



## Annual meeting of the Round Lake Management District Board of Commissioners Round Lake, located in the Town of Trade Lake, Burnett County, Wisconsin

Held at Round Lake public access/launch, 3:00 PM on 08/17/2024  
End of Stillson Road, Frederic, WI 54837

Meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Schwartz @ 3:00 PM. There were 5 board members in attendance.

Board members present:  
Chairman Terry Schwartz  
Secretary Jim Dooher  
Treasurer Greg Younker  
Trade Lake Town Board Representative Ramona Moody  
Burnett County Representative Bruce Java

43 district members in attendance at start.

Affidavit of Posting: Notice was posted at 10:00 AM on 08/03/24 at the Trade Lake Store, Bass Lake Lumber, Trade Lake Town Hall, and Tin Shed. Notice and Agenda were posted on the Trade Lake website by the same time. Notices were sent to all property owners by 08/03/2024, including a separate mailing with the proposed budget and agenda.

Approval of Agenda Order: Motion by Dooher to approve the agenda order. Seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dooher to approve the minutes of Q2 meeting of 05/09/2024 with no additions or corrections. Seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried by voice vote.

New RLMD commissioner Bruce Java was introduced.

Grant Update: Greg updated the members on the DNR grant. Greg explained the status of our current grant and the complex process of applying for grants and how the DNR reimburses for those grants as money is spent and goals are met. He continued to explain the issues around the current health of the lake, weed growth and how effective our treatment was last year. That treatment resulted in a large kill-off of the weeds and also in the preponderance of Curly Leaf this year, which is an opportunistic plant. He presented additional information on the plan going forward, which emphasizes harvesting instead of chemical treatments. Dave Blumer (lake detective) spoke and agreed that it's a good plan and that we could consider chemical treatments again down the road if necessary.

Treasurers Report: Greg explained the proposed budget. He further explained that money comes from grants and tax collections, and where money is, and how it has been spent to date. Current bank balance is roughly \$333. Next year's budget includes funds from tax revenues and grant reimbursements. The proposed budget includes line items for District overhead, fish stocking support, DNR permits, and grant applications.

Fiscal Year End audit review: District member Pete Kane introduced himself and explained his background as an accountant. He stated that he performed a thorough audit of the District's financial status, and found no irregularities. His conclusion was that the budget and bank statements all checked out and there were no errors, money was allocated and spent per the plan.

Elections: We took a short break to distribute ballots and then voted by secret ballot to elect Doug Elle as our new District Secretary. The vote was unanimous.

Round Lake Fisheries stocking discussion: Greg and Jim explained the process of buying Walleye fingerlings from the tribes, which size of fingerlings make sense to use, and the cost. There was discussion around the benefits and problems associated with stocking the lake, including the potential effect on fishing pressure. The DNR agrees that in general it's a good plan that a lot of other lakes are using. It was pointed out that Scott Classert has raised money towards this effort and is asking for a District contribution, which is one of the budget items to be voted on at this meeting. It is also possible that additional private money will be raised next year and the District contribution may not be needed, in which case the funds would be carried over for future operations.

Enhanced wake ordinance discussion and vote: Terry presented a summary of John Piotrowski's presentation on wake boating. It was explained and generally agreed upon that Round is too small and shallow to accommodate enhanced wake activities, that the practice is very destructive for small and shallow lakes, both for the shorelines and the wildlife habitat. Also discussed were the problems associated with disturbing the nutrients on the bottom of the lake. A voice vote was taken and approved unanimously to proceed with pushing forward an already drafted District ordinance prohibiting enhanced wake operation on Round Lake.

Budget Line items: Greg explained each budget line item and the cost per property in terms of dollars per \$100,000 of property value. Votes were cast on three items:

- 1) District operational budget – passed unanimously
- 2) Support for Round Lake Fishery stocking – passed with strong support, 3 owners dissenting
- 3) DNR Grant application funding – passed with strong support, 2 owners dissenting

Public Comments / Questions: Discussion about power loading and high speed boating by the Bass club. Some discussion regarding the loon population and how it is endangered by wake boating. Additional discussion about the current tax levies in place supporting the Frederic school district, and a proposed new referendum that could potentially mean another big increase.

Agenda for next quarterly meeting to be scheduled for late September, exact date TBD.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Dooher. Seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.