



KIRBY LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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DRAFT MINUTES, 1st QTR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

April 5, 2025 @ 9:00 am – Maple Plain Town Hall

Agenda and meeting minutes are posted on the kirbylake.net website

KLMD

Commissioners

Mr. Joel Meyer
Chair

(Term ends July, 2025)

Ms. Gloria Meyer
Treasurer

(Term ends July, 2026)

Ms. Barbara Brenny
Secretary

(Term ends July, 2025)
brennybarb2@gmail.com

Mr. Steve Rubenzer
At Large

(Term ends July, 2027)

Mr. Oliver Crane
At Large

(Term ends July, 2027)

Mr. Dennis Jenkins
Maple Plain Township

Mr. Craig Turcott
Barron County

1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:01 A.M.

-Pledge of Allegiance

I. ATTENDANCE:

A. Commissioners Present: J. Meyer, G. Meyer, Brenny, Rubenzer on Google Meet, Crane, Turcott, Jenkins

B. Commissioners Absent: none

C. Guests: Lori & Bill Lee. Nancy & Sam Ocel, Brad Loya

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nancy Ocel shared that the Gruenewald's cabin is for sale. Oliver Crane reported that the fire department conducted their cold-water exercises but did not notify owners in the area. It was a scare for some, thinking there was another emergency on the lake. Craig Turcott will talk to the Fire Department committee of the county board to get the proper notifications in place in the future.

III. APPROVE MINUTES: Dec. 28, 2024, (GM/OC) and approved as submitted

IV. CHAIR REPORT: (J.Meyer) Thanks to Steve Rubenzer for providing the board with abbreviated Robert's Rules of Order. The Matt and Kelly Nelson A-frame rehab is going well.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: (G.Meyer) Checking account: \$5,539; CDs: \$27,000 so total holdings: \$33,070. Motions to accept report: (BB/CT) motion carried. Treasurer answered a questionnaire from Northwood Technical College about this lake district.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: most committees support the 2021 APMP*

A. AIS Monitoring (Ralf Schmidt-Dannert) CLMN Citizen Lake Monitoring Network provides the training.

B. Water Quality Monitoring (Brad Loya) Brad had instruction from Callie Lier, a Water Resources Specialist.

C. Precipitation/Lake level recording (S.Rubenzer) The lake was down 21". The county never installed a permanent marker at the boat landing, so Steve uses a ruler that is attached to his permanent dock.

D. Aeration system maintenance (S.Rubenzer) Oliver turned it off on 4/4/25 and asks to be part of this committee..

E. Pumphouse, barriers, landing (J.Meyer, S.Rubenzer, Crane) Oliver reported that Jim (?) and the Schmucks helped Oliver pull in the barriers. John Schultz donated the hose reel for the cable. The new system worked well. Larger carabiners for the attachments are needed for next year. Also, there is a need for new ¼" galvanized chain, 50' for anchoring the 2 buoys. He built a raised rack for the posts and cleaned up the area. Bill Lee picked up the garbage pile. There was no fish kill this year. Chair, J. Meyer, congratulated the committee on a great design.



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VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS, CONTINUED

- F. Highway H Clean-Up (____)** The chair sent a volunteer request letter to all on the lake but he received no replies. Bill and Lori Lee offered to take on the leadership of this committee. Thanks, Bill and Lori!
- G. Communications**
- 1. Website development and maintenance** (J.Meyer/Brenny) Joel uploaded the 2025 newsletter and added a couple of tabs, one for annual meeting minutes and one for administration which has a lot of information including Robert's Rules, the By-Laws, and People of the Lake Guide for Districts.
 - 2. Facebook Kirby Lake Group:** One new member was accepted, making a total of 52. Contact Steve Rubenzer to be accepted. (rubeycool@aol.com)
- H. Harvester** (Bill Lee/ J.Meyer): A **group** training session will be held before the next season begins. Bill said the machine is ready to go. Other discussion about a minor mechanical issue.
- I. Clean Boats/ Clean Waters CBCW** (Rubenzer): Joel surveyed 4 other lake districts to see how they operate this program and each is different, with different pay levels and hours of operation. Joel suggested we try volunteers for the major holidays. The cleaning and sanitation equipment for it is maintained by Steve. There is a sign asking boaters to clean and drain their equipment before leaving the landing. Obvious dried weeds on boats going into the lake should be removed before entering the water. See training information in J. below.
- J. Healthy Lakes Education** (Brenny): No report. Chair, J. Meyer, asked that a list of upcoming events be provided at the end of the minutes of this meeting. See ** for this list.

VIII. GOVERNMENT ENTITY REPORTS

- A. Township News** (Jenkins) Dennis is the new Town Chairman for Maple Plain. The town will begin road inspections when things dry out.
- B. County News** (Turcott) The county is closely monitoring the solar wind fields in the area. Some are very large, like 1000 acres, on good crop land. Library Lake will be dredged out under the bridge. They are doing Main Street this summer. When they do the Hwy 63 bridge in 2026, detour will go all the way to Rice Lake as they'll take out the whole bridge.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Promotional Clothing/ Accessories** (Rubenzer): The site will open again a couple of times this spring. Steve will send an email about it. Steve has 5 2-sided flags available for \$30 each.
- B. Fundraising** (J.Meyer): As a 501(c) (3) non-profit, KLMD is able to receive tax-deductible donation checks and all are encouraged to donate. Appeals will be made in advance of the Annual Meeting, Thanksgiving, and close to the year's end.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Aquatic Plant Management Permit:** Joel reported that he will apply for it later in the spring when hopefully the lake is up and we can ask for cutting lanes around the southwest island. The first cutting will probably be done the second week in June.
- B. Old harvester equipment, pontoon, and Water Gator trailer:** A motion was made and seconded (JM/DJ) to sell the Water Gator trailer, the old pontoon, and the harvesting equipment (which includes the battery-operated sickle bar and the long-tined rake) on Facebook Marketplace or other online sites. Motion carried. Joel will contact the Gruenewalds to move it out of their storage unit. Purchase of a different trailer was discussed for hauling the Water Gator. The current trailer makes it difficult to work on the machine when out of the water



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X. New Business, Continued

- C. Establish a Harvester Reserve Account:** For replacement/maintenance of the Water Gator. County Board Member, Craig Turcott, will find out how to set up a separate fund for this. Currently of the \$27,000 in CDs that KLMD holds, \$15,000 is a dedicated fund for Aquatic Invasive Species emergencies. Treasurer, G. Meyer, was asked to tabulate donations from previous years to better determine the basis of this harvester reserve fund.
- D. Insurance issues:** Steve Rubenzer investigated, and his recommendation is to leave everything as is. Volunteers are covered when working at the landing.
- E. Other:** A total of 3 floating loon platforms have been built by the Lees and Schmidt-Dannerts. The plan is to put them into new sites so as not to upset returning loons.

XI. CALENDAR

2nd Quarter KLMD Board of Commissioners Meeting: May 10, 2025, 9-11 a.m., Town Hall

Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 19, 2025, 9a.m.-11 a.m.

Special Commissioners Meeting: Sat., July 19, 2025, 11 am-noon, Town Hall

Annual Picnic: Saturday, July 19, 2025, 4 p.m. Location TBD

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 10:40 a.m. (DJ/OC)

*2021 APMP: 2021 Aquatic Plant Management Plan (posted on the website)

**** UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS FOR ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

CBCW Training - Barron County, Saturday, April 26 Time: 9:00 - 11:00 am

Location: Maple Plain Town Hall in Cumberland Trainer: Pat Brown, AIS Coordinator, Barron County Land Services. This Clean Boats, Clean Waters training is for those who have never performed watercraft inspections and conversed with boaters at the landing, but is also a refresher for those who would like a reminder and some practice before heading out to the landings this summer. For more information, contact Pat Brown at 715-537-6313 pat.brown@co.barron.wi.us

2025 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference: Date: Friday, June 20, 2025

Time: 8:00 am to 3:45 pm Location: Hayward High School, 10320 N Greenwood Ln., Hayward, WI 54843 More information can be found on the conference [website](#).

CITIZEN LAKE MONITORING NETWORK (CLMN) How-To Videos from UW-Stevens Point are available online for these subjects: Water Clarity (Sechi) How-to; Water Chemistry How-To; CLMN Quality Assurance Procedures; Aquatic Invasive Species Monitories Procedures; Zebra Mussel Monitoring Methods; and Starry Stonewort Identification. These can be accessed through the UW-Stevens Point Extension website.

FROM PAT BROWN, BARRON COUNTY LAKESHORE TECHNICIAN: Barron County Soil and Water Conservation now has a Facebook page for all to visit: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574610681990>