



Q3.2025 / 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 Classert's Willow Cove Resort, 10:00a.m. on 08.23.2025

Meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Schwartz @ 10:08a.m.

Board members present:

Chairman Terry Schwartz

Secretary Doug Elle

Treasurer Greg Younker

Trade Lake Town Board Representative Ramona Moody

Burnett County Board Representative Bruce Java

Affidavit of Posting: Notice was posted by 08.15.2025 by 9:30a.m. at the Trade Lake Store, Bass Lake Lumber, and Trade Lake Town Hall.

Approval of Agenda Order and Q2.2025 minutes

- Motion by Elle to approve the agenda order and Q2.2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Younker. Motion carried by voice vote of the electors.
- Annual meeting minutes from 2024 and 2025 to be approved and listed as an agenda item at the 2026 annual meeting.

Treasurers Report

- Greg shared via big screen and covered the overall funds, with \$1400 of donations, grant fund updates, \$11,000 in income, paid for fish stocking, newsletters, PO Box, permits for the full lake/all properties so we can cut with the harvester all around our lake, \$4500 to Younker Leasing (weed harvester), \$9500 in total expenses, balance of \$1756. Expecting tax levy funds and DNR grant reimbursements. Estimating we will have around \$5600 in our funds by April 2026.

Fiscal Year 2025 Audit

- Physical copy of the audit is present and available for all to review, performed by Pete Kane.

Resolution to allow Greg Younker, District Treasurer, to make payments to Younker Leasing, LLC.

- Retracting this agenda item

Round Lake Fisheries and Walleye Stocking

- Phase I took place on 07.16.2025, everything went well, water clarity was great, temp was

perfect and the fish. Video footage of the fish release was shared and can be found on the facebook page.

Summary of 2025 Lake Management Activities

- Greg shared about his qualifications and passions to manage bodies of water (water clarity drives value). Greg is focused on water clarity along with invasives. Plan will target phosphorus as our lake has too much (so much that we are out of the box for typical testing levels) and is leading to eutrophication. Phosphorus reduction plans – prevent land runoff, chemical alum treatment (expensive), aeration (aqua thrusters) mechanical harvesting removing plants.

Proposed 2026 Lake Management Plan

- Continue harvesting weeds, especially in the most dense areas. Keep taking water clarity samples and plotting, trending in the right direction. Example: we have removed 180 cubic yards of aquatic vegetation which equates to 40,000 pounds of weeds. If we follow Scott Provost from the DNR's math – that would equate to 5000 pounds of algae bloom prevented.
- Younker Leasing LLC owns the weed harvester – the intent is for the lake district to take over ownership. Purchase price of \$44,577, business loan covered \$41,900 with a \$2677 down payment and \$2452 in sales tax, upgraded paddle wheel \$1472. Moving forward there are two options: rent to own lease agreement over 5 years, about \$100 per year per property tax, with an extension to the grant to pay harvester operators in 2026. Second option – there is no plan B – open to ideas.

Proposed 2026 Lake District Budget

- Proposed line-item budget descriptions: current year revenue estimated at \$16,202 with \$15,985 in expenses for an ending balance of \$217. 2026 estimated revenue of \$18,588 with capital expense of \$10,371 for the harvester and operating expenses of \$3000 for an estimated ending balance of \$5217.
- Open budgetary discussion: sounds like the plan has changed, which is true – we do still have grant money but only for 2025, one year grant. We are looking for extra funds to help pay for operations of the weed harvester. Comment that if the lake residents are paying for the harvester then we want that harvester to stay here exclusively at our lake unless we are renting it out. Leasing company would train and approve operators of the harvester on the lake. The leasing company would own the harvester and would be responsible for liability/insurance, as well as maintenance for the equipment until the lease-to own agreement is fulfilled. Once the lease to own is satisfied, the lake district will own the harvester and will need to make a plan for these items.
- Call for voting on budget line items:
 - Line item 1 – provide support for 2026 Harvesting Operations, estimated \$40.79 for every \$100,000 of property value. Proposal to approve line item by Bruce, seconded by Doug. Show of hands is unanimous approval.
 - Line item 2 – provide support for the Round Lake Fishery, estimated \$9.83 for every \$100,000 of property value. Terry called for vote and by show of hands was passed unanimously.

Election of Officers – Office of Chair, 3-year position

- John Piotrowski is running unopposed; paper ballots distributed to those in attendance and able to legally vote. Ballot count is unanimous, with 35 votes for John, John is elected to the

position. Round of applause for Terry and his 3 years of service in this position.

Vote to approve newly elected Chair as authorized signer on the bank account

- Motion by Elle, seconded by Younker. Show of hands elect this to pass unanimously.

Guest Presenter: Matthew Weseli (if schedule permits) DNR Game Warden and Conservation Officer, Burnett County

- Unable to attend today but offered to come to another meeting in the future

Public Comments / Questions

- Aqua thrusters are helpful and allowed, cost around \$3500 and is very much worth it, several lake owners have them now.
- Crappies are still sick with sarcoma, people are pulling and disposing of them, estimating 1 out of every 3 are sick. DNR is still not looking into yet.
- Comment that we could consider a line item in the future for the full/remainder purchase of the harvester as an option for voting on. Some interest in the lake association owning it sooner.

Agenda for Q4 meeting to be forthcoming and date will be TBD.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Elle. Seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried by voice vote and show of hands. Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.