



**Lower Turtle Lake Management District
April 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Present:

Steve Miller, Gary Warner, Casey Kurschner, David Sollman, Sandra Scheps, Hoyt Rose, Jim Gores

19 landowners were present.

Call to Order

President Steve Miller declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

Approval of Agenda

Steve discussed the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Steve asked for a motion to approve the October 19, 2025 meeting minutes as posted on the website.

Motion made by Deb Spring, seconded by Gary Warner.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Gary Warner presented the treasurer's report.

- Beginning balance: \$17,221.04
- Payments received: 2024 final payment and advance payment for 2025 Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW).
- January to April settlement received.
- Expenses: Point Intercept Survey (\$5,521.00) and CLCW (\$1,000.00).
- Ending balance: \$14,318.38

Gary will renew the certificate of deposit for 6 months.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Doug K., seconded by Marv K.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- **East Landing Repair:**
Hoyt Rose provided an update. All invoices are being gathered for submission to the county, and costs are expected to be lower than anticipated.
- **Aquatic Plant Management Planning Project (Second Year):**
For every hour volunteered, participants will receive \$15.00/hour. A training session on invasive species will be scheduled soon. Residents and lake users are encouraged to participate as they are often the first to spot invasive species.
- **Organic Residue Site Reminder:**
The dump site for organic materials is located north of Turtle Lake on Hwy 63 and is open for drop-off.

New Business

- **CBCW 2025:**
Dave Blumer will manage the scheduling of help for the landings.
- **Water Testing Report (Brad Rheingen):**
 - Water sampling took place on April 20, 2025.
 - Phosphorus testing was done.
 - Secchi disk reading: 9 ft.
 - Water temperature: 49.7°F at the surface, 47.4°F at 20 ft.
 - Dissolved oxygen: 9.68 mg/L at the top, 9.3 mg/L at the bottom.
 - A new dissolved oxygen meter has been received.
- **Shoreline Restoration Program:**
Sue will post information about the program on Facebook. Barron County is offering plant groupings for purchase (butterfly, woodland, or wetland). Orders are due by May 8th, with pickup in June. Contact Steve for more details.
- **Rinse Stations at the Landings:**
Doug K. volunteered to handle filling and changing the spray container for boat decontamination. Ed M. is expected to volunteer for the West boat landing again this year.
- **Curly Leaf Pondweed Control (Chemical and/or Custom Harvesting):**
Dave Blumer has applied for permits to harvest or chemically treat the lake for curly leaf pondweed (CLP).
 - Mechanical harvesting will cost approximately \$3,500/day for 8 hours of work.
 - Chemical treatment will cost about \$7,700 for a 5-acre bed in May when the plants are around 18 inches tall.
 - A total of 28 acres of CLP were found in the lake last year.
 - **Motions Passed:**
 1. John Z. made a motion to hire mechanical harvesting for up to two days of removal. Seconded by Marv K.
Motion carried unanimously.
 2. John Z. made a motion to apply for a permit to treat a 5-acre bed on the southeast side of the lake with chemicals and to increase the budget to

cover the cost. Seconded by Marv K.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Deb S. made a motion to have Dave Blumer, as the consultant, use sampling to determine which CLP beds should be treated by the harvester. Seconded by Gary W.
Motion carried unanimously.

Open Forum

- Carpe fisherman will be active at night.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:21 A.M., seconded, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Scheps, Secretary