

# 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: March 18, 2026**

<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>Doug Edwardsen/Commissioner</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>City Rep – Open</b>		<b>Bob Anderson/County Rep</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Randy Bina/Commissioner</b>		<b>Dave Blumer (LEAPS) Consultant</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Christina Solie (LD Coordinator)</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Carol Kettner /WQ&amp;LP Committee</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Guests: Loni</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:
1. <b>Call to order by Chair:</b> Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda.	Call to order: 8:30am
2. <b>Roll Call &amp; Introductions:</b>	
3. <b>Pledge of Allegiance:</b>	
4. <b>Public Input: (limited to five minutes) No Board action will be taken</b>	a) None
5. <b>Consent Agenda:</b> a) Secretary’s Report Approval of minutes of 02/18/26 b) Treasurer’s Report Approve as presented 03/18/26 c) Approve the payment of bills as presented	
6. <b>Motion to approve Consent Agenda</b>	a) Anderson/Edwardsen - Approved
7. <b>Consent Agenda Items pulled for further discussion and/or action:</b>	
8. <b>Old Business:</b>	a) None
9. <b>New Business:</b> a)	a) None
10. <b>Standing Committees:</b> a) Finance-Putnam b) Lake operations-Bina c) Consultant/Grants-Blumer d) Lake Protection/Water Quality-Solie/Kettner e) Inter-governmental – Anderson, City or RL f) Lake District Coordinator-Solie	a) Levy deposited. Phone updated. Money market balance at end of February \$12,896.45, balance of checking at end of february \$65,828.67. b) Operations looks good for prepping. New harvester being

	<p>painted delivery mid-may, some minor hydraulics needed on clam truck.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Permits- harvesting permit submitted, chemical treatment permit approved, yellow iris added to master list for reimbursement under rapid response grant. Preparing for summer treatment plan. Clean boats clean water hired 1, 2 more interviews set up. Milfoil treatment and Yellow Iris treatment early to mid June.</li> <li>d) Seeds put out at fairgrounds.</li> <li>e) Nothing from county. City – June 6 fishing derby, Wakeboat legislation dead in water, City starting process to replace community services director. Must determine who to contact for lake levels when calls are received.</li> <li>f) Working on news letter for early April publication. Red Cedar conference went well. Presented with Tainter Lake and discussed reimbursement program RLLD uses. Asked Lake Country Marina for quote on canopy top for pontoon. Nate looking into used canopy from local resident. Equipment for water sampling should be arriving soon. Stevens Point conference in April.</li> </ul>
<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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Not needed</li> </ul>

<p>12. <b>Open Session</b> – Motion to reconvene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session.</p>	<p>a) Not needed</p>
<p>13. <b>Future Agenda Items:</b></p>	<p>Water level/dam operation</p>
<p>14. <b>Set next meeting date/time:</b></p>	<p>Monthly Meeting: April 15, 2026</p>
<p>15. <b>Consideration of Adjournment:</b></p>	<p>a) Putnam/Edwardsen - Approved</p>

**Submitted March 18, 2026**  
**Chris Olsen - Secretary**