

August 30, 2025 - 2025 Special Voters Meeting Agenda

Mead Lake District Special Meeting - Agenda

Date:	Saturday, August 30
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Mead Lake Pavillion at the Dam

Agenda

1. Call to order - Mews
2. Roll call and establish quorum - Schalow
3. Amend 2026 Budget to include Revenue Source:
Only the Expense side of the 2026 budget was approved at the annual meeting. Since the tax revenue for this year was eliminated, we need to move some of our extra funds to this budget in order to legally cover our expenses in 2026. The revised budget needs approval by a majority of the Mead Lake District voters in attendance at this special meeting.
4. Motion to adjourn

Mead Lake District

2026 Fiscal Year Budget January-December

Revenue:

Transfer from general reserves	\$13,800.00
Grant from Clark County	10,000.00*
Interest on Accounts	<u>1,108.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$24,908.00

Expenses:

Meeting Refreshments	\$200.00
Postage and Printing	300.00
Membership Dues ECRWA	1000.00
Water Quality Project – Lab Test Exp. / Elect	13,408.00
Sensor for the Dam (Temp, Flow, Ph, Ni, O)	<u>10,000.00*</u>
Total Expenses	\$24,908.00

After the transfer, the general reserve balance will be \$59,305.52.

August 9, 2025 – 2025 3rd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

Mead Lake District

3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes – Draft

Date:	August 9, 2025
Time:	9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Location:	Greenwood Fire Department

1. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Rick Mews
2. Roll Call: Rick Mews, Will Ruemmele, Mary Schalow, Greg Evans, Larry Koschak, Bob Eckes (Town of Mead), Roy Tyznik (Clark County). Quorum reached.
3. Q & A in Video Conference with Attorney Jared Walker Smith, attorney from Boardman Clark in Madison. He provides lake district management seminars and advises the UW-Madison lake experts on lake district business. Hired by Larry Koschak and gave the following opinions and advice:
 - . Budget format: Mead Lake District's 2026 budget was approved on the expense side only. The revenue side needs to match the expense side. Based on the annual meeting minutes, the intent was clear that voters wish to use up reserves rather than levy any sort of new tax. To correct the 2026 budget, a Special Voters meeting can be scheduled with the agenda item of amending the budget. The budget should indicate that the reserve fund is being used and then show the remaining amount that is left in the reserves. The upcoming semi-annual meeting could be changed to a Special Meeting for this purpose.
 - a. General reserve funds: Lake districts are not supposed to carry over funds from year to year. The statute does not allow a general reserve that can build up a surplus to use as needed. Many lake districts have compliance issues on this.
 - b. Non-lapsable funds: If our lake district wishes to set aside money for a project, we need to set up a non-lapsable fund at the annual voters' meeting; the fund is designed for capital improvement projects or maintenance for capital equipment, such as for a harvester or similar project. Although old minutes on

file for Mead Lake District referred to non-lapsable funds, the intended use was not documented so we should start anew and set one up if needed.

- c. Calcium Chloride: Maintenance of public roads is the responsibility of the town. With permission from the town, it can be argued that the lake district has the authority to apply calcium chloride. The district should check to be sure there are no liability concerns.
 - d. Annual Meeting Minutes Changes: Minutes must be approved by voters at the next annual meeting, but the draft may be revised by the commissioners at a quarterly meeting.
4. Review and approval of 2nd Quarter meeting minutes – Mary Schalow: Minutes were read and several additions and changes were identified. Phil Strand clarified his intent regarding the 3rd party cost of the nanobubbler project. Mary will modify the minutes with that intent. Motion made by Larry Koschak and seconded by Greg Evans to approve the modified minutes; carried.
5. Determine actions based on attorney recommendations – action item – Larry Koschak: A Special Meeting is needed to finalize the 2026 budget. August 30 would be a good day since our semi-annual meeting can be changed to a Special Meeting. This requires 14-day notice. Mary suggested we have one agenda item to fix the legal Budget issue. Larry felt we should open up the meeting for more agenda items, specifically to establish a non-lapsable fund and reestablish the tax. It was noted there is a tight deadline for providing tax instruction to the county. Will Ruemmele asked if we have plans to spend the over \$70,000 in the reserve fund. Larry responded that yes, there are expensive aeration systems that could utilize those funds. Rick Mews moved the discussion of our Special Meeting agenda to later in the meeting (Agenda item #23).
6. Discussion about \$100 assessment – Greg Evans:
- Greg expressed concern that by stopping the tax assessment, there may be objections raised by voters when asked to reinstate it later. Mary stated we cannot reinstate taxing unless a specific non-lapsable fund is created. She read the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Wisconsin Attorney General opinions that clearly require specific identification of the purpose of the funds.

- There were several suggestions made by meeting attendees and board members about setting up a lapsable fund and naming it something generic, such as “Capital Improvements”, “Capital Maintenance”, or “Clean Water”. Once created, the purpose could be changed at any time.
- It was noted that the Special Meeting will likely have very poor attendance. Mary Schalow recommended postponing decisions about large amounts of money until the annual meeting where voters are much better represented.
- Will Ruemmele reminded the board that our voters overwhelmingly sent a message to the board at the annual meeting that they don’t want to be taxed while we have money to pay our expenses.
- Rick Mews suggested we address the budget amendment before entertaining any motions for setting up a non-lapsable fund or bringing back the tax for 2026. He once again postponed further discussion until near the end of the meeting (item #23).

7. Buoy permit placement locations – Will Ruemmele: The slow wake zone buoys appear to be in a different location this year. How is this handled?

- Larry stated that the no-wake zone markers were placed beyond the no-wake zone this year to get people to slow down earlier; the property owners in that area are extremely happy. Will Ruemmele informed the board that the buoy permits can be revoked if buoys are incorrectly placed. Rick Mews clarified that since the lake district was issued the buoy permit, we are responsible for staying in compliance with the permit regarding their location.

8. Nanobubbles transparency – Schalow: There are documents in our lake district files that have never been presented to the voters, and we have learned more from the DNR.

- . Mead Lake District and Balsam Lake were denied grants by the DNR due to nanobubbles not being scientifically proven technology. Larry Koschak wrote a subsequent letter to the DNR protesting the rejection, stating they ignored required statutes in their evaluation.
- a. DNR has advised our district to not overestimate the ability of nanobubbles to rehabilitate our lake. Phosphorous contributions from the watershed far exceed that of in-lake sources.

- b. Voters at the 2025 annual meeting were told the DNR will be planning the project with the lake district. DNR stated in an email that they will not be involved in any planning beyond making sure the test unit is not damaging the lake.
- c. Voters were told we need seven units at a cost of \$288,000 although there are no plans or estimates in the files. Larry Koschak stated we will use the test data in our planning; it is possible the DNR may not require permits going forward.
- d. Greg Evans was told that someone jumped into the water near the test site and for the first time they felt sand on the floor of the lake instead of muck.
- e. Bill Martens stated that something has to be tried. Mary responded she is providing information that should be known by voters when making informed decisions.
- f. Will Ruemmele learned a Notice of Noncompliance was issued to our lake district by the DNR for placing nanobubble units in the water without a permit. Our voters should have been informed of this. Phil Strand objected to this discussion and other items on the agenda as a poor use of our time.
- g. Upon request, Phil Strand clarified the sequence of events. Two bubblers were purchased and placed in the water for two weeks without a permit. They were pulled out and placed in storage. The 2025 budget set aside \$35,000 to buy the unit that is being tested right now. All checks were written after voter approval.

9. Web site management discussion and action – Koschak:

- . Larry Koschak recommended hiring a website manager to monitor the site and make usability improvements. Rick Mews authorized Mary Schalow to be the new administrator of the site. Kendra Baierl, the web site's creator, will provide training within the next week or so. Kendra is willing to make requested changes with compensation. The board agreed to this approach.
- a. Larry also recommended removing the password as it violates open meetings law. Greg Evans made a motion to remove the password from our website. Seconded by Larry; motion carried.
- b. Larry made a motion that we change the personal email addresses on the website to the lake district email address. Greg Evans seconded. Motion carried. Mary Schalow agreed to monitor the email box after these changes but clarified that commissioners may still email each other individually.

10. Accounting for social committee / fireworks funds – Ruemmele: Rick Mews clarified that the entertainment group is independent and not a committee of the lake district.

11. Audit of Mead Lake District financials – action item – Schalow: Audits are required to be done every year and presented at the annual meeting. No audits are documented in the files since 2016, other than an audit for 2024. We need to be diligent going forward.

12. Potential sale of district assets – 2 Kingfisher aeration machines – Koschak: These machines were purchased before the DNR changed the scope of the test project; they were used for only two weeks. They are likely too small to be useful on Mead Lake. We paid \$15,300 with shipping. Larry has received a potential offer of \$14,000 for the pair and needs to know the lowest amount he can accept in negotiations. Greg Evans made a motion we accept no less than \$12,000 without further approval. Bob Eckes seconded; motion carried.

13. Calcium chloride funding and bid for application – Ruemmele:

- . What happened this year?

- i. Phil Strand worked out an agreement with the Town of Mead. Phil sought and received \$2600 in private donations and the town gave a one-time-only contribution of \$1588. South Lake Road was skipped due to road work. Greg Mews is storing the equipment.

- a. Next Year?

- i. There was discussion of paying a third party individually on a property-by-property basis, but it would be stop-and-start on the road and would miss the county owned roads.

- ii. The town doesn't object to the lake district applying calcium chloride. Bob Eckes will check on liability issues. Patti Denk feels we should do it ourselves or it will not happen; the dust negatively affects property values. Ideally this should be done before Memorial Day, but voter approval for the money cannot happen before the annual meeting. Will Ruemmele stated the dust causes uncomfortable and dangerous

situations with walkers and Amish buggies. The voters have overwhelmingly supported this; we own the equipment and have at least two people on the lake with knowledge of the application process. With spending roughly \$50 per household we can do all roads around the lake.

- iii. Larry Koschak suggested selling the sprayer as this is not our responsibility and we should not even be talking about this. Colleen Koschak added that we have been told in the past that we can address only water issues; we just need to slow down and prevent salt from going into the water.
- iv. Mary Schalow reminded the group that Larry's lawyer, this morning, stated we can do this with the Town of Mead's approval if liability isn't a concern. We should research the issue and bring it to the next quarterly meeting, since it is what the voters want. Rick Mews concurred that the lawyer did say that, and Bob Eckes is going to check on the liability. Future discussion is needed.

14. Proposed changes to 2025 Annual Meeting minutes draft – action item – Schalow. Mary read the existing draft and highlighted changes. The board accepted these changes to the draft. They will be presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting for voter approval.

15. Update on progress for fish crib drops on September 27, 2025 – Koschak: Plans are moving forward. Dave Nowak started building pallet tents. Still need some logs and pallets and different boards. Rick and Kris Okray have volunteered to provide some equipment and use of a truck. Details were discussed, with more information to come later. Larry stated there will likely be a nice lunch afterward.

16. Amend quantity of district meetings – action item – Ruemmele: Larry stated that four quarterly meetings and one annual meeting are required. Our semi-annual meeting was a holdover from the days before the board realized quarterly meetings were required. Will Ruemmele suggested we work toward having remote meetings so our voters will be able to attend when not at the lake. Greg Evans said this was discussed at a previous meeting, thinking we'd move the quarterly meetings to the Greenwood Fire Department after the bridge is fixed. Cost would be \$25 per meeting. Annual meetings must continue to be held in person at the lake. Bob Eckes shared that the Town of Mead will

be discussing the addition of Wi-Fi for the town hall at their next meeting. Mary Schalow made a motion to eliminate the semi-annual meeting going forward. Greg Evans seconded; motion carried.

17. Officers and terms of current commissioners for the record – Schalow. Offices are one-year assignments. The following are the current offices and terms:

- . Rick Mews – Chair – Two years remaining
- a. Will Ruemmele – Treasurer – One year remaining
- b. Mary Schalow – Secretary – Three years remaining
- c. Greg Evans – Commissioner – Two years remaining
- d. Larry Koschak – Commissioner – Three years remaining
- e. Bob Eckes – Town of Mead appointee – Ongoing
- f. Roy Tyznik – Clark County appointee – Ongoing

18. Review voting rights – Ruemmele: This has been answered.

19. Required legal components of Annual Meeting budget presentations – Schalow: There are several components required in the budget presented at the annual meeting. The University of Wisconsin put out a sample that can be used, which wonderfully includes all those components on one page, making it easy for the voters to see the whole picture when it arrives with the annual meeting agenda. Mary passed out the sample page for consideration by the treasurer in the future.

20. Mailing of invoices to Mead Lake District Treasurer – Schalow: Will Ruemmele changed the address that is on file at the bank to his own. The official Mead Lake District address is now Mary's home address on the lake. It will be listed on the website as soon as Mary receives training and can make those updates. It was clarified that commissioners can send invoices directly to the treasurer.

21. New business: WDNR Grants, deadlines for application – discussion and action –
Koschak: Larry will apply again this year for a surface water planning grant, with maximum value of \$10,000 if awarded. It would cover water testing expenses. Deadline of September 15 is for pre-application, stating intent. November 15 is final application deadline. Resolution of Authorization must come from the board; Rick Mews agreed to sign it and the board authorized Larry to move forward on this. We were not awarded the grant last year but have more knowledge now so are hoping for a better outcome. The money needs to be in the budget in case the grant is not awarded.
22. New business: Alternate aeration project and future options discussion and action –
Koschak: Air Diffusion System's aeration system was installed at Lake Eau Claire ten years ago. Fishing has improved immensely, with anecdotal reports of terrific walleye fishing. The system circulates water from bottom to top and eliminates stratification of the water. Larry distributed an email from an Air Diffusion representative with a drawing and explanation of how this could be installed in Mead Lake, at a price of approximately \$120,000. DNR offers grants of up to \$200,000 for approved projects, and this is a technology that the DNR loves. A permit is required, but no testing phase. Emphasis is on water circulation rather than the addition of oxygen. Larry is seeking approval to continue investigating. Lake Eau Claire is willing to show us their system upon request. Mary asked if this would replace nanobubbles or run concurrently. Larry is not sure, but they cover different aspects. One person noted these diffusers work beautifully in golf club ponds. One unit would be placed at the dam, one in front of Martens' house; they would be starting at edge of dike and running up to Wiskerchen's. They don't interfere with boating, as they sit on bottom of lake, connected by electricity running across floor of the lake, not buried. The Board gave Larry permission to investigate further.
23. Special Meeting and Agenda - Continuation of Item #5. Budget amendment is needed to add a revenue portion. Requires voter approval at a Special Meeting. It was decided to wait until the annual meeting to discuss lapsable funds and future taxation, when the voters are properly represented. To hold the Special Meeting on August 30, we have six days to get the proper notices out to voters. We need to designate money from our assets to the revenue portion of our budget to cover the 2026 expenses. It was decided to transfer funds from our reserve to cover the expenses. Larry Koschak made a motion to have a special meeting on August 30 at 9:00 at the Mead Lake dam pavilion. Seconded by Bob Eckes; motion carried. Another motion by Larry Koschak for the

agenda item to amend the 2026 budget to include the revenue adjustment. Seconded by Will Ruemmele; carried.

24. Sunday Fun Day – Greg Evans: As a positive note after a tough meeting, Greg Evans is hosting a Sunday Fun Day over Labor Day weekend. This will include music; come on over by car or boat. Jenny Polhemus added that there will be a light lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, chips etc. Bring your own drinks and chairs.
25. South Lake Road – Eckes: Bob estimates that South Lake Road roadwork will be completed this year. The town put 6” of gravel on just past the boat landing, which hadn’t been planned for this year. August 26 will be the completion date unless it rains. The town is not responsible for driveways but Blackie may do some fill-in on driveways that have drastic drop-offs. Anyone wishing to obtain a load of gravel will get a discount if they order and pay in advance to receive the same day they’re hauling. Call Haas Trucking at 715-669-5469. Once the road is compacted and packed down, the road will be dusty but will be better. The town is spending \$120,000 on South Lake Road.
26. Motion to adjourn: Motion by Greg Evans to adjourn, seconded by Mary Schalow; enthusiastically carried!

Mead Lake District Secretary

Mary Schalow

**June 14, 2025, From: Mead Lake District
Official Notice and Agenda
Annual Assignment of Officers in Mead Lake District
Date and Time: June 14, 2025, from 11:00 am
Location: South Side Boat Shelter**

Agenda

1. Call to order by Rick Mews, Chair
2. Roll call and establish quorum
 - a. All seven commissioners were present
3. Agreement was reached on official offices of the commissioners:
 - a. **Rick Mews** – Chair
 - b. **Will Ruemmele** – Treasurer, replacing Philip Strand
 - c. **Mary Schalow** – Secretary, replacing Lisa Zepplin
 - d. **Greg Evans** – Commissioner
 - e. **Larry Koschak** – Commissioner, replacing Al Baierl
 - f. **Bob Eckes** – Commissioner, Town of Mead appointed
 - g. **Roy Tyznik** – Commissioner, Clark County appointed
4. Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn

Mead Lake District

Annual Meeting Minutes – Amended Draft

Date:	June 14, 2025
Time:	9:00am to 11:00am
Location:	South Lake Rd., Mead Lake Pavillion at the Dam

27. Meeting called to order by Commissioner Rick Mews

28. Roll Call: Rick Mews, Philip Strand, Lisa Zepplin, Greg Evans, Al Baierl, Bob Eckes (Mead Township), Roy Tyznik (Clark County)

29. Moment of silence for Mead Lake members that have passed: Brad Lovelace, Jack Wissell, Joyce Wiskerchen, Steve Wolf, John T. Schultz, Larry Dick, Liz Koschak-Laundre.

30. Adopt Agenda: Larry Koschak made a motion to adopt agenda 2nd by Colleen Koschak. Voice vote adopted.

31. Annual Meeting minutes from June 15th, 2024 read by Lisa Zepplin. Amend the \$14,000.00 for Calcium Chloride to \$10,000 but cannot be amended as it was voted on.

32. Public Comment:

Bob Semmelhack (Scout Road) expressed concern of the fish population and the lack of DNR response to bag limits.

Paul Proksch asked why we did calcium chloride differently this year. No response.

Unnamed attendee asked if it had ever been resolved whether we are able to spend money on town roads, being they are located outside the Lake District? Attendee thought it was resolved when we purchased the equipment.

Mary Schalow commented that she consulted with the University of Wisconsin lake experts that exist to give advice to lake districts and associations. They felt the district can spend money on calcium chloride outside the district as long as it benefits the lake district members and the funding is approved by the voters. They did recommend periodic water testing for salt if that is a concern. Mary recommended we place this on next year's agenda for funding.

Will Ruemmele asked what equipment was voted to be purchased and what did we buy? Is there a detailed breakdown in the annual reports? There is not. Will asked what we learned in the water quality test and learn. Philip Strand replied that we didn't learn much due to the DNR bringing the program to a halt due to a complaint that had been filed.

33. Treasurers Report: Philip Strand presented 2 budgets

- a. Extended Fiscal Year (June 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024) Starting Balance \$110,052; Ending Balance: \$96,366. List of expenses available.
- b. Year-to-Date (as of May 31, 2025) Starting Balance: \$96,366.11; Ending balance: \$173,105.52; Expenses: \$37,733.61; Revenue (tax assessment and interest): \$14,473.02. Motion made to accept Treasurer report 1st Bill Martens 2nd Greg Evans

34. Update on Hwy M bridge construction and lake level management, Curtiss Lindner. Did not attend.

35. Update on AED: Cost of units is over \$2,500.00 each. Clark County will not help.

Colleen Koschak stated we need to attend Clark County meetings to have our voices heard. Roy Tyznik stated that Forest and Parks would be the committee to approach regarding this. Larry Koschak made a motion to remove from further agendas. Jodi Larson 2nd. Hand vote: Yes: 22 No:12 Motion passed to drop this item.

36. Update: Wake/surf boat operations: As of now the DNR has no different rules for this type of boat.

37. Lake management projects

- a. Healthy Lakes and River Grants: Residences can get up to \$1000.00 for planting a 350 sf area with native plants (75-25 grant; owners covers 25% or labor) to filter rainwater/water before it enters the lake. You can have up to 3 of these areas(practices).
- b. Mead Lake District water quality improvement program: We are allowed to run only one nanobubbler. It will run June-Sept. with testing done twice monthly; also testing for zooplankton and algae.
- c. New Mead Lake Management Plan: Updated version is available as PDF via MeadLake1952@gmail.com.
- d. Lake bottom mapping: Map available via MeadLake1952@gmail.com
- e. Fish crib/fish habitat improvement program: Sept. 27th, 2025, we will be assembling at the South side boat landing. They are easy to build but we need volunteers. Our goal is to build 4 pyramid/pallet cribs and 18 single log cribs.
- f. Philip Strand expressed appreciation to Bob Karo for connecting electrical power to the nanobubbler, and to Larry and Colleen Koschak for many volunteer hours.

38. Resolution to approve 2026 budget and mil rate levy: 3 ways for a Lake District to generate revenue.

- a. Revenue Generation (Chapter 33):
 - i. General Property Tax (mill rate levy)
 - ii. Special Charges (fixed amounts for services)
 - iii. Special Assessment (for capital purchases)
- b. Proposal for Mill Rate for Operational Expenses:
 - i. Operational expenses expected to decrease
 - ii. Separates operational from capital expenses, allowing annual adjustment.
 - iii. Document detailing tax impact by proposed mill rate available.
- c. Capital Purchases (e.g., Nanobubble Project):
 - i. Fall under special assessments.
 - ii. Lake District can assess county and local governments.
 - iii. With 53% of shoreline county-owned, county could fund 53% of capital improvements.
 - iv. If county refuses, state can withhold funds from shared revenues.
- d. Discussion on Mill Rate vs. Flat Tax:

- i. Unnamed attendee: Is a mil rate the only way to separate capital and operational expenses? We must already know the difference.
Mary Schalow: Law requires separation of expenses. The experts at the University of Wisconsin say there is nothing wrong with how we are currently doing it, with equal taxation. A mil rate is based on property value; those with higher property value would pay more taxes, and lower property values would pay less.
- ii. Mary stated that carrying an undesignated surplus is illegal for local governments (county on down). Lawsuits in the state of Wisconsin have resulted in refund of property taxes. This has been reaffirmed by the Wisconsin Attorney General and the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Voters need to designate our surplus to a project or we need to stop taxing.
- iii. Phil Strand: Capital improvements are not subject to a mill rate but a flat special assessment, including the county, based on shoreline ownership.
- iv. All expenses presented to and voted on by members.
- v. Electors expressed concerns about Clark County's lack of financial contribution.
- vi. State will enforce county payment if notified.
- vii. Mill rate impact: 88 properties pay <100, 4 pay \$100-\$125, 14 pay \$125-\$200, 4 pay >\$200.
- viii. Anastasia Dzenowagis stated that she would pay less taxes under the mill rate but does not feel it would be fair to those paying more.
- ix. 2026 budget includes \$13,000 for DNR testing for nanobubble project (second/final year).
- x. Post-project operational expenses would not exceed current (\$13,800 total).
- xi. Mill rate for operational expenses would not exceed current (\$13,800 total).
- e. Opposition to Mill Rate:
 - i. Will Ruemmele stated we cannot ignore the surplus. If we continue taxing, we are breaking the law. He also supported Anastasia's comments about fairness. He expressed concerns about unproven nanobubble technology. He stated that we don't own Mead Lake. A study in 2008 found that 84% of nutrient load in the lake was coming from outside our lake district in a 20-mile watershed. We have only 130-140 properties, many part-time, in addition to use by campground, ice fishermen, horses, boaters, rainfall, etc. The nanobubble technology is unproven, with no full successful lake implementation completed anywhere in the world.

Yet this board is buying expensive equipment and pushing a mill rate. Meantime, a nearby lake has committed to nanobubbles and has also been delayed by the DNR. He stated we should wait and watch them to see what happens. Meantime, we don't have the legal right to collect one more tax dollar.

- ii. Chapter 33.30(4)(D) allows non-lapsable funds for capital costs and maintenance; current board asserts compliance.
- f. Rod Zika, from Eau Claire, noted Lake Altoona and Eau Claire have water districts and budgets; A statement was made that Mead Lake's water is tested and is safe for swimming.
- g. Nanobubble project cost: \$288,000 (not \$1 million); with 53% county funding, existing balance could cover over half of district's portion, reducing individual costs. Nanobubbles expected to help with muck.
- h. Tax Levy Motion
 - i. Mary Schalow moved to levy no tax this year due to high surplus; mill rates to be discussed when we have a need to tax again.
 - ii. Seconded by Paul Proksch.
 - iii. Vote: 32 in favor, 12 opposed (carried).
- i. 2026 Budget Approval (Expense Part)
- j. Board of Supervisors requires budget approval to authorize spending.
- k. Proposed 2026 budget: \$24,908.
- l. Includes potential funding for a flow, temperature, and chlorophyll sensor at the dam, contingent on Clark County fund. If not received, expense not incurred.
- m. Motion by Colleen Koschak to approve 2026 budget (expense part only), seconded by Gary Pszrniczny (carried).

39. Election of 3 commissioners by secret ballot: Randy and Pam VonRuden counted ballots.

Larry Koschak: 32

Mary Schalow: 38

Philip Strand: 22

Will Ruemmele: 32

Paul Proksch: 1

Frank Marano: 1

40. Extra:

- a. Fireworks will be Saturday July 5th, 2025
- b. Bob Eckes talked about the road work to be done on South Lake Road.

41. Motion to adjourn: Randy VonRuden, 2nd Jeff Thorson

Mead Lake District Secretary

Lisa Zepplin

June 14, 2025 – 2025 Annual Voters Meeting Agenda and Treasurer's Report

2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

May 28, 2025, From: Mead Lake District

Official Notice and Agenda §19.81–19.98

Annual Meeting of the Mead Lake District

Date and Time: June 14, 2025, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: South Lake Rd, Mead Lake Pavilion at the Dam.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Roll call and establish quorum
3. Moment of silence for Mead Lake members who have passed
4. Adopt Agenda – action item
5. Review and accept annual meeting minutes from June 15, 2024 – action item
6. MEAD LAKE DISTRICT MEMBER COMMENTS: The Mead Lake District board welcomes comments from any Mead Lake District member on any item not on the agenda and within district responsibilities. Each person wishing to speak will have up to 3 minutes to speak on their topic. Each person must provide their name, address and topic. Comments will be noted in the meeting minutes.
7. Treasurer's report on District current financial status - action item
8. Update: Hwy M bridge construction and lake level management, Curtiss Linder, Clark County Forestry and Parks - discussion
9. Update: Installation and setup of AED equipment – Action item
10. Update: State and local issues with wake/surf boat operations - discussion
11. Reporting: lake management projects, including: a. Mead Lake District water quality improvement program – discussion b. New Mead Lake Management Plan 2025-2035 – discussion c. Lake bottom mapping / bathymetry project – discussion d. Fish crib/fish habitat improvement program, early fall – discussion e. Healthy Lakes and Rivers grant, How to get \$1000 for a landscape project - discussion
12. Resolution to approve 2026 budget and mil rate tax levy - Action item

13. Election of three Commissioners – Action item by secret ballot Note: A separate public meeting for assignment to board positions by elected commissioner’s follows immediately.

14. Adjournment – action item

Reminder: To ensure your right to vote, upon registration you must provide a form of identification such as driver's license, state ID, or passport. You will be provided a wristband to ensure you will be recognized in voting matters.

Wis. Open Meeting statutes §§ 19.81–19.98

Notice made on May 28, 2025, provided through USPS, Email, Owen-Withee Sentinel, Mead Township and Mead Lake public notice kiosks.

Budget Resolution to set Tax Levy and mil rate

Annual Meeting June 14, 2025

In an effort to distinguish Annual Operational Expenses (Variable) from Capital Project Expenses (Fixed for a Period of Time), The Mead Lake District Board of Commissioners is recommending that the District follow the standard of generally accepted accounting practices as listed in State Statute 33.30(4)(a), and use a Levy and mil rate formula for the collection of funds sufficient to cover District Annual Operational Expenses.

Any future Capital Project Expenses will be presented to the Mead Lake District Electors at a future Annual Meeting and if approved, would be listed on Annual Property Tax Bills as an "Additional Assessment". Each of these charges must be presented to and voted on by the Mead Lake District Electors at an Annual Meeting to be approved. (State Statute 33.30(3)(b))

Current Level of Tax on Mead Lake District annually is \$ 13,800.00

The following Resolution will be presented and voted on at the 2025 Mead Lake District Annual Meeting:

Type/Number	Resolution 33.30(4)(a)-26
Title	Approving 2026 Budget and Mead Lake District Levy for Operational Expenses

(See Exhibit A for Fiscal Impact)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 33.29(1)(g), Mead Lake District is authorized to formulate an annual budget of expenses and revenue; and

WHEREAS, For the 2026 budget, the Mead Lake Board of Commissioners has recommended the proposed expenses of \$ 24,908.00 and proposed revenues of \$ 24,908.00 as set forth in Exhibit A (Summary of Proposed 2026 Budget), which is wholly incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that \$ 10,000.00** of the revenues will be in the form of a Grant from Clark County specifically to fund the installation of a Water Sensor at/near the dam.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Members of the Mead Lake District hereby approves the budget as set forth in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Members of the Mead Lake District hereby approves a levy of \$13,800.00 to be apportioned by the County Clerk upon all taxable property in the Mead Lake District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the mil rate shall be set at \$ 0.46171 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Vote Required: Majority of those Mead Lake District Members in attendance at the 2025 Mead Lake District Annual Meeting. June 14, 2025

I, Lisa Zepplin. Secretary for the Mead Lake District, hereby certify that Resolution 33.30(4)(a)-26 was adopted by the Members of the Mead Lake District.

signed: _____

Exhibit A

Mead Lake District

2026 Fiscal Year Budget January-December

Revenue:

Tax Assessment	\$ 13,800.00
Grant from Clark County	10,000.00**
Interest on Accounts	<u>1,108.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 24,908.00

Expenses:

Meeting Refreshments	\$ 200.00
Postage and Printing	300.00

Membership Dues ECRWA	1,000.00
Water Quality Project – Lab Test Exp. / Elect	13,408.00
Sensor for the Dam (Temp, Flow, Ph, Ni, O)	<u>10,000.00**</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 24,908.00

mil rate calculation

MLD Assessed Value \$29,888,900.00 / 138 Properties = \$216,586.00 Average Property Value

\$100.00 (current tax assessed) / \$216.6 (avg property value/1,000) = .46171 mil rate

\$29,888.9 (total assessed value of the MLD/1,000) x .46171 mil rate = \$13,800.00 total Tax Levy amount

Comparable figures for 2025 Property Tax Bill:

Assessed Value \$ 100,000 x *mil rate/1,000 valuation = Tax Amount \$ 46.19

Assessed Value \$ 200,000 x *mil rate/1,000 valuation = Tax Amount \$ 92.38

Assessed Value \$ 300,000 x * mil rate/1,000 valuation = Tax Amount \$ 138.57

Assessed Value \$ 400,000 x * mil rate/1,000 valuation = Tax Amount \$ 184.76

***(Based on a mil rate of \$ 0.46171)**

Phil Strand

Mead Lake District Treasurer

Mead Lake District

2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes

Date:	April 26, 2025
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Mead Town Hall

42. Meeting called to order by commissioner Rick Mews

43. Commissioners present Lisa Zepplin, Greg Evans, Al Baierl, Philip Strand, and Bob Eckes.

Absent: Roy Tyznik

Others present Larry and Colleen Koschak, Mary and Verlyn Schalow, Curtis Lindner, and Paul Proksch

44. First quarter board meeting minutes read by Lisa Zepplin.

Amend rotation of board members from 2-2-1 to 3-3-1.

Approved 1st Philip Strand 2nd Al Baierl.

45. Treasurer's report for the first quarter of 2025 presented by Philip Strand approved first Bob Eckes 2nd Lisa Zepplin.

An itemized treasurer's report will be presented at the annual meeting for approval.

Phil stated we received a request from the Eau Claire River Watershed Association for an annual membership contribution of \$1000. They are including Mead Lake District in grant requests. It is felt to be important to be part of that group to find out about grants and other opportunities.

We have a reimbursement request from Larry Koschak for \$800.02 for attendance at Lakes & Rivers Conference. Includes tuition and charges for special classes, room, etc. Larry and Colleen attended the conference and are requesting reimbursement for Larry's expenses. They felt the conference was very beneficial.

46. Public participation: Larry Koschak asked about getting a Webmaster to take care of our website to generate more traffic.

The updated Mead lake Management Plan was approved by the DNR. DNR healthy lakes brochure handouts will be available at the annual meeting.

Larry also reminded the board of the 14-day notice for the annual meeting notification. He prepared cheat sheets regarding open meeting law requirements. Stated there was a violation last year by changing an item from discussion to action.

Phil thanked Larry and Colleen for their work in finalizing the Mead Lake Management Plan.

47. Curtis Lindner from the Clark County Forestry and Parks talked about the water levels in the lake there is work being done on Cty Rd MM bridge they may need to adjust the water levels in the lake for the work on it. Clark County is also trying to get a grant for dam repairs in 2026.

Curtis Lindner left the meeting at 9:25 AM.

48. Agenda items for the 2025 annual meeting were discussed. Items will include but are not limited to minutes from previous meeting, treasurer's report, information on lake level adjustment, update on Mead Lake District water quality improvement program, budget presentation for 2026, changing Mead Lake District tax collection to a mill rate, election of 3 Lake District commissioners.

Phil stated that most lake districts use a mill rate to calculate operational expenses, based on assessed property value, providing higher assessment to higher value properties. Capital expenses are not included in mill rate. Colleen Koschak recommended examples be presented at annual meeting so impact is understood. Phil stated that higher value properties would currently see more than \$300 in annual mill rate assessments for operating expenses. Intent is to tax county-owned property for their share of capital expenses going forward, as Clark County owns 53% of shoreline.

Paul Proksch asked about the status of calcium chloride. Phil responded that it is being handled outside of the lake district. The Town of Mead is handling this and has received a bid from a 3rd party vendor. This will be a private partnership with the township and will

likely result in application of calcium chloride prior to Memorial Day. It will not be on the annual meeting agenda. Per Phil, this can no longer be run through the lake district, but rather through the township. Phil has personally sought and received donations for 50% of the cost. Bob Eckes stated that South Lake Road roadwork will prevent early application there.

49. Ballot nominations for board seats. Nominees are Philip Strand, Larry Koschak, and Mary Schalow (nominated by all Paul Proksch and accepted.).

9. Update on nanobubble project. Phil stated that permits have been requested and should be issued Monday or Tuesday, April 28 or April 29, and the project should be able to start by June 1st for two years of testing. Water collections are being done by volunteers and we will pay laboratories to analyze them. UW stout volunteers are testing Lake Core Samples.

Going forward, nanobubble electricity costs will be assessed based on mill rate. This year, one unit's electrical expense is expected to be somewhere between \$540-\$900. We are expecting to need seven units for final project, so electrical costs will increase mill rate assessments at that time. Three nanobubblers were purchased by Mead Lake District. One will be used in the testing phase and the other two are for sale.

Mary Schalow asked if there is a plan for the final phase, since we know how many units are needed? Phil stated that the estimate was put together by the DNR and our lake group working on this project. Testing will be on a 1-acre parcel. Moleaer is an engineering company that sold us the equipment but it would cost roughly \$80,000 for us to hire a consultant for the planning so we are doing it ourselves with the DNR. Current estimate of full project is \$255,000.

10. AED do we go further with this or not. Each unit and cabinet will exceed \$2000.00.

11. Fish crib drop we would like to do this in the fall of the year but it will take volunteers it is time consuming but worth it.

12. The district would like to change the venue for the 4th quarter and the first quarter board meeting so that people that are in warmer climates for winter can participate in the meetings through zoom. This change will be \$25 each quarter. This will be tabled until the third quarter board meeting or approval.

13. A budget for 2026 will be presented at the annual board meeting for approval.
14. A discussion for changing district tax from an assessment to a mill rate levy for the 2026 budget year Philip Strand will have examples and this will be voted on in the annual meeting.
15. Day of connection update Victory Camp cannot do it at this time and not enough volunteers.
16. The Mead Lake District will be posting meeting times and places in the Owen-Withee Sentinel newspaper.
Approved 1st Phil Strand 2nd Lisa Zepplin
17. Motion to adjourn
1st Lisa Zepplin 2nd Al Baierl

April 26, 2025 – 2025 2nd Quarter Treasurer’s Report and Board Meeting Agenda

Mead Lake District

Treasurers Report First Quarter 2025

April 26, 2025

Cash Account Balances	12/31/2024	3/31/2025
Checking Account	\$ 2,792.11	\$16,592.10
Money Mkt Acct	\$49,658.00	\$49,701.13
CD – 2	\$43,916.00	\$44,376.46
Total Cash Balances	\$ 96,366.11	\$110,669.69

Expenses – Fiscal Year 2025

\$ 0.00

Total Expenses YTD in 2025 \$ 0.00

Revenue – Fiscal Year 2025

Tax Assessment from Township \$13,800.00

Interest Income FYTD \$ 503.58 (3/31/25)

Total Revenue in 2025 \$14,303.58 (3/31/25)

Phil Strand - Treasurer

Mead Lake District Board
Second Quarter Meeting Agenda 2025
April 24, 2025 9:00am - Mead Town Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes from First Quarter - Action item
4. Treasurers Report – Action Item
5. Public Participation for items not on the Agenda
6. Curtiss Lindner – Forestry & Parks – Water Levels
7. Agenda Items for 2025 Annual Meeting – Discussion Item
8. Ballot Nominations for Board Seats – Annual Meeting Election
9. Update on NanoBubble Project 2025 – 2026
10. Update on Cabinets for AED Installations - Discussion Item
11. Fish Crib Drop in Fall 2025 – Discussion Item
12. Change Location of Quarterly Meetings to Greenwood Fire Dept.- Discussion Item
13. Draft Budget for 2026 – Action Item
14. Change District Taxes from Assessment to Levy for 2026 Year – Discussion item**
15. Day of Connection Update
16. Naming Official Newspaper for the District – Action Item
17. Motion to Adjourn

** Example:

MLD Assessed Value \$29,888,900.00 / 138 Properties = \$216,586.00 Ave Prop Value

\$100.00 / \$ 216.6 = .46189mil rate

\$29888.9 x .46189 = \$13,805.00

February 15, 2025 – 2025 1st Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

1st Quarter 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Mead Lake District

1 st Quarter Board Meeting

Mead Town Hall

February 15 th ,2025 9AM

Meeting called to order by Rick Mews

Board members present: Rick Mews, Bob Eckes,

Phil Strand, & Lisa Zepplin

Absent: Roy Tyznik. Al Baierl, & Greg Evans

Minutes from 4 th quarter meeting read by Lisa Zepplin

Approved 1 st Phil Strand 2 nd Bob Eckes

Treasurer Report present by Phil Strand

Approved 1 st Bob Eckes 2 nd Lisa Zepplin

Public Participation: Greg Evans asked Phil Strand to put on 2 nd quarter agenda to formally list our meetings in a newspaper. (Discussion for 2 nd quarter Board Meeting)

Disposition water tank trailer: District to lease or allow a 3 rd party vender to use.

Township to do work on South Lake Road starting in June 2025.

2026 Budget planning: Nano bubbler testing, payment for electricity, nano bubbler machine.

Bush Dump: Can be used as normal.

Update 2025-2026 Nano Bubble project: Update on Mead Lake Management Plan to include Nano Bubble project. Applied for a grant (not issued)

Clean Water Grant Program: 3 residents applied

Day of Connection: Camp Victory would like to partner with The Mead Lake District for a day of fun on the lake. Volunteers needed.

AED update: Looking at cabinets to place AED units

in.

Review of Board member rotation:2-2-1 year rotation

Motion to Adjourn: 1 st BobEckes 2 nd Phil Strand

Lisa Zepplin

Mead Lake District Secretary

February 15, 2025 – 2025 1st Quarter Board Meeting Agenda and Treasurer's Report

Mead Lake District

1st Quarter Board Meeting Agenda

Mead Town Hall

February 15th, 2025 9:00AM

Call to order

Minutes from 4th quarter board meeting -

Treasurer report (end of 2024) 2025 budget update

Public Participation

Disposition of water tank trailer - Discussion/Possible Action

Beginning of 2026 Budget planning - Discussion

Future status of Brush Dump - Discussion

Update on Nano Bubble project for 2025-2026 - Discussion

Update on Clean Water Grant Program for the Lake - Discussion

Day of Connection (Larry Koschak) - Discussion

Update on AED purchase Discussion/Possible Action

Agenda ideas for Spring annual meeting - Discussion

Review of Board Member Rotation - Discussion

Lisa Zepplin

Mead Lake District Secretary

2024 Year End Treasurers Report

Mead Lake District

Treasurers Report

Extended Fiscal Year 6/1/2023 – 12/31/2024

Cash Account Balances	6/01/2023	12/31/2024
Checking Account	16331	2792
Money Mkt Acct	46084	49658
CD – 1	6537	

CD – 2	41100	43916
Total Cash Balances	\$110,052	\$ 96,366

Expenses – June 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2024

Annual Meeting Treats	40.86	
Welcome Printing/Postage	117.11	
Fall Meeting Agenda/Attachments	305.95	
Rock Supplies for Islands	500.00	
Bank Charges (Checks)	20.26	
Website Design/Creation/Launch	250.00	
Rock for Islands	1000.00	
Printing	437.30	
Printing	373.47	
Moleaer Nano-Bubbles Equip	15,802.00	
Paul Proksch – Water Tank/Trlr	6,882.27	
Paul Proksch Cal. Chloride & Freight	1,200.00	
RKI Material for Cal. Chloride 2024	4,000.00	
Lakes & Rivers Conference	467.64	
Water Quality Seminar Expenses	75.83	
Evans Printing–Semi Annual Mtg Notice	166.80	
RKI Final Pmt on Rocking from 2023		
Total Expenses June 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2024		\$32,639.43

Revenue – June 1, 2023 – Dec 31, 2024

Mead Lake District Assessment	\$13,100.00
Town of Mead	\$ 1,000.00
Misc. Revenue	\$ 1,600.00
Interest Income EFYTD	\$ 3,265.72 (12/31/24)

Phil Strand - Treasurer

October 12, 2024 – 2024 4th Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

4th Quarter 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mead Lake District

4th Quarter Board meeting

Mead Town Hall

October 12th, 2024 9AM

1) Meeting called to order by Commissioner Grag Evans

Board members present: Greg Evans, Philip Strand, Al Baierl, Bob Eckes, and Roy Tyznik

Absent: Rick Mews

2) Minutes from 3rd Quarter Board Meeting read by Lisa Zepplin.

Motion to approve by Philip Strand 2nd by Bob Eckes

3) Treasurers Report explained by Philip Strand

Motion to approve by Lisa Zepplin 2nd Greg Evans

4) Public Comment: Mary Schalow asked about the electrical cost for nanobubble machines. Phil Strand said the estimate per machine should be about \$80.00 but we will have to call Clark Electric with the amperage to get an average cost. 2 small units and 1 large unit was budgeted in the 2025 budget. These are placed at different areas around the lake.

Update: Phil spoke to Jeff in the meter department at Clark Electric and the calculated seasonal cost (6mo) to operate the Kingfisher Unit (sm) is \$504.00 and the Neo Unit (lg) is \$985.00. Clark Electric charges a higher rate per kw in the summer months when these units will be operating.

Phil Strand thanked the Township for the use of the bush dump and thanked the residents that volunteered to watch it.

5) Update on Water Quality Project (attached at the end).

6) AED Donation and training. The Henry Aumann Family made a donation. Roy Tyznik to talk to Clark County and The Rock Dam Rod and Gun Club about a possible donation.

7) Agenda items for 1st quarter board meeting.

Possible CPR training

Update on Nano bubble permit

Set dates for 2025 meeting:

First Quarter Board Meeting	Feb 15, 2025	Mead Town Hall
Second Quarter Board Meeting	April 26, 2025	Mead Town Hall
Lake District Annual Meeting	June 14, 2025	South Side Park Shelter
Third Quarter Board Meeting	August 9, 2025	Mead Town Hall
Semi-Annual Meeting	August 30, 2025	South Side Park Shelter
Fourth Quarter Board Meeting	October 11, 2025	Mead Town Hall

8) Other items

9) Motion to adjourn Bob Eckes 2nd Phil Strand

Adjourn

Updates on Water Quality activities thru September 2024

Working with the DNR on the final issue of our Aeration Permit. Larry and I have been meeting with the DNR almost weekly to complete all necessary steps in the process. Currently we are working to update the 2010 Mead Lake Management Plan for Citizen Review and Comment. We hope to have the update done by November 1st so we can put it out for the 21 day comment period. Once this is completed, our permit application which is in house now will be approved and we can continue with our Test and Learn schedule of activities.

Associated with the Test and Learn schedule, there are various water samples that need to be collected and sent to a lab for testing. The DNR recommends the State Water Testing

Lab in Madison but the response and processing times as well as the cost are astronomical. Larry and I have been working with resources of the Eau Claire River Watershed Association and the Tri Lakes Management Association to investigate alternate labs for our use. We have located partners at both UWSP and UW Stout and are submitting requests to the DNR for approval.

We have applied for a Surface Water Grant to cover the costs of these DNR required Tests for 2025 and will apply again for the 2026 requirements.

We have provided an offer to Lake Property owners to apply for a Clean Water grant from the DNR for installing “Rain Gardens” on their property. So far, we have 3 parties who have expressed interest. We will get together as a group via zoom over the winter to review the requirements, discuss hiring a landscape architect to help with designs, select the eligible native plantings to be used on each property and then fill out the grant application searching for approval. It is a very exciting offer from the DNR and we hope more people will be interested in the future.

Larry & Colleen Koschak, Chad Bundick and his son, and I participated in a Fish Crib assembly and installation at Lake Eau Claire on September 14th. It was a well-attended event by property owners at Lake Eau Claire and they were very organized. We were put to work right away and learned a great deal on materials to use, how to assemble, what materials are appropriate for a deep water crib and a shallow water crib and saw the installation process in action. We assembled 8 Deep Water Cribs and 11 shallow water Cribs in a little over 2 hours. Very beneficial event.

Larry and I are meeting with Chris Straight (Regional Planning Commission) on October 24th to review the Watershed Management Plan, the 9 Key Elements of Focus summary and to review the edits to the Mead Lake Management Plan for the 10 year extension.

As part of the Eau Claire River Watershed Tech Committee, Mead Lake has applied for an Excel Energy Grant which would provide Water Monitoring Equipment to be used to measure water flow, water Temperatures, Stratifications in the Lake and an assortment of other

items. This Grant Application is a huge benefit our lake receives by being a partner in the Eau Claire River Watershed association.

Our dissolved oxygen testing wrapped up on October 1st. Larry has been graphing the results and we will work together with members of ECRWA to better understand the meaning of and residual effects of this oxygen change over the summer. We hope to have a brief presentation ready for the June annual meeting.

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August 31, 2024 – 2024 Semi-Annual Voters Meeting Minutes

2024 Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

Mead Lake District Semi-Annual Meeting

Aug. 31st., 2024

Mead Town Hall

9:00 AM

1-Meeting Called to Order by Commissioner Rick Mews

Commissioners present: Greg Evans, Al Baierl, Bob Eckes, Philip Strand, and Lisa Zepplin

Absent: Roy Tyznik

Motion to approve by Greg Evans 2nd Al Baierl

Voice vote Motion approved

2-Moment of Silence for John (Terry) Schultz

3-Minutes from Annual Meeting

Voice Vote Motion approved

Mary Schalow would like the cost of the nano bubbly machine breakdown from the annual meeting Treasurer report added to Annual Meeting.

4-Treasurers Report presented by Phil Strand

Motion to approve Lisa Zepplin 2nd Greg Evans

Voice vote Motion carried

5-Live Long Mead Lake update by Larry Koschak

Explained about the testing being done and some of the results they were getting for a Proof of Concept

Mary Schalow concerned it was not a proven method.

Will Ruemmele had a question about the 2 years of testing.

6-Fall Clean-up will be every Saturday in Oct. and possibly in Nov. (weather permitting).

Volunteers would be appreciated.

7-AED training was postponed until purchase of units.

The units we were looking at are only rated for -10 degrees.

8-Public Comment: Larry Koschak asked if anyone wanted to go Lake Eau Claire to see how they built fish cribs and put them in place.

Bill Martens had a person ask him about the possibility of having ice racing on the lake similar to Rock Dam. He explained what he was told for what it would take to put together.

Someone asked about the possibility of a lake draw down for shore repair.

Eau Claire River Watershed group said it may be possibly to get an Xcel grant for the sensor at the dam.

9-Motion to Adjourn

Greg Evans 2nd Philip Strand

Adjourn

Lisa Zepplin - Secretary

August 10, 2024 – 2024 3rd Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

3rd Quarter 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Mead Lake District

3rd Quarter Board Meeting

Mead Town Hall

9AM

Meeting called to order by Rick Mews

Commissioners present: Bob Eckes (Mead township), Roy Tyznik (Clark County), Greg Evans, Al Baierl, Philip Strand, and Lisa Zepplin

Others presents: Larry Koschak

Minutes from 2nd Quarter Board Meeting read by Lisa Zepplin

Motion to approve by Philip Strand 2nd Bob Eckes

Treasurer Report by Philip Strand. Phil asked for a motion to reimburse Larry & Colleen Koschak for going to the Lake Convention in La Crosse. Motion to approve by Greg Evans 2nd Lisa Zepplin. Motion Passed.

Treasurer Report motion to approve by Lisa Zepplin 2nd Bob Eckes.

Update on Water Quality Project by Larry Koschak. He explained that the project was on hold because the DNR would like more testing done.

AED Donation and Training: Greg Evans talked to Toni Wissestad and she will do training after the Semi-annual meeting on Aug. 31, 2024.

Calcium Chloride program tabled from the 2nd Quarter Board Meeting: This was voted on at the District Annual Meeting to purchase a sprayer and dry flakes for application. The Board approved to pay Paul Proksch \$6882.27 for sprayer and \$1200.00 for a pallet of dry flakes, also pay RKI for dry flakes up to a \$14000.00 total payment.

Other items: The board approved to purchase 2 portable aeration systems (similar to what Lake Eau Claire has) that will be placed on 2 residents docks. This will conform to the amount approved at the annual meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by Lisa Zepplin 2nd Al Baierl

Adjourn

Mead Lake District Secretary

Lisa Zepplin

June 15, 2024 – 2024 Board Organizational Meeting

Mead Lake District Board -- Organizational Meeting

June 15, 2024

Mead Lake Dam Shelter

Greg Evans called to order.

Present: Al Baier, Philip Strand, Roy Tyznik, Lisa Zepplin.

Absent: Rick Mews and Bob Eckes

Rick Mews President

Greg Evans Vice President

Philip Strand Treasurer

Lisa Zepplin Secretary

Philip Strand Motion for positions to stay the same. Greg Evans 2nd.

Motion to Adjourn: Lisa Zepplin 2nd Philip Strand

June 15, 2024 – 2024 Annual Voters Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting

Mead Lake District

June 15th, 2024

Mead Lake Dam Pavilion

1.Call to order by Greg Evans

Motion by Jenny Polhemus 2nd by Jordan Kennedy

2.Roll Call: Al Beiarl, Philip Strand, Roy Tynzik, Bob Eckes, Lisa Zepplin and Greg Evans

Absent: Rick Mews

Parliamentarian: Will Ruemmele

3.Moment of silence for Ron Wiskerchen and Jim Arch

4.Mead Lake Member Comments:

Dave Nowak asked about the possibility of setting a schedule for 4th of July activities in the coming years depending on what day the 4th falls on.

Teri Czarnecki had questions for the County Board Member Roy Tynzik about Clark county logging and communication with farmers about farming practices along the South Fork of the Eau Claire River.

5.Semi-annual meeting minutes read by Lisa Zepplin

Motion to approve by Colleen Koschak 2nd by Jenny Pothemus Polhemus

6.Treasures Report by Philip Strand

Motion to approve by Gary Kennedy 2nd Rachel Hanson

Revised later in agenda

No Action Items for Review

7.Voter eligibility for the Mead Lake District (page 6 of the meeting notice)

8. Program changes- Calcium Chloride: Semi annual meeting a committee was formed to get a cost and feasibility of building a sprayer to put liquid instead of flakes on the roads. Committee members are Greg Evans, Paul Luedtke, Will Ruemmele, Paul Proksch, Bill Marten, and Al Baierl. The 2nd quarterly Board meeting the Board voted to donate up to \$2000.00 for the future Calcium Chloride committee to study and apply the calcium chloride around the lake. Presenters forced a non-action item to be changed to an action Item. They then made a motion to authorize the District to purchase a water tank to be used in conjunction with a dry flake application.

Motion made to add up to \$14000.00 to budget to purchase water tank and flakes. Motion by Will Ruemmele 2nd John Druszczak. Hand vote Yes 30 No 11 Motion carried.

Motion to apply Calcium Chloride as a test with the water tank and dry flakes by Will Ruemmele 2nd Bill Marten Hand vote Yes 43 No 2 Motion carried.

9. Mead Lake District Website: Document tab is password protected. Everyone at the meeting received a password.

10. E-mail opt-in for Mead Lake District residents to receive communications for annual and semi-annual meetings only. Board meetings will be posted in information kiosks.

11. Introduction to Golden Sands Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc: Chris Hamerla explained about invasion and native lake species in the lake. He could also be a resource with help updating the lake management plan, tech assistance for grants. He could also do a video to put on the website and get us clear pictures of invasive plants.

12. Lake bottom mapping/Bathymetry: Eau Claire River watershed coalition started mapping the lake but had an error in the software when trying to upload information so the west end will be redone and the east end at a later date.

13. Mead Lake & WI DNR Directed Lake Initiative: Larry Koschak did the presentation and said our lake was chosen for a study at no cost to the District.

14. Review of the Water Quality Seminar: Larry Koschak talked about what the residents said about the water impairment and not being able to enjoy the lake. Jim Arch (Clark County Conservation Dept. talked about what the challenges they face upstream with the farmers and not enough people to enforce the rules.

15. Project Long Live Mead Lake: Larry talked about the personal impact of water quality, trying to improve the dissolved oxygen in the water, doing water sample testing for phosphorus, chlorophyll, Ph, temperature and dissolved oxygen at different levels around the lake. Test and learn with Nanobubbles Proof of concept.

Action Items

16. 2024 Budget-year end: This budget goes from June thru Dec. 2024. Jenny Polhemus requests for the 500.00 check given to the entertainment group be voided Motion by Bill Marten 2nd Collen Koschak. Hand vote Yes 38 No 0 Motion carried.

Motion to add up to \$14,000.00 Calcium Chloride to the 2024 Budget taking it from \$15,100.00 to up to \$29,100.00. Gary Kennedy withdrew motion to approve budget and amend 2nd Rachal Hanson.

Philip Strand explained the expense of the water quality test/learn pilot. Motion to approve test and learn plot Gary Pszeniczny 2nd Jenny Polhemus. Hand vote Yes 40 No 3. Motion carried.

Motion to unify the 2024 budget to include Calcium Chloride by Bill Marten 2nd Will Ruemmele. Hand Vote Yes 43 No 2. Motion carried.

17.2025 Budget- fiscal year change: Philip Strand explained what the other revenue is for. The Eau Claire watershed recommended we get a sensor for the dam. If we can't get money from Clark County we will not do it. Motion to change fiscal year to Jan - Dec and approve 2025 budget John Druszczak 2nd Tim Alder. Hand Vote Yes 36 No 10. Motion Carried.

18. Election of two Commissioners: Greg Evans and Rick Mews no other nominations. Secret Ballot. Rick Mews 29 Greg Evans 30

19. Motion to Adjourn: Jenny Polhemus 2nd Dave Nowak.

Mead Lake District Secretary

Lisa Zepplin

Mead Lake District

2024 Remainder Year Budget June-December - Final

Revenue:

Fund Balance	\$15,100.00
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Total Revenue	\$15,100.00
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Expense:

Water Quality Test/Learn Pilot	\$ 14,800.00
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Printing/Postage	300.00
Total Expense	\$ 15,100.00

2025 Fiscal Year Budget January-December

Revenue:

Tax Assessment	\$ 13,800.00
Interest on Accounts	2,540.00
Loyal Sportsman's Club	300.00
Fund Balance	21,560.00
Other Revenue	10,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 48,200.00

Expenses:

Meeting Refreshments	\$ 200.00
Postage and Printing	1,000.00
Water Quality Project – Equip/Maintenance	36,000.00
Sensor for the Dam (Temp, Flow, Ph, Ni, O)	10,000.00
Rock Supplies/Labor for Islands	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 48,200.00