

Q2 2024 quarterly meeting of the Round Lake Management District Board of Commissioners

Round Lake, located in the Town of Trade Lake, Burnett County, Wisconsin

Held at Trade Lake Town Hall, 10:00 AM on 04/20/2024 11811 Town Hall Road, Frederic, WI 54837

Meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Schwartz @ 10:00 AM. There were 4 board members in attendance.

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

Board members absent:

Burnett County Board Representative Dorothy Richard (retired, seat is vacant)

21 district members in attendance at start.

Affidavit of Posting: Notice was posted before 10:00 AM on 04/12/24 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.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dooher to approve the minutes of inaugural meeting of 01/20/2024 with no additions or corrections. Seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried by voice vote.

Grant update: Greg updated the members on the DNR grant. Grant was approved by the DNR in Q1 and is for educational and planning purposes and for needed equipment. Money collected from the DNR is going towards new launch signage, and a dissolved oxygen meter, expenses that were approved by the membership last fall. Greg explained the reason and usage of the O2 meter. He also explained the need for new signage and showed a proposal for the new sign, as well as the costs. Finally there was money included in the grant to purchase rakes that can be used by property owners, on a loaner basis. Greg is planning to buy these. Ramona mentioned that Northwest Regional Planning offers grant assistance for lake districts. Questions were asked about replacing some dilapidated signage, and Greg indicated the money exists in the budget, and they are inexpensive.

Treasurers report: Greg explained the budget, which is built per UWSP recommendations. He further explained that money comes from grants and tax collections, and where money is and has been spent to date. Current bank balance is roughly \$2695. Ramona explained a small incorrect payment to the district that will be rectified in August, and Greg thanked Ramona for getting the paperwork done to get the district funded.

Enhanced wake ordinance discussion: Greg presented example ordinances but indicated that that Township would need to approve an ordinance. Ramona found information from UWSP that indicated that the district itself could create an ordinance; research will need to be done to verify and understand the district's powers in this topic. She recommends we contact Eric Olson at UWSP. There was much discussion about the need, and impact of these wake boats and other powerful boats on Round Lake.

Zoom Meeting discussion: We discussed the need for Zoom meetings after a few requests from members. Discussed the cost of Zoom and a proposal to buy the software, which will be presented at the annual meeting. Discussed that we cannot use the Township's Zoom software. Also that Zoom meetings can potentially be hijacked.

Fish Stocking discussion: Jim explained that fish stocking has not been done in over 10 years, and that the Tribal governments are now the only resource authorized to manage stocking. Walleye fingerlings can be purchased but the cost is fairly high. Ramona explained that we can have up to 2 board members on a committee to investigate stocking, and put together a proposal for the fall meeting. There was also discussion of the cost and how it is divided up, and how the District can raise funds. Limit proposals and enforcement were also discussed.

Weed harvester discussion: The DNR is likely to not allow herbicide treatment on Round going forward. Harvesting is an alternative. There was much discussion on the various aspects of harvesting and machines, how they are used and where. Also the maintenance aspects, storage, disposal of weeds, financing, usage, etc. Greg plans to send in a grant application this fall asking for help with a harvester purchase; he will also approach the DNR with questions regarding selective herbicide treatments.

Public Comments / Questions: Some discussion regarding the June informational (non business) meeting, scheduling and venue.

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

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Dooher. Seconded by Schwartz. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.