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: August 19, 2026

Josh Estreen: Chair/Commissioner	**x**	**Don Putnam: Treasurer/Commissioner**	**x**
Chris Olsen: Secretary/Commissioner	**x**	**Doug Edwardsen: Commissioner**	**x**
Eric Pelle: City of Rice Lake Rep	**x**	**Bob Anderson: Barron County Rep**	
Randy Bina: Commissioner	**x**	**Carol Kettner: WQ&LP Committee**	
Christina Solie: LD Coordinator	**x**	**Nate Emerson: Operations**	**x**
Guests:			

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: a. Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda.	a. Call to order 8:30
2. Roll Call & Introductions:	
3. Pledge of Allegiance:	
4. Public Input: (limited to five minutes) No Board action will be taken	None
5. Consent Agenda: a. Secretary's Report Approval of minutes of 07/15/26 b. Treasurer's Report Approve as presented 08/19/26 c. Approve the payment of bills as presented	a.
6. Motion to approve Consent Agenda	a. Bina/Edwardsen - Approved
7. Consent Agenda Items pulled for further discussion and/or action:	a.
8. Old Business: a. Town of Rice Lake property agreement discussion – Estreen/Putnam	a. No updates
9. New Business: a. PR/Marketing within the Town and City for Lake District Edwardsen/Solie	a. Continued discussion on engaging the public beyond annual meeting. Focus on word of mouth and pushing the environmental impact of the LD. Edwardsen will develop a basic plan for

	interaction with taxpayers and community at large. Goal for 2027 completion.
10. Standing Committees: a. Finance-Putnam b. Lake operations-Bina/Emerson c. Lake Protection/Water Quality-Solie/Kettner d. Inter-governmental – Anderson, Pelle e. Lake District Coordinator-Solie	a. Received grant money $37,707.55. Money market $50,655.78, Checking $34,415.97. Grant money to be used to pay down loan. b. See addendum A c. Clean up at Arnolds Landing, 8 volunteers. Shoreline reimbursement completed in Hansons Bay. LD evaluating property on Monroe Ave to assist with runoff and erosion. Sent in edibility study for curly leaf treatment along Lakeshore Drive. Yellow Flag Iris treatment cancelled by applicator. Will search out alternatives to continue this year. d. Broten property meeting, LD Coordinator attended. Besse property has signage stating new owners are investing in community. e. New website is switched over to local business. Sent in Clean Boat Clean Water grant for 2027. Guest speaker lined up for annual meeting. Preparing harvesting plan for submittal for 2027.

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. Commissioner Comments -	a. None
14. Future Agenda Items:	a.
15. Set next meeting date/time:	Monthly Meeting: September 16, 2026
16. Consideration of Adjournment:	Edwardsen/Bina

Submitted 08/19/26
Chris Olsen – Secretary

Addendum A:
Lake Operations Report August 19, 2026
Lake: Low water and green water. Particulates in South Basin as well as north. Abundance of Water Celery which is causing extensive floaters throughout the Lake. Several bogs have resurfaced. We have removed parts of some and a few small bogs we have pushed and removed from the north basin. Continue to get calls on logs and floaters. Weeds in channels continue to need attention.
Have removed 1,926,000 pounds of weed biomass as of August 18th. Samples of both weeds and a dense bog have been submitted to analyze phosphorus content. Bogs are significantly heavier and denser than weeds and it will educational to analyze what we are removing.
Personnel:
Will complete the harvest season with 2 harvesters as we can keep up. Nate, Russ and Jeff will be relied on to complete harvesting, hauling and maintenance. Hours should be similar to the past end of August and September after increased wage expense early in the season.
Equipment:
Hydraulics on dump truck has now been fixed. Needed to replace some apron chains this past

week on the new harvester as it was damaged by cattails. All harvesters are in great shape, we will report on the hours per harvester at the September meeting.
Other:
Moon Lake will likely not be harvested this year. Staff meet at Moon Lake with Dan Graf and potential dredger/excavator from Cumberland area. This company does several lakes in Barron and Polk counties. Staff is working with Moon Lake residents on gathering additional knowledge of dredging operations for future consideration.
Nate has meet with Rice Lake City Staff on what might be possible with the removal of cattails along the city portion of the Lake. It is possible they could assist with some of these nuisance cattails.
Patrick Anderson of the DNR advised us that $4,000,000 of requests for cost share were submitted in August to the DNR. 10 harvester requests were a component of the $4,000,000. The total dollars available was approximately $400,000 and only 1 harvester received funding.
Randy Bina
Nate Emerson

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Report Date: 08/18/2026
Sample No.: 5RB2V

Account No.: 107973 (0)
Sampled By: Randy Bina
Sampled For: Rice Lake Protection
Description1: Lake Weeds

Test Package:
Base fee|M7 - Complete Mineral w/DCAD
Feed Type: Other Feeds
Sub Type: Misc feed

Moisture	**86.03%**	
Dry Matter	**13.97%**	

		Dry Basis	90% Range*
Ca	%DM	**4.40**	
P	%DM	**0.20**	
Mg	%DM	**0.51**	
K	%DM	**2.40**	
S	%DM	**0.35**	
Na	%DM	**0.88**	
Cl	%DM	**0.84**	
Zn	ppm	**10.85**	
Fe	ppm	**3,007.94**	
Mn	ppm	**1,386.78**	
Cu	ppm	**4.40**	
Boron	ppm	**32.85**	
Al	ppm	**1,168.07**	

Misc feed statistics provided for comparison.

Calculations

DCAD	mEq/hg	54.04

Bold measurements were run by chemistry.

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Report Date: 08/18/2026
Sample No.: 5RB2W

Account No.: 107973 (0)
Sampled By: Randy Bina
Sampled For: Rice Lake Protection
Description1: Lake Bog

Test Package:
Base fee|M7 - Complete Mineral w/DCAD
Feed Type: Other Feeds
Sub Type: Misc feed

Moisture	**89.47%**	
Dry Matter	**10.53%**	

		Dry Basis	90% Range*
Ca	%DM	**1.09**	
P	%DM	**0.09**	
Mg	%DM	**0.20**	
K	%DM	**0.08**	
S	%DM	**0.24**	
Na	%DM	**0.02**	
Cl	%DM	**0.04**	
Zn	ppm	**3.40**	
Fe	ppm	**8,896.40**	
Mn	ppm	**439.95**	
Cu	ppm	**9.15**	
Boron	ppm	**47.09**	
Al	ppm	**5,195.93**	

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Calculations

DCAD	mEq/hg	-13.30

Bold measurements were run by chemistry.