

Mead Lake District

2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes

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

1. Meeting called to order by commissioner Rick Mews
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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