




Message From The Chairman

Mother nature has challenged lake residents and your board this spring. A lack of snow and ice on our lakes has resulted in unusual weed growth patterns and lake levels have not helped. Over the last several weeks we have seen reduced weed growth and have adjusted our weed harvesting but continue with Saturday pickup's. Zebra mussels continue to change the look of our lakes: more clarity of the water but again contact with them on our lake equipment or rocks may cause cuts..WEAR WATER SHOES and GLOVES when it is appropriate.

Brian A Morris, Chairman 

Boating Safety

The Lake District now has four certified Boating Safety Instructors. Since there has been significant interest in a Boating Safety Certification Course at Whitewater Lake, the district is proposing to conduct a Certification Course the weekend of September 1st & 2nd. Persons born after January 1, 1989 must possess a Boating Safety Certificate to operate a motor driven boat in Wisconsin. The only exceptions are:

- A person born before January 1, 1989 is supervising the operation of the Boat.
- The operator of the boat has a valid certificate from another state
- The operator of the boat was born before January 1, 1989.

The information above applies to all boating types & applies regardless of the state of residency of the operator.

In order to conduct a class, a minimum of five students will be required. If you or your family or friends are interested, please contact Larry Brady at 847-975-6334 or lnbrady67@yahoo.com to preregister for the course.

The cost of the training is \$10 per student & includes all course materials. Prior to preregistering for this or any other DNR course, you will need to contact the Wisconsin DNR by phone to obtain a "customer number."

If not enough students preregister for this course, there will be a course taught in April or May next year.

Larry Brady – Safety Committee 

Wake Up Time

The Whitewater Lioness will have available coffee and sweets between 8 am and 9 am for your enjoyment prior to the annual meeting. Monies collected will enhance our treasury to help support Whitewater organizations such as the food pantry, fire and rescue departments, Bethel house, and many other non-profit organizations. Any support for this fundraiser would be very much appreciated. Thank You.

Whitewater Lioness Susie Speerbrecher, Past President 

Special Recognition

After 4 years on the Board, initially appointed and then elected for a three year term, Brian Morris is stepping down. He has been Chairman for that entire time. During his tenure, Brian expanded the chemical application program. He has successfully continued the goose management program, now a model for surrounding lakes. He has implemented efficiencies in the bog harvesting program greatly increasing removal. He inspired changes in accounting and capital management programs, and instituted the 10 year equipment plan. Please thank Brian for his many years on the Board, and before that active committee work on the harvesting committee and chair of the fish stocking program.

Nominees for the Board

During our annual meeting you will hear brief discussions from the commissioners and “initiatives chairmen” on their areas of responsibilities. This year we have two board positions open for election with the below listed nominees and their respective bios; Larry Brady and Rich Charts

Larry Brady

My wife, Natalie, & I currently reside in Medinah, Illinois and have been property owners on Whitewater Lake for eight years & prior to that, we owned property on Lauderdale Lake for 22 years.

I have a BEE degree from Marquette University in Electrical Engineering & a MBA from Loyola (Chicago) University. I am currently a Sales Manager for CE Niehoff & Co. I owned a construction company in Skokie, IL for nine years & have held numerous sales and marketing positions with companies located in the Chicago area. I have served on a number of community boards & associations, including as VP of the Medinah Home Owners’ Association, President of the Fenwick High School Fathers Club and a member of the Fenwick High School Strategic Planning committee.

With my experience in the above positions, I believe I would be an asset to the position of Commissioner for Whitewater & Rice Lakes.

Rich Charts

With my wife Denise, I have been on the lake about 10 years. We are both retired, spending half our time in Libertyville Illinois, half in Whitewater and traveling some. We are remodeling our approximately 25 year old home to spend more time here in relaxed comfort. I spent half my career in state government and the other half in corporate life. I have been active and still am active in Scouting and various other volunteer efforts. I have been elected president of both my local professional association and the Systems Council for Illinois elected offices.


I am webmaster of the gwlpola.org / whitewaterlake.org website, your primary reference for all things Whitewater and Rice. I am on the Board of the Walworth County Lakes Association and a member of the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute. I am currently on the Lake Management Board, appointed four years ago, reelected once and asking to be elected to another term. I was treasurer for three years implementing new cost controls and reporting with Brad Corson, now Treasurer. I prepared a new 10 year equipment life cycle plan with Jim Felland. My goal was to replenish the capital fund and provide a source for upgrades and replacement of our equipment on an ongoing basis.

As a taxpayer, I want to be sure our taxes are spent wisely and prudently. I also want to be sure that the needs of the lakes, environment and owners are equally considered. Cooperation and communication with the various governmental units, lake groups and non lake groups is a key to the success of our district. We have a considerable volunteer effort on and off the Board that makes this area such a pleasant place, joy and hidden jewel.

2012 Financial Update

Before the season even started this year we knew our budgets would be challenged by the impact of a mild winter, lack of snow covering the ice and a very warm March, all of which contributed to higher than normal weed growth throughout the lake. Chemical spraying is the most cost effective means of controlling weed growth and was applied in April. Weed harvesting activities then started early in the season to follow up in all areas requiring further attention. The weed growth has now been significantly reduced and harvesting activities were scaled back accordingly to minimize costs. The result of this effort, while successful in addressing the issue, will be expenditures in excess of our chemical budget of approximately \$5,000 and weed harvesting budget of approximately \$20,000. With all other expenditure budgets largely in line for the year, it’s expected we will have a total deficit spending for the season of approximately \$24,000. Our proposal at the annual meeting will be to fund this deficit from our Capital Fund which benefited from a 2011 operations surplus of \$27,000.

The major 2012 capital project for year, the refurbishment of the 10’ harvester, has been completed and within budget.

Brad Corson - Treasurer 

2013 WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES TAX ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Projected	2013 Proposed Budget	2013 Proposed 2012 Projection Increase (Decrease)	vs % Change
OPERATIONS BUDGET TAX ASSESSMENT						
Cost per tax parcel	\$ 149,012	\$ 157,152	\$ 158,900	\$ 190,650	\$ 31,750	20%
	\$211.66	\$223.23	\$225.71	\$270.81	\$45.10	20%
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TAX ASSESSMENT						
Cost per tax parcel	0	0	\$10,000	30,000	\$ 20,000	200%
	\$-	\$-	\$14.20	\$42.61	\$28.41	200%
TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS						
Cost per tax parcel	\$149,012	\$157,152	\$168,900	\$220,650	\$51,750	31%
	\$211.66	\$223.23	\$239.91	\$313.42	\$73.51	31%

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES PROPOSED 2013 OPERATING BUDGET

Summary Operations Budget	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Projected	2013 Proposed Budget	2013 Proposed 2012 Projection Increase (Decrease)	vs % Change
Revenue - Tax Assessments	\$ 149,012	\$ 157,152	\$ 158,900	\$ 190,650	31,750	20%
Interest Income (1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0%
Contributions & Other	\$ 3,217	\$ 617	\$ 200	\$ 200	0	0%
Total District Revenue	152,229	157,769	159,100	190,850	31,750	20%
Operating Expenses						
Weed Harvesting (2)(5)	20,525	7,948	37,635	35,500	(2,135)	-6%
Chemical Treatment & Other	52,861	33,546	45,118	53,800	8,682	19%
Bog Removal (5)	50,781	45,292	57,300	58,650	1,350	2%
Repairs & Maintenance (3)(5)	25,121	39,671	29,588	29,000	(588)	-2%
General & Administrative	14,080	11,407	13,815	13,900	85	1%
Total Operating Expenses	163,368	137,863	183,456	190,850	7,394	4%
Transfers To/(From)						
To Capital Reserve Fund (4)	5,861	27,150	(24,356)	-	24,356	
To Next Years' Operations	7,245	-	0	-	(0)	
From Prior Years' Operations	(24,245)	(7,245)	-	-	-	
Net transfers	(11,139)	19,905	(24,356)	-	24,356	
Net surplus/ (deficit)	0	0	0	0		
Assessed Valuation (000 omitted)	\$252,916	\$255,889	\$255,889	\$255,889		
Change from Prior Yr	-5.5%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%		
Mil Rate	\$ 0.589	\$ 0.614	\$ 0.621	\$ 0.745		
Average (704 Tax Parcels)	\$ 211.36	\$ 222.91	\$ 225.39	\$ 270.43		

Notes:

- (1) Bank rates remain under 1%
- (2) Chemical spraying have caused fewer weeds
- (3) Aging equipment is causing higher repair costs
- (4) Assumes approval to transfer the amount of the 2012 Operating deficit from the Capital Fund
- (5) For presentation purposes, prior year results have been aligned to the new expense categories.

Annual Meeting Agenda and Budget Review

Where: Lakeview Elementary School, W8363 R & W Townline Road

When: August 25, 2012

- 9am** Opening remarks - Brian A Morris – Chairman
Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 9:20** Review by commissioners:
Chemical - Ernie Roy
Equipment - Chuck Chamberlain
Weed Harvesting - Rich Charts
Bog Removal - Brian Morris
Financials - Brad Corson
- 10:10** Introduction of candidates followed by voting:
- 10:30** Presentations on Lake Initiatives
Goose Depredation Dave Clevon
Lake Quality Tom Ganfield
Lake Safety Larry Brady
Fish Stocking Tom Potrykus
- 11:00** Input from Town of Richmond and Whitewater
- 11:15** Election results
- 11:30** Open subjects/resident input
- 11:45** Adjourn

