

Mead Lake District

Annual Meeting Minutes – Draft

Date:	June 13, 2026
Time:	9:10am to 1:35pm
Location:	South Lake Rd., Mead Lake Pavillion at the Dam

1. Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Commissioner Steve Rutkowski
2. Roll Call: Steve Rutkowski, Roy Tyznik (Clark County), Mary Schalow, Will Ruemmele, Adam Anglemeyer (Town of Mead). Adam was welcomed as new member of the board, appointed to replace Bob Eckes. Quorum reached.
3. Adopt agenda – action item – Schalow motioned the agenda be adjusted to move agenda items on Reporting and Nomination/Elections directly under agenda #9, in order to accommodate the need of our county and town board members to leave early and maintain a quorum. Motion seconded. Discussion: Agenda items 11 and 12 are administrative and could be handled at board meetings. Board response: this is an attempt to put more decisions into the hands of the voters as pertaining to spending money. Robert's rules will be used for votes. Motion carried.
4. Moment of silence for Mead Lake members that have passed
5. Accept resignations of Commissioners Evans and Koschak – action item.

Motion made by Jenny Polhemus to not accept the resignation of Larry Koschak. Seconded. Discussion included praise for Koschak's dedication, time, and research. Opposing comments cited his written resignation, his opinion piece on Facebook, door-to-door canvassing, and falsification of data on a grant request form. In favor 24; opposed 25. Motion failed.

Motion made by Rutkowski to accept the resignations of Larry Koschak (attached) and Greg Evans (attached). Seconded. In favor 26; opposed 1. Motion carried.

6. Review and accept Annual Meeting minutes from June 14, 2025 – action item. Minutes read by Schalow. Motion by Rutkowski to approve the minutes; seconded. Motion carried.
7. Review and accept Special Meeting minutes from August 30, 2025 – action item. Minutes read by Schalow. Motion by Rutkowski to approve the minutes; seconded. Motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report on current financial status – action. Will Ruemmele stated the previous year's financials were included with the agenda. The current CD balance is \$45,591.19 as of May 31. Maturity date of 9-14-2026. Regular checking account has balance of \$2,718. Money market account has current balance of \$9,775.32. Total assets are \$58,084. There are roughly \$300 of known bills that will be paid in the next week or so. Motion by Rutkowski to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded. Discussion: A check for \$300 was presented as a donation from the Loyal Sportsman's Club. Motion carried.
 - a. Audit Report – Was completed by Elisa Feyereisen, Karla Yanske, and Frank Marano. All three have signed their acceptance of the financials.
9. Liability Insurance for Mead Lake District –
 - a. Schalow motioned that the Board be authorized to encumber up to \$4000 as an amendment to the 2026 budget to obtain General Liability/Umbrella and Directors and Officers insurance for the lake district. Seconded. Discussion as to official estimates. No final quote possible on general liability until we know what equipment is owned after decisions made at this meeting about calcium chloride and nanobubblers. Directors and Officers insurance – we have a quote for under \$1000 per year. Concern expressed about expensive coverage for calcium chloride activities and our financials going forward. Schalow responded that insurers she connected with expressed no concerns about calcium chloride as part of general liability coverage. In favor 31; opposed 8. Motion carried.
 - b. Schalow motioned that the Board be authorized to encumber up to \$4000 in the 2027 budget to obtain General Liability/Umbrella and Directors and Officers insurance for the lake district. Seconded. In favor 31; opposed 8. Motion carried. Adam Anglemeyer left the meeting.

15. Reporting: lake management projects, including:

- a. Fish crib/fish habitat improvement program, early Fall – discussion and action. Steve Rutkowski made the motion to exercise the option to create fish cribs in 2026. Seconded. Rod Zika from ECRWA (Eau Claire River Watershed Association) recommended fish cribs be created. It was stated this is a volunteer program with donations, not associated with the lake district. Organizers have requested waivers from volunteers in the past. Motion carried.
- b. Slow/No-Wake buoys – action item. The application for the DNR permit for two buoys was requested in the name of Mead Lake District on June 13, 2025 by Koschak (not yet on the Board) and signed by Bob Eckes, Commissioner. Since the existing permit was requested without approval of the board or voters, this is being brought to voters. Motion by Mark Lucht to request the DNR remove the permit and buoys. Seconded. Discussion: Safety issues were expressed. Rod Zika said signs are posted on Lake Eau Claire instead of buoys. Mark Lucht made a motion to amend to put signs in place of buoys. Seconded. Property owners expressed they will not allow signs on their properties. Mark Lucht withdrew his amendment. In favor 6; opposed 45. Motion denied.
- c. Nanobubbles – Board recommendation to end project – action. Schalow made a motion the nanobubble project be ended and the nanobubbler machines be sold. Seconded.
 - i. Discussion: There is still no lake in the world successfully running Moleaer's nanobubble system for two years. Moleaer has heavily advertised two lakes as being great success stories even after the lakes ended the projects and pulled out their system. The Mead Lake District Board unanimously voted in April to recommend ending the project.
 - ii. Two voters spoke in favor of finishing the testing project.
 - iii. Koschak stated last year's water test reports were mediocre.
 - iv. Rod Zika (ECRWA scientist in attendance) stated he has always been skeptical of the technology and the vendor's impossible claims. Testing of nanobubble systems by scientists at the UW has shown nanobubbles do not work as described. He agrees that Mead Lake water testing to date is not showing great change.Motion carried.
- d. ADS Aeration System. Discussion only - Schalow

- i. August 9, 2025 - Project was presented as new business at 3rd Quarter board meeting. Board granted Koschak's request to investigate. Before the next board meeting, Koschak had applied for a DNR grant. The grant application certified that the Mead Lake District had approved a resolution at the August 9 meeting to "meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project".
- ii. At subsequent meetings, Koschak assured the board that applying for and being awarded DNR grants did not commit the district in any way. Koschak was therefore given approval to accept the grants prior to the project being introduced to voters at the annual meeting.
- iii. Koschak resigned two days before the May 1 deadline to accept the grants. The DNR demanded the board sign onto both grants by the deadline, name someone to administer the grants and recommit to the implementation of both projects. On May 1, they extended the deadline to May 8.
- iv. Emergency meeting was not held and thus grants were not accepted.

Koschak stated he had board approval to request the ADS grant. Asserted open meeting noncompliance by current board and relinquishment of grants. Koschak informed voters of a formal grievance against the board having been circulated around the lake obtaining 61 signatures by property owners and other members of the public. Schalow stated the document was delivered to the official lake district address with instructions to the USPS to "hold" and "deliver Thurs June 11, 2026", two days before annual meeting.

20. Nomination of candidates and election of three Commissioners – action item by secret ballot. Note: A separate public meeting for assignment to board positions by elected commissioners follows immediately.
- a. Four nominations were made and accepted for filling three open positions: Justin Running, Paul Proksch, Will Ruemmele, Larry Koschak.
 - b. Results (vote for up to three):
 - 46 votes – Justin Running
 - 33 votes – Will Ruemmele
 - 25 votes – Paul Proksch
 - 25 votes – Larry Koschak
 - c. Tie-breaking vote (vote for one):

27 votes – Paul Proksch

20 votes – Larry Koschak

- d. Commissioners elected were Justin Running, Will Ruemmele, Paul Proksch
 - e. Roy Tyznik left the meeting. Justin Running and Paul Proksch joined as board members to maintain a quorum.
10. Eau Claire River Watershed Association (ECRWA) partnership - \$975 action item. Rutkowski motioned we approve up to \$975 for paid partnership with the ECRWA. Seconded. Rod Zika and Larry Koschak spoke to the benefits of being in the association and solving problems together that we've inherited from upstream. Motion carried.
11. Schalow motioned we put \$800 in the 2027 budget allocated to training our board members. Seconded. Koschak amended the motion to be increased to \$1600 to benefit more than one board member. Amendment vote: In favor 22; opposed 17. Amended motion carried. Main motion carried.
12. Calcium Chloride – amend 2026 Budget- \$6000 action item, contingent on insurance. Schalow motioned we not do calcium chloride this year due to timing; then withdrew motion upon voter objection. Schalow motioned we amend the 2026 budget to accept a current \$6000 quote for doing calcium chloride, contingent on insurance. Colleen Koschak suggested we reallocate that same funding to AED funding instead of calcium chloride. This was deemed a different topic and not allowed as an amendment. Merits of spending on calcium chloride or magnesium chloride were discussed. In favor 12; opposed 19. Motion failed.
13. Calcium chloride – 2027 budget - \$7000 action item, contingent on insurance. Patti Denk motioned we approve up to \$7000 for 2027 calcium chloride, contingent on liability insurance. Seconded. In favor 19; opposed 16. Motion carried.
14. Board Discretionary Spending authorization – action item. Proksch motioned that we drop the board discretionary spending authorization to \$1000. Seconded. Discussion: Koschak objected and recommended we leave at \$2000. In favor 31; opposed 2. Motion carried.
16. Non-lapsable fund – Assign to a specific capital project or eliminate – action item.
- a. Background: Wisconsin law requires a fund to be assigned to a capital project or considered general fund. Cannot tax lake district members if there is enough money in general fund to meet our budget.

- b. Rutkowski motioned that we move \$45,000 in the CD to a non-lapsable fund name “Aeration System”. Second. Discussion surrounded the naming of the non-lapsable fund. Rutkowski amended his motion to create non-lapsable fund named “Water Rehabilitation Capital Project” for \$35,000. In favor 22; opposed 7. Carried. Vote on approving \$35,000 for the new non-lapsable fund. In favor 21; opposed 7. Carried.

17. Tax assessment of \$200 per property to restore the capital / general reserve balance (\$69,589.07) as proposed at 2025 Special Meeting – action item. Contingent on having a named, non-lapsable fund for a specific capital project. Justin Running motioned we approve a \$200 tax assessment for 2027. Seconded. In favor 13; opposed 21. Motion failed.

18. Resolution to approve 2027 Budget – Action item. Ruemmele motioned we adopt 2027 Budget – Option B with \$100 tax assessment. Seconded. Motion carried.

19. Public comments – The Board of Commissioners welcomes comments from members of the public 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 summarized in the meeting minutes.

- a. Brian Hafner recommended the lake district be dissolved, as arguments are all related to money. A lake association can be formed with voluntary participation, can collect dues from their membership and request grants for projects, as is done on Lake Eau Claire. To obtain more information or support this effort, email Brian at dissolvemeadlakedistrict@gmail.com.
- b. Dawn Marano wondered why we became a lake district versus an association. Does not see benefit of being a lake district.
- c. Larry Koschak repeated previous allegations asserted in his grievance against the board and requested a public meeting to address.
- d. Steve Rutkowski read a letter from lake district property owners Mike & Kristi Olsen, citing frustrations with the board for returning the grants. Also revealed their offer of donating up to \$25K toward the project to cover any shortfalls for a project that they were told had the potential of improving water quality similar to what Lake Eau Claire experienced.
- e. Rod Zika of ECRWA stated he’s never seen such a contentious group that should be focused on working together.
- f. Dave Nowak stated we’ve been spending money on the lake for 30 years and have seen no change. Dissolving the district is a good idea. Create a volunteer group that is committed and will step up.

- g. Patti Denk stated she's been on the lake for 65 years and the water quality has gotten better. It was "thick" when she was a kid. We need to continue to work at it, but it is better.

21. Motion to adjourn by Rutkowski. Seconded. Approved.

Mary Schalow, Mead Lake District Secretary

Date: April 28, 2026

To: Mead Lake District Commissioners

From: Larry Koschak, W8769 Camp Rd, Greenwood, WI 54437

Email: larco.koschak@gmail.com

I am submitting my resignation from the Mead Lake District Board of Commissioners, effective immediately.

As a volunteer, I am not willing to continue serving in an environment that does not support constructive discussion, mutual respect, and effective problem solving.

This decision follows a pattern of increasingly confrontational and unproductive interactions during recent Commissioner meetings, which have made it difficult to effectively collaborate and conduct District business.

I do believe that ADS aeration represents a strong opportunity to improve Mead Lake water quality. If requested, I am willing to make myself available as a technical advisor prior to the Annual Meeting, and to assist as a project manager should the project receive voter approval.

Sincerely,

Larry Koschak

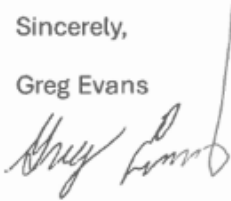
To the Board of The Mead Lake District

4/27/2026

I, Greg Evans, hereby submit my resignation today from the board of the Mead Lake District. I appreciate the opportunity to have served and wish the board continued success in its future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Greg Evans

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Evans", with a long, thin vertical line extending upwards from the end of the signature.