

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: July 15, 2026

Josh Estreen: Chair	x	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Commissioner	x
Chris Olsen (Secretary)	x	Doug Edwardsen/Commissioner	x
City Rep – Eric Pelle	x	Bob Anderson/County Rep	
Randy Bina/Commissioner	x	Dave Blumer (LEAPS) Consultant	
Christina Solie (LD Coordinator)	x	Carol Kettner /WQ&LP Committee	x
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 to order: 8:32
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 06/17/26 b) Treasurer's Report Approve as presented 07/15/26 c) Approve the payment of bills as presented	
6. Motion to approve Consent Agenda	a) Bina/Edwardsen - Approved
7. Consent Agenda Items pulled for further discussion and/or action:	
8. Old Business: a) Town of Rice Lake property agreement discussion – Estreen/Putnam	a) Continue to discuss, leave on future agenda
9. New Business: a)	a) None
10. Standing Committees: a) Finance-Putnam b) Lake operations-Bina c) Consultant/Grants-Blumer d) Lake Protection/Water Quality-Solie/Kettner e) Inter-governmental – Anderson, Pelle f) Lake District Coordinator-Solie	a) Last request for Harvester payment. Payment sent to Inland. Transfer from Loan to Checking of \$150000.00. Checking: 11271.20, Money Market: 12937.79. b) See Attachment A: c) No report d) Clean up done at Narrows Park

	along Sawyer St to bridge. Next cleanup will be Arnolds. R3P has two interested parties. e) Pelle reported on Besse property sold. Edwardsen reported updates to Lakeshore drive and future development. Part of plans will need Knowles/Nelson grants from DNR when available. f) Men's club thanked district for assisting with fishing derby. Grants: Requested extension on 2024 grant. Yellow flag iris letters sent out for permission to treat. Creating map of approved properties for applicator. Will start working on permit for curly leaf along lakeshore drive. Website nearing completion. 257 hours in CBCW for both landings. Working on ideas for annual meeting.
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.	a) If needed

12. Open Session – Motion to reconvene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session.	a) If needed
13. Future Agenda Items:	PR/Marketing within the Town and City for Lake District – Edwardsen/Solie Add commissioner comments on future agenda.
14. Set next meeting date/time:	Monthly Meeting: August 19, 2026
15. Consideration of Adjournment:	a) Putnam/Edwardsen

Addendum A:

Operations Report July 2026

Lake: Weeds under control, grasses with roots, floaters after July 4 traffic, floating crud and a few logs have surfaced. As of July 9 we have removed 1,332,000 pounds of biomass. Curly leaf has dropped and Hybrid Water Milfoil has vanished where we sprayed

North Basin is much greener than South Basin like usual. Duck weed and algae.

Whiskey Bay, Clearwater Bay, Hanson Bay, Bayview, etc. all shallow waters are receiving most attention. We were able to get into Barker Street Bay for first time in three years.

Personnel: A little overtime prior to the 4th of July, Nate and Russ are near 40 hours per week, while Jeff and Dan are quite a lot less. New driver started this week as a supplement to Dan.

Equipment: New harvester was delivered just before the 4th of July. Working great, tightening some hoses and bolts as we operate hard. This will be operated by Russ Crowe pretty much exclusively in North Bay.

Big Red has a major hydraulic seal out on pivot head and is down for several days. Working with A-1 rental on handling equipment to load weeds during repair time.

Pickup goes in for some warranty work next week.

Moon Lake: Water is low on the lake so we are evaluating whether or not we can harvest now or wait for levels to rise. Have been in discussions with leadership on Moon Lake.

Submitting for last reimbursement from State for harvester.

Submitted 7/15/26

Chris Olsen - Secretary

