting starts at 9am

BRAZEAU TOWN HALL
10892 PARKWAY RD, POUND WI 54161
<https://www.wpldistrict.org>

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 town of Brazeau town hall, Brazeau rescue building, Bulletin board at Brads Wouters Front and on the Lake District website. Copies of the complete agenda are available for inspection at the Town of Brazeau Town Hall or the Lake District website:

<https://www.wpldistrict.org> as well as mailed to every land owner in the sanitary district tax roll

1. Call to Order Chairman Bob Wittmann
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Board Introduction
4. Agenda Approval
5. Minutes of July 19th, 2025 annual meeting
6. Emily Schwartz Oconto County LWCD Water Resource Specialist (Guest Speaker)
7. Introduction and Explanation of process – Bob Wittmann
8. Committee reports
 - A. AIS Committee – Bob Wittmann
 - B. Fisheries Committee – Dan VanStraten
 - C. Communication Committee – Mark Williams
9. Establish and Approve Annual Budget – Bob Wittmann
10. Election of 1 Commissioner 33.28(c) – Bob Wittmann
 - A. One Commissioner position is up for election
 - B. Nominations
 - C. Election
11. Public Comments
12. Next Meeting
13. Adjournment

(Draft) Meeting Minutes
Saturday July 19, 2025
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<https://www.wpldistrict.org>

1. Chairperson Bob Wittmann called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: The secretary conducted roll call. Commissioners present included: Bob Wittmann, Mark Wildenberg, Gwen Schaefer, Keith Schneider, John Kneibel - Absent
4. Introduction and Explanation of process – Bob Wittmann explained the intent of the meeting and voting instructions and the process
5. Agenda Approval – Chairman Bob Wittmann made an addition to the agenda under section 6 (committee reports) and added E. Projects Committee. Motion made by Kieth Schneider to accept the agenda with the addition. Motion was second by Mark Wildenberg. The motion was voted and carried.
6. Minutes of June 15th, 2024, annual meeting – Motion made by Mark Wildenberg to accept the minutes. Motion was second by Mark Williams. The motion was voted and carried.
7. Committee reports:
 - A. AIS Committee – Bob Wittmann
Bob updated everyone on the aquatic weed issues and progress. Information was shared on shoreline restoration as well as the effects of fertilizer runoff can do to the lake.
 - B. Fisheries Committee – Dan VanStraten
Dan gave an update on the Sportsman’s club fish stocking in the lake.
 - C. Communication Committee – Mark Williams
Mark informed everyone about the newsletter and the website. Mark also informed everyone that if the district has your email, the newsletter will be sent to you via email, if they do not have the email, hard copies are mailed at the expense of the district.
 - D. Policy Committee – Bob Wittmann
Bob updated everyone on what the committee has been doing.
 - E. Project Committee– Bob Wittmann
Bob updated everyone on what projects the committee is looking into.
8. Approve the annual budget.
A brief explanation of the 2026 budget was presented. Discussion about the mill rate versus parcel rate was discussed. Motion made by Lynie Vincent to keep the flat rate for property tax to the district. Motion was second by Paul Rusch. The motion was voted by a show of hand and carried.
Motion made by Jason Drake to accept the budget. Motion was second by Kevin Lacombe. The motion was voted and carried.
9. Election of 1 commissioner.
Bob Wittmann opened up the floor for nominations. Jim Rock made a motion to nominate Gwen Schaefer, Mark Wildenberg second the nomination. Gwen accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations.
10. Public Comments: None
11. Next Meeting: August 15th, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
12. Adjournment: Motion made at 10:11 by Lynie Vincent to adjourn. Motion was second by Kurt Otto. The motion was voted and carried.

Mark Wildenberg
District Secretary
Revision 3
7/28/2025

Lake Management Costs/Accruals	2024 Budget	2025	2026	YEAR TO DATE	Expected year end 2026	Difference	2027
Lake Management Planning (LMP) Non-Lapsing Fund (NLF)	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Lake Management Projects NLF	\$1,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) NLF	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Harvesting ¹	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$11,812.50
EWM Monitoring (Biological Surveys) ¹	\$6,590.00	\$5,200.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,670.00	-\$830.00	\$7,050.00
EWM Monitoring-APM Plan ¹	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,307.50	\$2,307.50	\$0.00
APM-Other costs (Participation & Admin)	\$0.00	\$7,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sub Total	\$25,890.00	\$31,650.00	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$34,477.50	\$1,477.50	\$24,862.50
Expenditures/Administration Operational Costs							
Dues/Fees - OCCLAWA WL	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Postage/Mailings/Announcements/Newsletter /Office Suplies	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,063.83	\$3,013.83	\$513.83	\$3,500.00
Media/Webpage	\$1,993.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,750.00
Insurance	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,800.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	-\$1,350.00	\$1,600.00
Accountant	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$400.00	\$500.00
Legal/Consultant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Commissoniers stipend- \$400 annually paid quarterly	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Training/Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Sub Total	\$5,000.00	\$14,600.00	\$15,900.00	\$8,613.83	\$17,063.83	\$1,163.83	\$17,150.00
Total	\$13,093.00	\$46,250.00	\$48,900.00	\$8,613.83	\$61,173.83	\$2,641.33	\$42,012.50
Revenues							
Donations/Gifts/Town of Brazeau Boat Ramp Donations	\$1,190.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Donation - WPLMC	\$7,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant - APM Grant/Surveys*	\$0.00	\$2,030.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grant - Public Participation (In-Kind dollars)	\$0.00	\$2,231.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$1,000.00	\$135.22	\$275.00	\$139.78	\$275.00
Oconto County Healthy Waters Grant	\$0.00	\$2,475.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,554.00	\$1,554.00	\$0.00
OCLAWA Grant*	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
Annual Carry Over	\$0.00	\$8,083.31	\$6,821.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$402.45
Tax Levy	\$30,493.00	\$26,130.59	\$31,478.90	\$31,478.90	\$31,478.90	\$3,043.78	\$40,735.05
Revenue Total	\$39,183.00	\$46,250.00	\$48,900.00				\$42,012.50
Net of Extra Revneau - Expense*						\$402.45	
Total property value of WPL = \$74,254,400 (2025) Mill Rate ≈ \$0.548 (per thousand of assessed value)							
2026- 532 properties-\$ 59.17 2027 - 541 properties Flat Parcel Rate - \$75.29							
¹ - Any unspent funds will be added to the NLF							
Non-Lapsing Fund Account Totals as of 12/31/26							
LMP NLF = \$15,000.00							
AIS NLF = \$17,000.00							
Lake Management Projects NLF = \$8,500							

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