

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: February 18, 2026

Josh Estreen: Chair	x	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Commissioner	x
Chris Olsen (Secretary)	x	Doug Edwardsen/Commissioner	x
City Rep – Open		Bob Anderson/County Rep	
Randy Bina/Commissioner - Call in	x	Dave Blumer (LEAPS) Consultant	
Christina Solie (LD Coordinator)	x	Carol Kettner /WQ&LP Committee	
Guests:		Nate Emerson: Operations	x

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:
1. Call to order by Chair: Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda.	Call meeting to order 8:31am
2. Roll Call & Introductions:	
3. Pledge of Allegiance:	
4. Public Input: (limited to five minutes) No Board action will be taken	a) None
5. Consent Agenda: a) Secretary's Report Approval of minutes of 01/21/26 b) Treasurer's Report Approve as presented 02/18/26 c) Approve the payment of bills as presented	
6. Motion to approve Consent Agenda	a) Olsen/Putnam - Approved
7. Consent Agenda Items pulled for further discussion and/or action:	
8. Old Business:	a)
9. New Business: a) Wake boat proposal in WI legislature b) Grant Status, See Addendum A c) Chemical Treatment Approval, See Addendum B	a) Assembly and Senate bills are receiving public hearings. No action taken. b) State grant of \$14,794.42 for Surface Grant Funding. c) Approved 19 acres of chemical treatment from DNR.
10. Standing Committees: a) Finance-Putnam b) Lake operations-Bina c) Consultant/Grants-Blumer	a) Question on adobe program billing. Transferring \$100,000 from loan to checking to cover next payment on purchase of

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Lake Protection/Water Quality-Solie/Kettner e) Inter-governmental – Anderson, City or RL f) Lake District Coordinator-Solie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> harvester. b) Same crew as last year. Additional operator for fill in will be trained. Planning for preparation of harvesters in March. c) No report d) Adding seed mix to fairgrounds in March. e) Doug Edwardsen appointed to city council. New appointment from City of Rice Lake forthcoming. f) Submitting harvesting permit soon. Approved for chemical treatment in 5 areas of lake. Setting up testing post treatment. Hiring people for CBCW. Mandatory grant meeting to be set up in March. Renew WI Lakes membership, Attending Lakes and Rivers Conference in Stevens Point. Will research new phone and plan with cell carriers.
<p>11. Closed Session – 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Lake District Coordinator employment agreement. MM/MS to move to closed session – Edwardsen/Putnam.

<p>12. Open Session – Motion to reconvene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session.</p>	<p>a) Lake District Coordinator employment agreement. MM/MS Putnam/Edwardsen - Approved. Agreement to increase Lake District Coordinator to 32 hours beginning March 1. MM/MS Putnam/Edwardsen Increase for operations crew as follows: Dan 20, Russ 22, Jeff 23, Nate 26. New hires 17-19 depending on experience.</p>
<p>13. Future Agenda Items:</p>	
<p>14. Set next meeting date/time:</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting: March 18, 2026</p>
<p>15. Consideration of Adjournment:</p>	<p>a) Putnam/Edwardsen Approved.</p>

Submitted February 19, 2026
Chris Olsen - Secretary

Addendum A
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
FY26 Surface Water Grants Proposed Funding List
1 of 14

- Applicant Project County Award Score**
- Adams Adams County LMPN Adams \$10,841.68 N/A
 - Ashland Ashland LMPN Ashland \$16,178.26 N/A
 - Barron Barron LMPN Barron \$14,794.42 N/A**
 - Bayfield Bayfield LMPN Bayfield \$20,090.27 N/A
 - Burnett Burnett LMPN Burnett \$16,506.26 N/A
 - Crawford Crawford LMPM Crawford \$9,457.42 N/A
 - Dane Dane LMPN Dane \$21,316.24 N/A
 - Door Door County LMPN Door \$12,371.23 N/A
 - Douglas Douglas County LMPN Douglas \$19,223.19 N/A
 - Florence Florence LMPN Florence \$13,466.06 N/A
 - Jefferson Jefferson LMPN Jefferson \$13,003.36 N/A
 - Lincoln Lincoln County LMPN Lincoln \$16,224.09 N/A
 - Menominee Menominee LMPN Menominee \$10,822.00 N/A
 - Oconto Oconto LMPN Oconto \$18,732.17 N/A
 - Oneida Oneida LMPN Oneida \$22,003.33 N/A
 - Ozaukee Ozaukee LMPN Ozaukee \$11,446.47 N/A
 - Pierce Pierce LMPN Pierce \$10,806.70 N/A
 - Polk Polk LMPN Polk \$14,947.85 N/A
 - Richland Richland LMPN Richland \$5,191.59 N/A

Sawyer Sawyer LMPN Sawyer \$22,681.91 N/A
Sheboygan Sheboygan LMPN Sheboygan \$12,148.74 N/A
St Croix St. Croix LMPN St Croix \$10,734.22 N/A
Vernon Vernon LMPN Vernon \$9,070.83 N/A
Vilas Vilas LMPN Vilas \$18,780.58 N/A
Walworth Walworth LMPN Walworth \$16,133.95 N/A
Washburn Washburn LMPN Washburn \$15,288.50 N/A
Washington Washington LMPN Washington \$13,073.48 N/A
Waukesha Waukesha LMPN Waukesha \$18,432.30 N/A
Wood Wood County LMPN Wood \$13,097.11 N/A
FRIENDS OF BEAVER CREEK RESERVE, INC. Beaver Creek Reserve LMPN Buffalo,
Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pepin, Rusk \$72,022.91 N/A
FOX WOLF WATERSHED ALLIANCE FWFA LMPN
Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Brown, Fond du
Lac \$66,686.04 N/A
GLACIERLAND RC&D, INC. Glacierland RCD LMPN Kewaunee, Manitowoc \$22,197.21
N/A
GOLDEN SANDS RC&D Golden Sands RCD LMPN
Clark, Green Lake, Taylor, Waupaca, Jackson,
Trempealeau, Marquette, Portage, Waushara,
Columbia, Marathon, Monroe, Juneau \$171,080.31 N/A
LUMBERJACK RC&D COUNCIL Lumberjack RC&D LMPN Forest, Langlade, Marinette
\$52,897.94 N/A
ROCK RIVER COALITION, INC Rock River Coalition LMPN Dodge, Rock \$25,238.43 N/A
UW SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS (SeaGrant) SeaGrant LMPN Racine, Kenosha,
Milwaukee \$39,887.47 N/A
UPPER SUGAR RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION Upper Sugar River Watershed
Association LMPN Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette. Sauk \$56,999.19 N/A
UW LA CROSSE UW La Crosse LMPN La Crosse \$11,336.18 N/A
WATERWAYS ASSOC. MENOMINEE & SHAWANO CTY WAMSCO LMPN Shawano
\$17,518.44 N/A
Total \$962,728.33

Addendum B

AIS Permit:

State of Wisconsin DNR Department of Natural Resources Water Permit Central Intake – attn.
APM PO Box 7185 Madison, WI 53707-7185

Chemical Aquatic Plant Control Permit

Permit Number: NO-2026-3-24653

Waterbody # (WBIC): 2103900

Permit Expiration Date: 10/1/2026

Fee Received: 520

Waterbody Name: Rice Lake

Waterbody Address: 2044 21 15/16 St

Applicant Name: Josh Estreen

Applicator Name: Northern Aquatic Services
PO Box 446 Rice Lake, WI 54868
1061 240th St Dresser, WI 54009

Email:

Email: ddressel@centurytel.net

Phone:

Phone: 715-495-5252

Advanced Notification of Treatment is required

The Department has received and reviewed your application to chemically treat up to 19.46 acres of aquatic plants in Rice Lake, Barron County. Aspects of this permit may not be changed.

Please go to this web address: <https://permits/dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> to search for and download the permit documents. Your permit application meets the minimum requirements by law and a permit is being issued with the following conditions:

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to follow the treatment plan outlined in the permit application and permit conditions. The treatment notification protocols, treatment plan, and reporting protocols shall be performed in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 107. Noncompliance with the permit can result in enforcement actions under Wis. Stat. ss. 23.24(6) and 281.98 and restriction of aquatic plant management activities for subsequent years under Wis. Adm. Code Ch. NR 107. The conditions and treatment plan are required to be followed to ensure efficacy of the treatment.

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The Department waives its advanced notification requirements for this permit. This does not waive requirements for public notification.

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The Department may stop or limit the application of chemicals to a body of water if at any time it determines that the treatment will be ineffective or will result in unreasonable restrictions on current water uses or will produce unnecessary adverse side effects on nontarget organisms.