

**Big and Round
Lake, Pine, Rehabilitation and Protection District
The Church**





Board of Commissioners Meeting July 10, 2018



Board of Commissioners Meeting

Agenda

07/10/18

6:00 PM

Alden

Town Hall

- Call to Order
- Approve Agenda
- Public Input & Questions
- Secretary's Report
 - Approve 06/05/18 Board Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
 - Approve 06/30/18 YTD Annual Operation Plan & Non-Lapsing Funds
- Chairman's Report & Board Administration
 - Grant Status
- Committee Reports (Includes Old Business)
 - Lake Management
 1. Aquatic Plant Management - Status
 2. Heathy Lakes Project - Status
 3. Big Lake Internal Load Project – Status
 - Big Lake Boat Ramp Repair Project - Status
 - Social Committee, Dinner and Parade - Results
 - Other Committee Reports
- New Business
 1. Schedule Budget Workshop
 2. Agenda Items for 08/07/18 Board Meeting
- Adjourn Meeting



Public Input & Questions



Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Meeting

Members in attendance: Gary Ovick, Mike Reiter, Greg Frost, Jerry Tack and Ann Layton. **Committee**

Chairs: Tim Rudolph and Annette Viebrock

Call to Order: 6:00 pm. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ann Layton and seconded by Mike Reiter. Motion carried.

Public Input & Questions: Greg Frost reported a phone call to the town of Alden regarding problems at the Church Pine Landing on Memorial Day weekend. The resident reported boisterous partying, drinking, swearing and unsafe boating practices. Annette Viebrock, Clean Boats/Clean Water coordinator and inspector had worked over the weekend and corroborated the residents assertions, she noted these types of behaviors are evident other busy weekends as well but the warm weather made for a very busy weekend with unsafe and bad behavior including large amounts of litter. After discussion it was decided that the following actions would be taken:

- Inspectors and residents will be encouraged to call the Polk County Sheriff's office to report infractions to increase enforcement.
- Jerry Tack will call Sheriff's Water Patrol Deputy, Jeff Hahn, to express concern and request additional enforcement on the lake.
- An additional buoy will be purchased and installed at the landing.
- Greg Frost will check with the Town of Alden regarding the feasibility of putting down trap rock along road and shoreline to discourage use. Also consider additional signage.
- Tim Rudolph will put a notice on the website citing residents' concerns.
- This will be a topic at the Social Dinner presented by Jeff Hahn, Jerry Tack and/or Gary Ovick.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting Minutes from the May 1, 2018 Commissioner's meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes with correction to spelling by Mike Reiter and seconded by Jerry Tack. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jerry Tack, presented the Operating Plan & Non-Lapsing Funds Results for the period ending May 31, 2018. Of note was the payment for the consult on the landing will be moved from miscellaneous. Ann Layton moved to approve both the YTD financials and Gary Ovick seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Gary Ovick presented.

1. Grant Status reviewed. We need to submit for reimbursement of CLP control. Jerry will supply invoice, Mike will record volunteer hours and Gary will submit. Amount is > \$10,000.
2. Capital Items Inventory was reviewed. It has not been updated for a number of years. Jerry will further review and update including newly purchased lake monitoring device.

COMMITTEES

Audit Committee: Treasurer Jerry Tack will work with Joel Hazzard to complete the Audit this summer.

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Clean Boats-Clean Waters Committee: Annette Viebrock was at the meeting in part to express concerns similar to those raised in phone call fielded by Greg. Littering and safety are big concerns. The inspectors are going beyond the AIS inspections in working to maintain the quality and health of our lakes. She will communicate the message regarding calling the Sheriff's Department to inspectors. Board expressed appreciation of sometimes difficult work they are doing. This year has already had rude boaters.

Dams Committee: Jerry and Mike along with new committee member Tom Koch will visit dam site. Dave Points has agreed to maintain.

Fisheries Committee Report: Nothing new to report since last month.

Lake Management Committee:

- a. Mike Reiter reported that Curly Leaf Pondweed treatment has been done. There is one treatment per year then follow up and lake surveys. The beds are down significantly. Mike expressed opinion that we may be getting close to the point of diminishing returns of continued treatment.
- b. Mike reported on the progress of the Healthy Lakes Grant Projects. Work has been done on area at end of little bay adjacent to Hwy K. They used new native plant supplier Lupine Gardens. They grew the plants and plants were very healthy and looked good. They are local, off of Cty Rd F.
- c. Big Lake Internal Load Study samples have been started. The new Dissolved Oxygen Sensor and Temperature Reader was used. Labs have been responsive. Still no report from Jeremy.

Boat Ramp Repair Project: Greg Frost has continued to work on this project spending significant time this month talking to the various department heads he has been referred to trying to determine who has responsibility for the Big Lake boat ramp. Jason Kjeseth in zoning referred him to Steve Geiger, the surveyor, who referred him to Moe Norby of the highway department, then to Debbie in Parks all claiming it was not the County's land but then Greg was directed back to Steve the surveyor. Also, the DNR should be involved and that would be Mark Herring. Further discussion with Steve indicated there was not a clear cut answer and that it may ultimately be a legal issue also involving a private land owner. The next step is to have a three way meeting with Steve and Moe. There has been some talk of moving the ramp to a safer location. The most likely access would be in Garfield. Ed Gullickson, from Garfield worked on the Lake Wapogasset landing and park. Greg will talk to him also. Once again the options to be considered are—: do nothing, abandon, improve or move ramp. It is not feasible to solicit funding until some of the jurisdictional and legal questions are resolved.

Navigation Committee: Buoys were put out in mid-May. A buoy was added at Church Pine and additional buoys may be purchased to slow things down at the Round Lake channel entrance and for safety reasons at Church Pine.

Social Committee: Post cards for social dinner were mailed May 15th. Looking for a good turnout again. Plans for 4th of July parade are in place.

Website Committee: Tim Rudolph added some items to the website and also provided data reflecting the current usage of the website. Thanks to Tim for keeping the Lake District up to date.

NEW BUSINESS

Our next scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting is set for Tuesday, July 10, 2018 starting at 6:00 pm., changed because of the 4th of July holiday. Agenda items for that meeting include the scheduling of a budget workshop to be done in preparation for the annual meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reiter, seconded by Greg Frost. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Ann Layton

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Title: Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Annual Operating Plan (ADP) & Account Balances

06/30/18 YTD

Annual Operating Plan	2017	2018	Actual		Forecast	2018 Approved Budget	Assumptions	
	Actual	Budget	YTD	Pending	Year End			
Operating Balance Carried Forward	\$27,289	\$28,714	\$33,760	\$0	\$33,760	\$28,714	Operating Balance Carried Forward	
Grant ACEI APMP Implementation	\$11,174	\$12,805	\$2,504	\$12,805	\$15,309	\$12,805	Anticipated 2018 Grant Funding (75%)	% Expenses Reimbursed by Grant at 67-75% Rate
Grant Big Lake Internal Load	\$284	\$2,988	\$2,250	\$738	\$2,988	\$2,988	Anticipated 2018 Grant Funding (67%)	
Grant CBCW	\$5,143	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	Anticipated 2018 Grant Funding (75%)	
Grant Healthy Lakes	\$2,122	\$10,006	\$0	\$17,010	\$17,010	\$10,006	10/17th of Healthy Lakes Grant Reimbursement (75%)	
Miscellaneous	\$754	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Unidentified Miscellaneous Upside & Transfers from NLFs	
Donation (Big Lake Store)	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$0	Big Lake Store Donation to Support Fish Stocking	
Sub Total (w/o Levy)	\$47,766	\$60,513	\$40,015	\$36,553	\$76,568	\$60,513		
Levy	\$29,353	\$29,353	\$19,107	\$10,246	\$29,353	\$29,353	No Change	
Total Revenue	\$77,119	\$89,866	\$59,122	\$46,799	\$105,921	\$89,866	Total Revenue	
Education and Travel	\$1,344	\$2,500	\$1,840	\$660	\$2,500	\$2,500	Commissioner's Attendance at WI Lakes Training, Travel	
Purple Loosestrife Control	\$0	\$1,250	\$0	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,250	Purple Loosestrife, Knotweed, Yellow Iris? Control	100%
Curley Leaf Pondweed Control	\$13,975	\$14,300	\$11,271	\$3,029	\$14,300	\$14,300	Treatment, Monitoring, Surveys, Permits, Consulting	100%
Native Plant Control for Navigation	\$0	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	Potential Treatment Bay D (West Side Big Lake)	
ALS Monitoring	\$405	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750	Annual Diver ALS Inspection	100%
Surveillance Cameras Services	\$3,122	\$2,169	\$0	\$2,169	\$2,169	\$2,169	Monitor videos, Seasonal Install & Removal, Internet	
Clean Boats Clean Waters	\$6,655	\$8,000	\$2,311	\$5,689	\$8,000	\$8,000	Supplies \$800 & \$7200 Salaries (600 hrs * \$12)	100%
Lake Maintenance Fund Payment	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	Contingency for Dam, Dredging, No Future Grants, etc	
Insurance	\$1,437	\$1,437	\$1,439	\$0	\$1,439	\$1,437	District Liability and Property Damage Insurance	
Communications	\$1,409	\$2,000	\$1,341	\$659	\$2,000	\$2,000	Meetings Notices, Newsletter, Handouts, Postage etc	30%
Website	\$436	\$276	\$194	\$82	\$276	\$276	Website ... Site Maintenance	30%
Miscellaneous	\$2,236	\$4,500	\$2,732	\$1,768	\$4,500	\$4,500	Grants, Social, Dam Maint, Potty, Supplies, Oversights	
Meetings	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$300	\$300	Annual District Meeting Facility Rental	30%
Fish Stocking	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$4,000	Fish Stocking Run Rate	
Association Memberships	\$575	\$575	\$550	\$25	\$575	\$575	WI Lakes \$550 & PCALR \$25	
Water Quality	\$4,404	\$4,459	\$2,205	\$4,820	\$7,025	\$4,459	Big Lake Internal Load Study & Lake Mgmt Plan Update	
Grant Healthy Lakes	\$559	\$12,007	\$0	\$20,412	\$20,412	\$12,007	Healthy Lakes Grant ... 10/17th of Project Cost - 10%	100%
Total Expenditures	\$43,358	\$64,723	\$28,884	\$49,312	\$78,196	\$64,723	Total Expenditures	
Operating Balance	\$33,760	\$25,142	\$30,238	-\$2,513	\$27,725	\$25,142	Operating Balance	

Account Balances as of 06/30/2018				
Checkbook		\$30,238	Lake Mgmt Fund	\$33,601
			Rapid Milfoil Response	\$15,054
Total		\$30,238	Total	\$48,655
Total of all Accounts :		\$78,893		



NLF Year To Date 06/03/18



Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Non-Lapsing Funds 06/30/18 YTD

Fund	2017 Actual	2018				2018 Approved Budget Budget	2018 Approved Budget Assumptions
		Budget	Actual YTD	Pending	Forecast YE		
AIS Rapid Response							
Balance Carried Forward From Prior Year	\$15,031	\$15,046	\$15,046	\$0	\$15,046	\$15,046	Balance Carried Forward From Prior Year
Payment From Operating Account	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Payment from Operating Account
Interest Income	\$15	\$15	\$7	\$8	\$15	\$15	Interest Income
Grants Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Grant Revenue
Total Revenue	\$15,046	\$15,061	\$15,054	\$8	\$15,061	\$15,061	
AIS Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	AIS Control Expense
Other & Transfers to AOP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Other & Transfers to AOP
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Fund Balance	\$15,046	\$15,061	\$15,054	\$8	\$15,061	\$15,061	
Lake Maintenance							
Balance Carried Forward From Prior Year	\$26,059	\$26,984	\$28,586	\$0	\$28,586	\$26,984	Balance Carried Forward From Prior Year
Payment From Operating Account	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	Payment from Operating Account
Interest Income	\$27	\$25	\$15	\$10	\$25	\$25	Interest Income
Grants Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Grant Revenue
Proceeds from Boat Sale	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Proceeds from Boat Sale
Total Revenue	\$28,586	\$34,509	\$33,601	\$10	\$33,611	\$32,009	
Dredging	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Dredging
Dam Structural Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Dam Structural Repairs
Boat Landing Structural Repairs	\$0	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900	Boat Landing Structural Repairs
Other & Transfers to AOP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	Other & Transfers to AOP
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900	
Fund Balance	\$28,586	\$33,609	\$33,601	\$10	\$33,611	\$31,109	
Balance All Funds	\$43,632	\$48,670	\$48,654	\$17	\$48,672	\$46,170	



CAPITAL ITEMS INVENTORY

As of 10/04/2013

ASSET	COST	DATE OF PURCHASE	MODEL	LOCATION	INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBL
floating silt barrier - 100 feet	\$ 703.00	4/26/2007	none	J&S Excavating	Jerry Tack
1/2 undivided interest in a 2009 Starcraft Super Fisherman 170DC Sport boat w/ depth finder and anchor winch	\$ 12,592.80		170DC	Polk Co Sheriff	Tom Bach
1/2 undivided interest in a 2009 Suzuki 115TLK outboard motor			115TLK		Tom Bach
1/2 undivided interest in a 2009 EZ Load trailer					Tom Bach
Epson Digital Projector	\$ 700.00	2010	EX7200	Gary Ovick	Gary Ovick
Quick Books software	\$ 216.00	12/2/2011		Jerry Tack	Jerry Tack
ESPILIDS camera-Church Pine	\$ 5,526.00	6/1/2011		Gary Ovick	Gary Ovick
I-LIDS Video Warning Sign	\$ 400.00	6/1/2011		Gary Ovick	Gary Ovick
AIS Educational Kiosks(2)	\$ 5,680.00	6/1/2011		CP Landing BL Landing	Steve Oswald
Navigation buoys (6)	\$ 928.00	4/11 and 3/12		BL Store	Jerry Tack
Wind speed monitor	\$ 200.00	2010		Steve Oswald	Steve Oswald
Tosh laptop computer with cover	\$ 399.00	10/2/2013		Marriane Shira	Jerry Tack
Mill Pond dam and .29ACRES	\$ 99.00	unknown		BL outlet	Steve Oswald

Status ?



Chairman's Report

(Board Administration)



\$\$ Grant Status \$\$

6/17/2018 Grant Summary

Grant	Description	Years	Total Project Cost			Total Reimbursement		
			Budget	To Date	Balance	Budget	To Date	Balance
LPT-553-17	Healthy Lakes Project	2017-2018	22,680	0	22,680	17,010	0	17,010
ACEI-211-18	APMP Implementation	2018-2020	51,280	10,500	40,780	38,460	7,875	30,585
CBCW-488-18	Clean Boats Clean Water	2018	8000	0	8000	6000	0	6000
SPL-396-18	Big Lake Internal Load Study	2018	4820	0	4820	3000	0	3000
Total			\$86,780	\$10,500	\$76,280	\$64,470	\$7,875	\$56,595



CLP, PL & Knotweed Control Grant

ACEI-211-18 APMP Implementation Grant Status Report

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		Total Budget	Received or In Process	Budget Balance	Request 1	Request 2	Request 3
Consulting Services		9,750.00	196.15	9,553.85	196.15	0.00	0.00
Purchased Services		39,000.00	10,178.00	28,822.00	10,178.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies/Permits		1,090.00	0.00	1,090.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Volunteer \$		1,440.00	126.00	1,314.00	126.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Volunteer Hours</i>		<i>120.00</i>	<i>10.50</i>	<i>109.50</i>	<i>10.50</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
Total Project Exp.		51,280.00	10,500.15	40,779.85	10,500.15	0.00	0.00
Revenue		38,460.00	7,875.11	30,584.89	7,875.11	0.00	0.00
Reimbursement Rate	75%	75%					

Recorded but Missing Backup Items Missing Item = ? Present Item = # or X	Actual Invoice \$	Invoice #	Check #	Proof of Payment or Endorsement Bank Statement	Eligible Amount \$

Not Recorded



Polk County Trail Planning Survey

As residents of Polk County, members of the Lake District have been invited to help the Polk County Trail Planning Subcommittee by providing your input! Your perspective matters and gathering information about what the needs of the community are can help in planning high-quality recreation opportunities!

Below is a link to a survey created by Polk County for the purpose of gathering public opinion on the Cattail and Stower Seven Lakes Trails so high-quality recreation opportunities can be provided.

If you are interested in participating, please answer all questions. **Only surveys with all questions answered will be accepted.** One survey form per person.

Deadline for Submission is July 9, 2018

[Link to Survey](#)

Surveys can also be printed and filled out online or individually mailed and postmarked by July 9 to:

**Polk County Parks
100 Polk County Plaza Suite 10
Balsam Lake, WI 54810**

Any Additional Questions? Please Contact:

Tina Riley



Board Terms

Annual Meeting 2015		Annual Meeting 2016		Annual Meeting 2017		Annual Meeting 2018		Annual Meeting 2019		Annual Meeting 2020		Annual Meeting 2021	
Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing
BH	BH	BH	BH	BH	BH	BH	BH	BH	BH	BH			
GO	GO	GO	GO	GO	GO	GO							
AL	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL					
JT	JT	JT	JT	JT	JT	JT	JT	JT	JT	JT			
MR	MR	MR	MR	MR	MR	MR	MR	MR					



Committee Reports

(Includes Old Business)



Audit Committee Report

Due Q1 2018



CBCW Committee Report



Summer schedule has been filled out. I have 4 OHS students (all upcoming seniors) working full time this summer and one alternate student to help cover when the other students have prior commitments. Two of the girls have worked with me this past weekend and another girl will work with me this coming weekend to get trained in. I have Cole Johnson back this year and I feel he will do a good job. All the students are excited to do this and I am excited to have them. I have someone scheduled for every day this summer, weather permitting. We will be working weekends from 7:00 am to around 4:00 pm or whenever it starts to slow down. During the week I have someone scheduled each day from 3:00 till about 6:00 or 7:00. I asked them to write down what time the boats are entering or leaving to give me an idea of the busiest times of the day (just during the week not weekends) so I can schedule during these times. We are also going to see if there are days during the week that we may not have to sit out because of inactive fishing days. I typed up a note to hand out to the swimmers about picking up their litter and was thinking of handing one to each family along with a garbage bag (a Wal-Mart bag) to see if this will help with the litter problem. Every year this issue gets worse. Let me know what you think of this idea. Nobody understands how bad this problem is unless you are the one cleaning this _____ up! I hope this is all the information you need at this time....and thanks for letting me continue to be the Lead Inspector. Have a great day. Yay...only 1 1/2 days left of school.

Annette Viebrock 05/30/18



Dam Inspection Committee Report

We will get the dam review done when I return

Mike Reiter 06/25/18



Fisheries Committee Report

Expect to place initial order for walleye In May. Researching alternate providers for possible yellow perch stocking and maybe trout. Awaiting input from DNR. Species other than walleye have been stocked in the past.

No decision on including perch or trout will be made without discussion at board level.

Bob Meyer 04/25/18



Lake Management Committee Report

- 1.0 APMP Implementation
- 2.0 Healthy Lakes Grant Status
- 3.0 Big Lake Internal Load Study Status



1.0 APMP Implementation Status

No Activity to Report

Mike Reiter 06/25/18



2.0 Heathy Lakes Grant Status

Jeremy, we just finished up our Heathy Lakes Buffers between the road and Big Lake off of highway K (60th avenue). If you are in the area drive by and take a look. The plants are doing great. We dealt with “Lupine Gardens” near Amery off of highway “F” to get the plants. Dave Swank is great to work with and the prices are great also. Quality of the native plants are excellent! I’m attaching the before and after photos. Mike

Mike Reiter 06/27/18



2.1 Heathy Lakes Grant Status





3.0 Big Lake Internal Load Study Status



Navigation Committee Report

Two new No Wake buoys were purchased and placed into service at the south end of Church Pine Lake.

Jerry Tack 06/30/18



Boat Ramp Repair Project - Status

At Big Lake Store, several docks may go

By Suzanne Lindgren editor@osceolasun.com Jun 27, 2018



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"I love to fish that lake and I won't be able to if they take the docks out," said Donald Vorwald. "None of the old or handicapped people will be able to."

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Wetzel, the conservation warden, said he, Mork, and local officials came to an agreement June 14 that Mork would remove all but two of the docks.

"The agreement we came to was that they would take out all the docks on public property within a reasonable time frame," Wetzel said. "They'll be allowed to have two docks. [...] We're going to allow him to continue to operate his marina business, which was unpermitted, for the rest of the summer and he can go through the permit process next summer. [...] We'd like to bring this to an amicable solution."

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By Suzanne Lindgren editor@osceolasun.com Jun 27, 2018



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Correction

In last week's article, "At Big Lake Store, several docks may go," a DNR official was quoted saying several docks are on the Town of Alden's road right-of-way. In fact, as stated elsewhere in the article, Alden owns the land. Further, according to Alden Town Chair Keith Karpenski, the town would potentially consider installing a dock at the site after Earl Mork's docks are removed.

Timeline Photos



Like



Comment



Share

Tag Photo

Options





Social Committee Report



Web Site Committee Report

- Trail Survey and Annual Parade items drove traffic this month
- Polk County Trail Survey Email: Of the 47 recipients, 38 opened the email, and 15 people clicked the link to the survey
- Had people reach out via the website and facebook on July 4 to find out information regarding the Lake Parade status due to weather, so we know that people are thinking of using these platforms to get information in real time.

Tim Rudolph 7/10/18



New Business

1. Schedule Budget Workshop
2. Agenda Items for 08/07/18 Board Meeting



1.0 Schedule Budget Workshop

Commissioner	July 19	July 20	July 31
Jerry Tack			X
Mike Reiter			X
Ann Layton	X	X	
Beth Hartman			
Greg Frost			
Gary Ovick	X	X	X
John Bonneprise			

July 31, 2018 @ 9:00 AM Gary's House



2019 Budget Workshop *Agenda*

Tuesday 07/31/18

9:00 AM

491 Lake View Lane

Osceola, WI 54020

Meeting Objective

Complete a draft budget proposal for the entire Board of Commissioners to approve at the 08/07/18 Board Meeting.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Review Agenda
3. Review budget requirement per WI Statute 33.29
4. Review and adjust 06/30/18 "Pending" revenue and expenses numbers to develop an accurate 2018 year end forecast. (AOP & NLF)
5. Develop line by line, a 2019 Budget Proposal, starting with Expenses followed by Revenue. (AOP & NLF)
6. Distribute an e-copy of the results to the entire Board for review at the end of the meeting.
7. Adjourn Meeting



1.2 Strategic Guidance for 2019 Budget Workshop

1. New budget items, projects or programs to consider?
2. Grants to anticipate & budget for the revenue? E.g. CBCW
3. Current grant related expenses to be budgeted for whether we are awarded a grant or not?
4. Levy (*tax*) direction



District Calendar

2017 - 2018

2017

- October 3 Board Meeting
- December 5 Board Meeting

2018

- March 6 Board Meeting
- April 3 Board Meeting
- April 18-20 WI Lakes Conference
- May 1 Board Meeting
- June 5 Board Meeting
- June 16 Lake Social Dinner (UW Wanderoos)
- July 4 Boat Parade (Big Lake)
- July 10 Board Meeting
- July 31 Budget Workshop
- August 7 Board Meeting
- August 25 Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
- October 2 Board Meeting
- December 4 Board Meeting

Board Meetings

Alden Town Hall

6pm

Annual Meeting

West Immanuel

Lutheran Church

9am





2.0 Agenda Items 08/07/18

Board of Commissioners Meeting

1. Approved 2017 Annual Audit and Review Treasurers Response to Audit
2. Approve 2019 Budget Proposal
3. Approve Agenda for 08/25/18 Annual Meeting
4. Approve Annual Meeting Notice
5. Establish Schedule of Action Items to Prepare for the Annual Meeting
6. Nominations To Fill Expiring Board Terms
7. Approve 2018-2019 District Calendar
8. Committee Membership Review
9. Agenda Items for 08/25/18 Board Meeting



***Motion
to
Adjourn?***