



KIRBY LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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DRAFT MINUTES, 2nd QTR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

May 10, 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)

Ms. Kally Wagner
Maple Plain Township

Mr. Craig Turcott
Barron County

1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

-Pledge of Allegiance

I. ATTENDANCE:

A. Commissioners Present: J. Meyer, G. Meyer, Brenny, Rubenzert, Crane, Wagner

B. Commissioners Absent: Turcott

C. Guests: Bill Lee, Joanna Lee

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A.

III. APPROVE MINUTES: Apr 5, 2025, (JM/GM) approved with correction to add Crane to Aerating System Maintenance

IV. CHAIR REPORT: (J.Meyer) The Gruenewalds have sold their cabin. Bronson Broer bought a vacant lot hoping to build but the county opposing.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: (G.Meyer) Checking account: \$5375; CDs: \$27,530 so total holdings: \$32,905. Expenses since Apr 5: \$249 (electricity and buoy chains). Motion (JM/BB) carried to table the report for future audit. Discussion re the 3 protected loon nests that were built and the costs donated by the Lees and Schmidt-Dannerts. How to track these "donations-in-kind."

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

A. AIS Monitoring (Ralf Schmidt-Dannert): JM: volunteers are ready.

B. Water Quality Monitoring (Brad Loya) JM: Ready to go.

C. Precipitation/Lake level recording (Rubenzer) The lake was down 20".

D. Aeration system maintenance (Rubenzer, Crane) The system is working and is in its second year.

E. Pumphouse, barriers, landing (J.Meyer, Rubenzer, Crane) JM monitored the landing May 3 during opening weekend and no one came between 7-10 a.m. He used the time to clean and organize the pumphouse. SR: questioned an item behind the porta-potty and JM said it was the support for the old harvesting pontoon tarp. OC: researched the signage necessary for the buoys. He ordered 2 sets of the proper diamond signage re aerator warning and will customize it to work for this situation.

F. Highway H Clean Up (Bill & Lori Lee): Bill & Lori spent 2 days cleaning: 7 hr and 6.5 hr. He brought 6 loads of all kinds of trash to the county. There is a need to involve more volunteers and they were encouraged to ask for an email to be sent prior to the planned dates of service.

G. Communication:

1. Website development/maintenance (J.Meyer): he is ready to upload more minutes. A question regarding the \$300 costs for the website per year brought up the idea of a free app. Joanna Lee noted that such a website can be done free through a Google app and might work for the District. She volunteered to look into it as a possibility for the District and to present a version to the Board for review.
2. Facebook Page (S.Rubenzer): he reports on storms on the FB page



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COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued

H. Harvester Machines (Bill Lee/ J.Meyer):

1. Maintenance: discussion about paddle wheel adjustment needed by the manufacturer
2. Harvesting plan: S.Rubenzer suggests setting up teams of volunteers who can harvest when they are ready rather than once a month as in the past. He is ready to lead this project, and the teams are reminded that they need to have a copy of the permit letter available with the operator of the machine and also follow all protocols outlined in the letter including notifying the DNR representative 4 business days in advance of harvesting. Discussion as to how to notify on a weekly basis so that the notification will be accomplished when volunteers are available to help with harvesting.

I. Clean Boats/ Clean Waters CBCW (Rubenzer): J.Meyer organized the items for this program while at the landing on May 3. He, G.Meyer and BB attended the CBCW training on Apr. 26.

J. Healthy Lakes Education (Brenny): See notes at end of minutes for educational opportunities.

K. Promotional Kirby Lake Wear (Rubenzer): There was a 2-week window during which folks could order. The products should be coming in soon. He still has flags for sale.

L. Fundraising (J.Meyer): No report

VIII. GOVERNMENT ENTITY REPORTS

A. Township News (Wagner): Kally Wagner, the new Maple Plain Township representative to KLMD, reported that the township will re-do the rest of 26th Ave through the reservation and then continue onto 2nd St. south to 48. 2 culverts need replacing.

B. County News (Turcott) No report

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sale of Old Harvester Pontoon/Motor, Harvesting Equipment, Water Gator Trailer:

1. J Meyer cleaned up the pontoon and it is ready to be put up for sale. Joanna Lee and Bill Lee offered to take photos of the items for sale and to put them onto FB Marketplace and Craigslist. Sale prices were approved (SR/BB) "\$3,900 (OBO) for all or \$3,200 (OBO) for only the equipment and \$700 (OBO) for only the pontoon & motor." Proceeds will be put into the Harvester Reserve Account.
2. Sale of the Water Gator original trailer: This trailer is not suitable for performing maintenance on the Water Gator while it is out of the water. A different trailer would be more useful. Therefore, the board voted to sell the 6x12" trailer for \$1,250 ((OBO). Joanna and Bill Lee will also put these up for sale on FB Marketplace and Craigslist. Proceeds will be used to purchase a more amenable, user-friendly trailer for the Water Gator.

B. Harvester Reserve Account: \$3500 has been voluntarily donated to this fund in the years 2023-2025. A motion (JM/G) was passed to establish a Reserve Harvester Account, with a base of \$3500, and to be added to with future charitable donations and proceeds from the sale of old harvester equipment and to be tracked within the existing KLMD checking account

C. Loon Platform Update: G.Meyer attended the Loon Ranger program and says that the platforms should incorporate elements of nature (and ours already have dried weeds on them). The platforms have been installed around the lake but none have been inhabited by loons yet. Thank you for sharing the Loon Ranger info through an email, Gloria.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Aquatic Plant Harvesting Permit: J.Meyer will immediately apply for the permit. He had been waiting for the water to come up but it isn't happening. No mechanical harvesting can be done until this permit is in the hands of the Water Gator operator/s.

B. Identify Harvesting Days/Times on the Lake: S.Rubenzer will organize this per the "team" approach noted in VI. H. above.



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C. Convene Nominating Committee: S. Rubenzer will lead the Nominating Committee for the election of 2 commissioners at the Annual Meeting on July 19, 2025.

D. Other:

1. S. Rubenzer plans to establish an Eagle Cam on county property in Eagle/Meyer Bay. He has contacted the DNR, Barron Electric and Barron County. No restrictions except to not install during mating season. Cam will be available privately through FB website.
2. G. Meyer presented the need to discuss and work on the 2026 budget which needs to be approved at the Annual Meeting on July 19. A Budget Meeting will be held on June 28, 2025, 9-10:30 a.m.

XI. CALENDAR

Budget Meeting: Saturday, June 28, 2025, 9 a.m –10:30 a.m., Town Hall

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

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 10:48 a.m. (GM/BB)

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

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

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/10320+N+Greenwood+Ln,+Hayward,+WI+54843) More information can be found on the conference [website](https://www.kirbylake.net).

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.

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