

**CROOKED LAKE AREA LAKES  
PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 28, 2026**

A meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, WI. The following were in attendance:

**Commissioners:** Brian Webb, Chair  
Pam Wierzba, Secretary  
Bob Sipiorski, Treasurer  
Kelly Woelz  
Brian Brandt  
Dave Szepanski, Town of Riverview

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST. He began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Brian Webb presided, and Pam Wierzba acted as the secretary.

After affirming that no directors present declared any conflicts of interest with any agenda topics, Brian Webb asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting**

P. Wierzba presented the motion, seconded by D. Szepanski and carried; the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

***RESOLVED***, that the minutes of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District meeting held on October 25, 2025 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.

B. Sipiorski has received a request from Oconto County that a representative be appointed to submit a yearly summary on the Lake District plans and activities along with some simple financial numbers. B. Webb and B. Sipiorski will complete and submit the summary.

**Treasurer's Report/2026 Budget Discussion**

Treasurer's Report was reported by B. Sipiorski. Total revenue to date is \$19,600. The current total YTD in checking, savings, and CD's is \$113,176. The projected 2026 year end total is \$87,309. The 2027 projected year end total is \$83,594. D. Szepanski made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report/2026 Budget, seconded by K. Woelz, unanimously approved.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Clean Boat/Clean Water**

B. Webb reported that volunteer activities will continue. He now has access to the state swim site and will enter data as needed.

### **Zebra Mussel Update**

There are no changes to the Zebra Mussel issue. A reminder to clean boats if moving from lake to lake.

## **Other Business**

### **Community Center Renovation Project**

Discussion regarding the donation to the renovation project. A \$3,000 donation amount was suggested. B. Webb made the motion to approve, seconded by B. Sipiorski, unanimously approved.

### **Onterra 2026 Activities**

B. Webb reported. Remaining 2025 invoices, volunteer hours, etc. will be submitted to the DNR for reimbursement. A portion of the grant money has already been received. B. Webb discussed with Onterra on how to stay compliant with the DNR in order to continue receiving grant money. Comprehensive plans were completed every ten years in the past. It has been replaced by the The Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APM) and will need to be completed every five years beginning in 2026. Onterra will begin the grant process in summer of 2026 to establish a new plan. This is necessary to receive future grants for lake treatments. If we receive DNR grants, we are eligible for a grant through Oconto County that would cover up to 10% of the cost.

### **Oconto County Lake Study**

Lake District residents received a postcard mailing to join the Oconto County Lakes Study via Zoom on March 11, 2026 at 5:00pm-6:15pm. They have completed gathering lake information as part of a two year research study. Refer to the mailing if you are interested in the Zoom meeting as you will need the link to join. All of the information is available on the Oconto County Website.

## **Firewise Report**

Firewise would like to have a member of the board attend the Firewise meetings. B. Webb reported on the February 6th Firewise meeting. They received a \$6,000 grant for 2026. It will be used for the Spring leaf and needle pick-up. Laura from the DNR will attend the annual meeting to discuss ways to reduce the fire risk.

## **Wake Boat Legislation**

There has been recent legislative activity regarding wake boating. Assembly Bill (AB-1033), a pro wake boat legislation, was introduced which would allow wake boat operation at 200 feet from the shoreline, no water depth restrictions, and no local control. This was split into two competing assembly bills. The pro-wake bill revised its position to allow wake boat operation to 300 from the shoreline.

Two senate bills were introduced. Bill 1025 is the pro wake board bill, which proposes 300 feet from shore, no depth restrictions, and no local control. Bill 1024, which is supported by lake associations across the state, proposes boat operation to be 500 feet from shore, a minimum 20 foot lake depth requirement, and preserve local controls.

The bill was then combined with a Crane Hunting Bill. At this time, it has been tabled. It will be addressed again in the near future.

Contact your local representatives to express your concerns.

## **New Business**

The September 19, 2026 meeting will begin at 8am.

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m. The next meeting will be May 2, 2026 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Wierzba, Secretary