

Please Note: These minutes were reviewed by the WALPRD Board. However, they have not been officially approved. This will be done at the annual meeting in 2024.



White Ash Lake
Protection & Rehabilitation District

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by WALPRD Chairman at 10:05 AM

1. **Minutes from 7/23/2022 Annual meeting:** The 2022 Annual Meeting minutes were mailed to all. Jane Myhre moved and Roy Timm seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 2022 annual meeting. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report/Audit Report:** Treasurer reported current account balances. Expenses for July included labor, maintenance, repairs and other general bills. Leonard Feyen moved and Dan Sundt seconded the motion to accept the Treasurers report. Motion carried. An audit of bank records was completed by Phil Seppamaki who reported documentation was good and records are being well managed and trackable.
3. **Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APM Plan) recap:** The 2022 APM Plan dated January 2023 is posted in its entirety on our website www.whiteashlake.com This APM plan is valid for the next 5 years although adjustment can be requested if needed. New items are a larger harvesting perimeter on the South Lake and middle and perimeter harvesting continuing on the North Lake. Skimming is allowed to a max depth of 1 feet and shallow harvesting to a max depth of 2 feet.
4. **Dredging report/account:** Dredging was completed last fall and the channel between the two lakes is now passable. The sediment disposal site has been leveled off and seeded. The dredge permit is valid for the next 10 years. Discussed the current balance in the dredge account of \$9,408.37 which is the remaining funds after grant monies were received and all expenses were paid. Roy Timm moved that the monies remain in the dredge account designated for any future dredge project expenses. Jeremy Pickering seconded. Motion carried.
5. **2024 Proposed Budget:** WALPRD Treasurer reviewed current YTD expenses, 2023 budgeted amounts and the proposed 2024 budget. Expenses stayed mostly the same except for an increase in insurance premiums due to revaluation of replacement cost for

building and equipment. Levy will stay at \$166 annually per property. Wayne Christen moved and Jon Karsten seconded the motion to accept the 2024 budget. Motion carried.

6. **Harvest Report/AIS Report:** Wayne Christen, Lake Manager, reported that the first two APM action plans for both lakes have been completed and the channel between the lakes has been harvested twice. There has been about 1/3 less weeds this year compared to last year and hours logged have stayed the same at around 200 hours. The DNR permit guidelines only allow for 3/8 of a mile of harvesting of the Apple River from where it exits the lower lake, dependent on adequate water depths for the harvester. Weed harvesting usually runs from around Memorial Day in May to Labor Day in September dependent on water levels. Currently a hydraulic motor on the harvester needs to be repaired before harvesting can continue. The clogged culvert on 180th has been cleared. Wendy Sundt has volunteered as the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) volunteer for both lakes and has taken 2 training courses. The Resources tab on our website www.whiteashlake.com has links to the Shoreland Property Owner Handbook and information on AIS monitoring.
7. **Water Testing Report:** For the north lake, Jessica Flanery was not present so WALPRD Chairman read her submitted report. This has been an unusual year up until July considering low water and high heat levels with not many weeds. Water clarity is 6 feet and Chlorophyll is the same as the last 3 years. Phosphorus has slightly increased over the last 3 years. Darren Bliese was not present and no water testing reports were provided for the south lake.
8. **Clean Boat/Clean Water report:** Lisa Barland-Johnson is still looking for volunteers with a goal to have clean boat/clean water monitors on high traffic days such as the upcoming Labor Day weekend. Pay for volunteers is available. If you know any youth, scout or honor society student needing volunteer hours, email Lisa@whiteashlake.com
9. **Town of Apple River Report:** Kerry Bryan was not in attendance. No report submitted.
10. **Election of One Commissioner:** Ballots were handed out to attending property owners. There were no nominations from the floor. Results were: 32 votes to elect Pam Johnson for a 3-year term and -0- floor nominations/write in candidates. Election results accepted.
11. **Other Business:**
 - There are concerns regarding the amount of trash left on the lake during ice fishing season. Possible suggestions were additional signs, larger trash cans and possibly more DNR enforcement/ticketing.
12. **Adjourn:** Jon Karsten moved and Roy Timm seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM