

# Minutes

## Rice Lake, Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Posted: Town of Rice Lake Municipal Building,  
City Hall of Rice Lake, Rice Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

**Place: United Presbyterian Church, 20 W. Messenger St., Rice Lake, WI  
54868 (Handicap Accessible)**

**Time: 8:30 AM**

**Date: June 18, 2025**

<b>Josh Estreen: Chair</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Don Putnam: Treasurer/Commissioner</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Chris Olsen (Secretary)</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Peter Gallagher/Commissioner</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>D Puthoff/City Rep</b>		<b>Bob Anderson/County Rep</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Randy Bina/Commissioner</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Dave Blumer (LEAPS) Consultant</b>	
<b>Christina Solie (LD Coordinator)</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Carol Kettner /WQ&amp;LP Committee</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Guests:</b>		<b>Nate Emerson: Operations</b>	<b>x</b>

Notice: A quorum for the City or Town of Rice Lake, or other municipal bodies may be present but, no actions will be taken.

Agenda Item:	Notes:
<b>1. Call to order by Chair:</b> Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda.	Call to order 8:30
<b>2. Roll Call &amp; Introductions:</b>	
<b>3. Pledge of Allegiance:</b>	
<b>4. Public Input: (limited to five minutes) No Board action will be taken</b>	a) None
<b>5. Consent Agenda:</b> a) Secretary's Report Approval of minutes of May 21, 2025 b) Treasurer's Report Approve as presented c) Approve the payment of bills as presented	a)
<b>6. Motion to approve Consent Agenda</b>	a) Olsen/Bina - Approved
<b>7. Consent Agenda Items pulled for further discussion and/or action:</b>	
<b>8. Old Business:</b> a) Updates to Plant Management Plan after presentation to LD Board on May 21, 2025	a) LEAPS still working on plan. Update in July.
<b>9. New Business:</b> a)	a)
<b>10. Standing Committees:</b> a) <b>Finance-Putnam</b> b) <b>Lake operations-Bina</b> c) <b>Consultant/Grants-Blumer</b> d) <b>Lake Protection/Water Quality-Gallagher</b> e) <b>Inter-governmental</b> f) <b>Lake District Coordinator-Solie</b>	a) Levy of \$33878.80 deposited. Current checking balance \$66159.08 b) Motion to proceed with sale negotiations of oldest working harvester and mothballed harvester in storage that does not work. Gallagher/Anderson

	<p>- Approved</p> <p>c) Update by Christina – 127 hours on CBCW through June 12. Boat numbers are lower. Yellow Iris treated. Considering applying for grant to cover new plants to go in where yellow iris removed. 600 plants estimated for replacement. Contacting AIS applicator to assess and do a second treatment. See Addendum 1 from LEAPS.</p> <p>d) Arnold Landing Cleanup completed. Rain garden at fairgrounds will be worked on after county fair.</p> <p>e) No report.</p> <p>f) Received chemicals for water sampling. Submitted grant claim for chemical permit. Talked to City of RL on installing grit chambers on Lakeshore Dr when it is rebuilt. Website will be transferred to new provider after current contract ends.</p>
<p>11. <b>Closed Session</b> – Motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to WI ss19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and WI ss19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par.(b) applies which, if discussed in public, would likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.</p>	<p>a) If needed</p>
<p>12. <b>Open Session</b> – Motion to reconvene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session.</p>	

<b>13. Future Agenda Items</b>	a) Dock system for Moose.
<b>14. Set next meeting date/time:</b>	Monthly Meeting: July 16, 2025
<b>15. Consideration of Adjournment:</b>	a) Bina/Gallagher

**Submitted June 19, 2025**

**Chris Olsen – Secretary**

#### **Addendum 1**

#### **June 18, 2025 Lake District Operation Report**

**Lake:** Dirty water and curly leaf pondweed. Clarity of water was compromised this year. Perhaps the excessive pollen and below normal precipitation were partially to blame. River was clean entering the lake, but clarity of water was compromised. Curly leaf pondweed has high infestations from Lake Shore Drive surrounding Fire Work Inland over to Voelker Point, covering entire from Delta and Boy Scout Island on North Basin. Hanson's Bay had a strong infestation while other curly infected areas of South Basin had less infestation.

New buoys have remained in place and the slow wake sign was a good investment.

We removed some floating bogs, cattails and some logs and other obstructions. Calls from constituents would be considered normal.

**Equipment:** Our oldest harvester, the one being replaced next year has been troublesome. Hydraulic motor has been rebuilt, cutting head has been rebuilt or replaced and most recently the fuel lines built on the motor that flows to the injectors is in need of replacement. Parts will go over \$10,000 this spring for this harvester and labor and downtime will add to those costs. Staff will be attending the grant appropriation meeting again in August in an attempt to secure 50% cost share on a new harvester for next season. Some conversations have been occurring on the sale of the used harvesters. Inland is allowing the district to sell the 2 oldest harvesters that we were trading in to interested parties on our own. The trade in value is \$20,000 and we have a Florida buyer for the operational one for \$25,000 and interest for the scraped harvester from the Apple River Association for \$4,000. Operation committee is recommending that we sell as is to the interested parties.

After the July 4th weekend we will be removing the oldest harvester to move to Moon Lake for 7-10 of harvesting there. Dan Graf has secured the permitting and the lake looks less covered by weeds.

**Respectfully submitted**

**Randy Bina**