

Safety Report

Anyone interested in a Boater's Safety Certificate should contact Larry Brady at lbrady22w@gmail.com or call 847-975-6334. Anyone born after 1/1/1989 is required to carry a certificate to operate ANY motorized boat or PWC (Illinois also requires this as of 7/1/2014). The Boater's safety Class is tentatively planned for mid-May 2016. The course is also available on line at Wisconsin.dnr.gov

Larry Brady – Commissioner 



Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

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Message From The Chairman

The year again started off with a surge of weeds, especially in or near the South lobe. The additional budget and a strong plea to the DNR allowed us to spray added areas during a second pass but within a narrow band. This has greatly helped and we appear to have most of the aggressive weeds under control. Conditions are mostly good around the lakes with a few areas that we may study and look for expert help to improve in the near future. Our new transport barge is here and just in time because grant dollars have been severely cut at the state level.

Come to the annual membership meeting Saturday August 22 at 8:30am. It is the one opportunity you have to learn about the lakes, the surrounding area and their operations. By Wisconsin law it is also the only opportunity out of state owners have to participate in the government process and vote on District matters.

Rich Charts – Chairman 

Candidates for the Board

Lawrence Brady

Permanent residence: Medinah, IL.

Lake Address: N7497 Beach Ct. Whitewater

Married, three sons & 6 grand children

Education: Bachelor of Electrical Engineering –
Marquette U.
Master of Business Administration
(Marketing) – Loyola U. (Chicago)

Military Service: USAFRes, Rank SSgt. Honorably
discharged

Volunteer functions: Advisor Junior Achievement
Cub Scout Pack Master
Boy Scout Adult Leader
YMCA Indian Guide Parent
2VP Medinah Home Owner's
Association
Strategic Planning Committee –
Fenwick High School Oak Park, IL.
Fathers' Club President – Fenwick
High School
Boating Safety Instructor –
Wisconsin DNR
Lake District Commissioner –
WW/Rice Lake Weed Chair

Licenses: Illinois Home Inspector expires 11/30/16

Illinois Radon Measurement Professional
expires 2/28/19.


Wisconsin Registered Radon Measurement
Professional

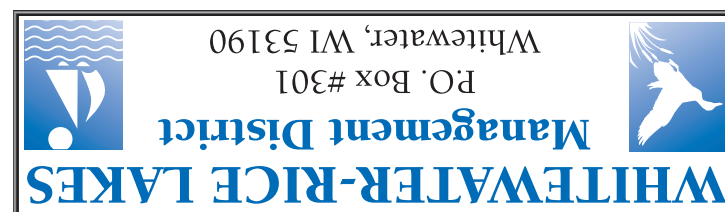
Rich Charts

My wife Denise and I have been on the lake about 13 years. We are both retired, spending equal time in Illinois and in Whitewater while traveling some. I spent half my career in state government and the other half in corporate life. I am President of the Walworth County Lakes Association and a member of the Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute. As Chair of the Lake Management Board, previously Secretary and Treasurer, I have worked with your outstanding volunteer Board members and committees creating new initiatives, preparing a 10 year equipment life cycle plan, and creating a standing capital fund for upgrades of our equipment. As a taxpayer, I want to be sure our taxes are spent wisely while balancing the needs of the lakes, environment and owners. 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 considerable participation on and off these lakes that makes this area a pleasant place, a joy and a hidden jewel.

Equipment Report

All current equipment has been operating per our 2015 summer harvesting schedule. We are awaiting delivery of our new Transport Barge and Trailer and plan to have that piece of equipment in operation during the month of July. We will continue to review our long range capital equipment plan and begin looking at replacing our oldest truck.

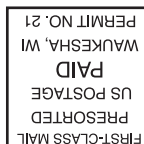
Chuck Chamberlain 



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Management District

WHITewater-RICE LAKES



Weed Report

2015 started out much the same as 2014-early onset of weed growth & extremely heavy in the South lobe. After receiving the DNR'S assessment of the Lake, we were able to begin a very aggressive attack on the weeds. Thanks to the home Owners allowing a large increase in the Chemical & Harvesting Budget, the association was able to nearly triple the areas sprayed in the south lobe. Combined with additional Chemical action and minor growth in other areas of the Lake the harvesting program began using all three harvesters in the South lobe.

That was the good news- now the bad news, with the decline of invasive weeds with the chemical treatment, we see the return of the native plants (primarily Elodea). Normally the DNR will not allow the District to chemically treat native plants,due to the quantity present, they did allow for a one time treatment followed by a harvesting effort. The primary purpose of this exception was to allow navigation in the areas affected.

As it is still early in the season, the District will continue to monitor conditions and make changes as required.

Saturday pick up will continue. Please do not put large stick or logs in these piles,they can damage the transporter chains.

A number of people have requested we cut close in to shore or next to the docks. We can not maneuver the equipment in these areas and we are restricted from cutting lower than two feet from the Lake bottom. Our mission as a District is to provide for safe and weed free navigation between the dock and "no wake buoys" areas as well as the main navigation channels.

Thank you for your patience and continued support of our efforts.

Larry Brady – Commissioner

Chemical Treatment

The amount of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) we had this year was consistent with last year. Last year due mainly to budget restraints we treated about 89 acres on Whitewater Lake. This year with the expanded budget and with DNR approval we treated 153 acres on Whitewater Lake and about 6 acres on Rice Lake for AIS. Again this year the south lobe has had an influx of native plants. We asked that the DNR come out and make an inspection and allow us to do a special treatment called Navigational Nuisance Weed Treatment of about 12 acres. The DNR allowed us to only treat 50 foot out from docks/piers of property owners. This treatment was effective in helping the owners around the South lobe to be able to use their waterfront. We are still harvesting heavily in the south lobe. I want to thank the District residences for increasing our budget last year to help make the quality of our lakes better.

If you remember we also applied for an Aquatic Invasive Species Control – Education, Prevention & Planning Grant for this year and were not successful in getting it.

Ernie Roy – Commissioner

2015 Financial Update & 2015 Proposed Budget

Though still early in the season with respect to our total expenditures, we are projecting a surplus this year of approximately \$24,000. This is largely due to the DNR survey limiting our spray acreage to less than what our Chemical budget could have accommodated, coupled with a savings of \$6,000 for a budgeted grant we were not successful in obtaining, resulting in the Chemical budget coming in under budget by \$27,320. We will utilize approximately \$4,000 of that surplus to continue an aggressive weed harvesting approach to control native weeds that are not impacted by spraying.

Our approach to 2016 is to maintain our budget at the current 2015 level. Though not fully spent in 2015, we propose that the chemical spraying budget be left at the full 2015 budget dollars in order to ensure we are able to maximize the acreage allowable by the DNR in 2016. We also propose the Weed and Bog harvesting budgets have only modest inflationary increases. Those increases will be offset by the \$5,000 savings from the lake survey we were required to complete in 2015. Consequently, with the carryover from the projected 2015 surplus, the proposed 2016 tax assessment will be \$38,750, or 11.85% less than 2015. To help clarify, please remember the 2015 tax assessment was burdened by the 2014 deficit of \$11,969, and when combined with the 2015 surplus of \$24,000, the combined benefit will reduce the 2016 assessment by the proposed \$38,750.

Brad Carson – Treasurer

2016 WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES TAX ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Projected	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2015 Projected vs 2015 Budget		2016 Budget vs 2015 Budget	
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
OPERATIONS BUDGET TAX	\$ 190,639	\$ 197,498	\$ 296,915	\$ 296,915	\$ 258,165	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (38,750)	-13.1%
Cost per tax parcel	\$270.79	\$280.54	\$421.75	\$421.75	\$366.71	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (55.04)	-13.1%
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TAX ASSESSMENT	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
Cost per tax parcel	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS	\$220,639	\$227,498	\$326,915	\$326,915	\$288,165	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (38,750)	-11.9%
Cost per tax parcel	\$313.41	\$323.15	\$464.37	\$464.37	\$409.33	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (55.04)	-11.9%

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES PROPOSED 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

Summary Operations Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Projected	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	2015 Projected vs 2015 Budget		2016 Budget vs 2015 Budget	
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue - Tax Assessments	\$220,639	\$227,498	\$326,915	\$326,915	\$288,165	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (38,750)	-11.9%
Interest Income	-	321	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions & Other	422	63	24	24	24	-	-	-	-
Total District Revenue	\$221,061	\$227,882	\$326,939	\$326,939	\$288,189	\$-	0.0%	\$ (38,750)	-11.9%
Operating Expenses									
Weed Harvesting	42,687	53,337	65,337	61,150	62,083	(4,187)	-6.8%	933	1.5%
Chemical Treatment & Other	56,204	55,138	98,280	125,600	120,000	27,320	21.8%	(5,600)	-4.5%
Bog Removal	47,216	49,257	50,200	50,200	51,601	-	0.0%	1,401	2.8%
Repairs & Maintenance	29,542	37,425	32,750	32,750	33,590	0	0.0%	840	2.6%
General & Administrative	14,167	15,619	14,059	15,270	15,260	1,211	7.9%	(10)	-0.1%
Total Operating Expenses	189,816	210,776	260,625	284,970	282,534	24,345	8.5%	(2,436)	-0.9%
Transfers To/(From)									
To Capital Reserve Fund	30,000	30,321	30,000	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	-
To Next Years' Operations	1,245	(11,969)	24,345	-	-	(24,345)	-	-	-
From Prior Years' Operations	-	(1,245)	11,969	11,969	(24,345)	(0)	-	(36,314)	-
Net transfers	31,245	17,106	66,314	41,969	5,655	(24,345)	-	(36,314)	-
Net surplus/ (deficit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assessed Valuation (000 omitted)	\$247,728	\$247,728	\$247,728	\$247,728	\$247,728				
Change from Prior Yr	-0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Mil Rate	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.16				
Average (704 Tax Parcels)	\$ 464.37	\$ 464.37	\$ 464.37	\$ 464.37	\$ 409.33				

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY

Capital Reserve Fund	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Projected	2016 Proposed
Beginning Fund Balance	\$65,835	\$66,325	\$70,974	\$32,137
Additions:				
Transfer from Operations				
Budgeted capital assessments	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Interest income	117	321	210	10
Total Additions	30,117	30,321	30,210	30,010
Expenditures				
Equipment Purchases (1)	(11,199)	(25,671)	(69,047)	(56,000)
Major overhauls (2)	(18,428)	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	(29,628)	(25,671)	(69,047)	(56,000)
Ending Fund Balance	\$66,325	\$70,974	\$32,137	\$6,147

Notes:

(1) 2014 Deposit for new Transport \$23,925

(1) 2015 Final payment new transport, \$159,660 less 2014 deposit and DNR grant of \$66,688

Annual Meeting and Budget Review

Where:

Lakeview Elementary School
W8363 R & W Townline Road

When:

August 22, 2015

Agenda

- 8:30 Opening remarks:** Rich Charts, Chairman
Approval of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 8:45 Review by commissioners:**
Chemical - Ernie Roy
Amy Kay - Clean Waters
Beverly Saunders - SE Wis Planning Commission
Weed Harvesting - Larry Brady
Bog Removal - Rich Charts
Equipment - Chuck Chamberlain
Financials - Financial Audit Report - Dominick Fashoda
2015 Financial Update - Brad Corson
2016 Proposed Budget - Brad Corson
- 10:00 Introduction of candidates followed by voting:**
Larry Brady / Rich Charts
- 10:15 Presentations on Lake Initiatives**
Wildlife Management - Dave Clevon
Lake Quality - Tom Ganfield
Lake Safety - Larry Brady/Lillian Roy
Safety Patrol - Sean Blatten
Fish Stocking - Tom Potrykus
Launch Initiatives - Jerry Grant/Chuck Chamberlain
- 11:00 Input from Towns of Richmond and Whitewater**
- 11:15 Election results**
- 11:20 Open Discussion/Resident Input**
- 11:30 Adjournment**
- 11:35 GWLPOA Meeting - Lillian Roy**
- 11:50 Brief District Board Meeting**

Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

The Whitewater Lionesses will have coffee and sweets available between 8 am and 8:30 am for your enjoyment prior to the annual meeting. Monies collected will be used to help support Whitewater organizations such as the food pantry, fire and rescue departments, Bethel house, and other non-profit organizations. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank You.

Whitewater Lioness Susie Speerbrecher 
Past President