
MEETING AGENDA

Date: 04-25-2025

Subject: Staples Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting

Commissioners:

- Jim Gores-Barron County Board of Supervisors District 9-**Present**
- Craig Nelson-Crystal Lake Township-**Present**
- Chairman-Chris Ryan-**Present**
- Treasurer-Howard Ketel-**Present**
- Secretary-Dan Fisher-**Absent**

Others Present:

- Theresa Smiley-Non-voting member of the board
- Tina Ketel-Non-voting member of the board
- One person attended the meeting from Polk County who is not a Shoreline owner and one shoreline landowner

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:08pm

2. Motion-

Motion to Expand the Boundaries of the Staples Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Date: 04-25-2025

WHEREAS, the Staples Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, currently defined as [see attachment A], encompasses valuable natural resources, including Staples Lake and stream, and wildlife habitats.

WHEREAS the current boundaries fail to adequately protect the complete lake shore and lake pool outside the current boundaries, which are ecologically interconnected and vital to the health of the existing Lake District; and

WHEREAS, expanding the boundaries to include nineteen additional parcels within Polk County, beginning at the western side of the intersection of Polk Barron County Line Road and 20 ½ Avenue, going south along Staples Lake on the west side of Polk Barron County Line

Road, then including the eastside properties along the curve around the lake until ending at the intersection of Polk Barron County Line Road and 19 ½ Street. In addition, would include any future parcels that would have shoreline access to Staples Lake. This would provide enhanced protection for water quality, biodiversity, recreational opportunities, public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare and is pursuant to WI Statute 33.33(2)(b)

WHEREAS, incorporating [see attachment B] into the Lake District aligns with the County's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development; and that the additional property included in the district will be benefited by this inclusion; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive lake management study, attached as Exhibit A, demonstrates the ecological and economic benefits of having all parcels on Staples Lake actively involved in both shoreline practices and watershed management activities; and

WHEREAS, public input has been attempted to be gathered through letters sent to the Polk County landowners on 04-23-2023 inviting them to a breakfast meeting on 05-21-2023 to discuss the voluntary inclusion into the Staples Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. At the initial meeting two landowners attended and signed the petition. One additional landowner mailed back a signed petition. All annual meetings for Staples Lake and Rehabilitation District are posted in public locations and The Cumberland Advocate. In addition, the Lake District also posted the agenda on 04-12-2025, for the District Commissioners meeting to be held on this specific topic on 04-25-2025, in The Cumberland Advocate as well as Mixed Up on Staples Lake; and

WHEREAS the expansion of the Lake District boundaries will require amendments to Relevant County Ordinances, Plans, Zoning Ordinance, Special Fee, and/or Comprehensive Plan.

There were a couple questions from the landowner regarding how to help stop the erosion from his property and wanted to add rip rap, also had some questions regarding walleye stocking. All questions were answered.

Motion made by Chris Ryan, Seconded by Howard Ketel. Craig Nelson and Jim Gores voted to approve the motion. There was not any no votes. Dan Fisher was absent.

3. Meeting adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 12:31pm