



# Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District



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## Message from the Chairman

Another summer is nearing an end and it was mostly good. Conditions were better than in many years and few problems arose. Weeds are down, clarity is up, fish are biting. It's great to be at Whitewater-Rice surrounded by the beautiful parklands. We did have a snag with buoys breaking from chains and being misplaced. The Town of Whitewater is attaching new and improved chains and anchors next Spring to alleviate those problems we had at the beginning of the season and the confusion in some places. They also ask that if you spot buoys out of place, let them know at townofwhitewater@yahoo.com or (262) 473-4639.

We see improvements to properties all around the lakes and we hope to measure up with lake operations to meet your expectations. Every year is a surprise and every year is a challenge because we don't know what conditions will flair up. Our team has worked to prepare for most conditions and have tried to prepare responses for possible 2018 adverse conditions. Come out to the Annual meeting August 26 at the nearby Lakeview School on Townline Road and learn our plans and costs. Add your voice to the debates and vote on the plans for action.

Afterwards, stay for the annual report of the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association. Come early and have coffee and donuts provided by the Minneiska Ski Team.

Rich Charts, Team Leader 

## Fish Management Update


This Spring's changing weather conditions made for an on/off fishing start, but some nice catches of bass, crappie, and northern pike were made. Northern's in the 28-30" size are currently hitting crank baits in 15 feet of water. Walleye are being caught through the ice, but continue to be elusive in warmer weather. Bass are fun in the evening on topwater baits.

The State has completed stocking 1450 small fingerling Northern Pike ( 3-4") in Rice lake. Whitewater is scheduled for another 6250 large fingerling walleye ( 6-8" ) this fall. Lake Management District stocking dollars continue to be set aside for the approved walleye habitat, which has been resized to about 100 feet in length.

The license to commercially net carp in both lakes has been reissued to a new company, which nets nearby Lake Koshkonong. Current plans are to net our lakes early winter... after 2-3 frosts, when the weeds are down and carp are schooled together. The Lake Management District has offered incentive dollars to cover their costs should the netting be unprofitable.

They expect to use sonar imaging to locate the carp and fish with a smaller 3 inch mesh size net. A profitable outing would be about 20,000 pounds of sellable fish...or 6,000 carp... one semi-truck load. So we have plan, but remember, its "fishing", not catching.

Call or email me with any interesting fish stories. Tom Potrykus 843 263 53876 or tandspotrykus@gmail.com

Tom Potrykus – Team Leader 

Ray Baker – Carp Abatement Leader 

## New Board Nominee

### Terry Anderson

My wife Linda and I are permanent residents at N7782 Kettle Moraine Drive on Rice Lake. Over our 14 years of owning property here, I have attended most annual meetings and last year was appointed as a communication liaison for Rice Lake. This includes monthly reporting of water quality measures to the DNR. Because the Board's focus is primarily on the continuous improvement of our two lakes water quality and the safe utilization thereof, I am grateful to be considered for this Board position.

The following are my accomplishments and life experiences that qualify me for this position:

- Graduate of Southern Illinois University with a BA in Liberal Arts / Interior Commercial Design and a minor in Business Management.
- 7 years with corporate Sears Roebuck & Co. as project team member for the planning and construction of the Sears Tower.
- 22 years sales, sales management, general management, Vice President and President for Rentokil US Operations.
- 8 years as Vice President of Midwest Operations for The Brickman Group. I retired in 2007.

Thank you, Terry Anderson

## Equipment Report

In January 2017, a proposal was made before the Wisconsin Waterways Commission for a financial aid grant for the purchase of an Aquatic Shore Conveyor. We received approval from the WWC to receive 35% of the proposed cost to be applied for the acquisition of this new piece of harvesting equipment. Unfortunately, the WWC decided to delay payment for all approved grants until August, 2017. As a result of this action, the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District temporarily postponed the purchase of any new equipment until the 2018 harvesting season.

The 10 foot harvester received new paddle wheels and hydraulic drive motors in the off season and is now ready for operation. All equipment is fully operational and is harvesting aquatic plants per the 2017 schedule.

Chuck Chamberlain, Team Leader 

## Chemical Treatment

We did our spring plant survey of Whitewater Lake on April 25th and were surprised at the reduction of invasive weeds, even though we had an early ice out at the end of February. Last year we treated around 159 acres and this spring the DNR allowed us to treat about 61 acres on April 18th, of invasive weeds. We are not allowed to treat native plants, those are taken care of through harvesting. The DNR did not allow us to treat Rice Lake again this year. We will be doing a plant survey this summer on Rice Lake so that the DNR has some information as to the plant life and the DNR is still hoping that any plants will help clear up the water quality of Rice Lake. We will also be doing a follow up survey to see how the treated areas are on Whitewater Lake. Enjoy your summer.

Ernie Roy – Team Leader 

## Annual Meeting and Budget Review

**Where:** Lakeview Elementary School  
W8363 R&W Townline Rd

**When:** Saturday, August 26, 2017

**8:30a** Opening remarks– Rich Charts, Chairman  
Call to Order  
Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

**8:45** Review by commissioners:  
Chemical– Ernie Roy  
Weed Harvesting– Larry Brady  
Bog Removal– Rich Charts  
Equipment– Chuck Chamberlain  
Financials–  
2017 Actuals - Brad Corson  
Capital Plan– Chuck Chamberlain  
2018 Proposed Budget– Brad Corson  
Audit Report– Dominick Fashoda

**10:00** Introduction of candidates followed by voting: Terry Andersen (3 year term)

**10:05** Presentations on Lake Initiatives  
Wildlife Management– Dave Cleven  
Lake Quality– Tom Ganfield  
Rice Lake initiatives– Terry Anderson  
Lake Safety– Larry Brady  
Safety Patrol– Shawn Blanton  
Fish Management– Tom Potrykus  
Carp initiatives– Ray Baker  
Shoreland Management– Theresa and Gerhard Stegmann

**11:00** Input from Towns of Richmond and Whitewater

**11:15** Election results

**11:20** Open Discussion/Resident Input

**11:30** Adjournment– Next Meeting  
August 25, 2018

**11:30** GWLPOA Annual Meeting – Lillian Roy

**11:50** Brief Lake District Board Meeting

## 2017 Financial Update and 2018 Proposed Budget

The 2017 Operating expenses will have a significant surplus again this year due to one of the smallest areas approved by the DNR for chemical treatment in years. \$65,366 of our projected \$81,204 surplus relates to the chemical budget which is designed to allow full use of the DNR surveyed acreage, if required. Other factors impacting 2017 is the SWRPC 5-year plan that was finally delivered to us at a net cost of \$2,475 after a DNR grant. We also project a surplus of approximately \$11,500 in weed harvesting costs due to manageable weed grow and continued low fuel costs that we are planning to spend some of through a few more days of bog harvesting activity. As stipulated in our annual meetings, the 2017 surplus will carry over into the 2018 budget as a reduction of next year's tax assessment. Consequently, our 2018 budget will have a tax assessment 31.1% lower than 2017's tax assessment. Our operating costs however remain relatively consistent year over year, and are proposed to be just 2.8% lower than 2017. The capital reserve fund is projected to have a balance at the end of this year of approximately \$82,000 which will allow us to proceed with the purchase of a new dump truck and shore conveyor in 2018.

Brad Corson– Team Leader 

## 2018 WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES TAX ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Projected	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2017 Projected vs 2017 Budget		2018 Budget vs 2017 Budget	
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
<b>OPERATIONS BUDGET TAX</b>	\$ 296,931	\$ 258,200	\$ 240,053	\$ 240,053	\$ 194,013	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (46,040)	-19.2%
Cost per tax parcel	\$421.78	\$366.76	\$340.98	\$340.98	\$275.59	\$ -	0.0%	\$(65.40)	-19.2%
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$10,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (46,000)	-82.1%
Cost per tax parcel	\$42.61	\$42.61	\$79.55	\$79.55	\$14.20	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (65)	-82.1%
<b>TOTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS</b>	\$326,931	\$288,200	\$296,053	\$296,053	\$204,013	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (92,040)	-31.1%
Cost per tax parcel	\$464.39	\$409.38	\$420.53	\$420.53	\$289.79	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (130.74)	-31.1%

## WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES PROPOSED 2018 OPERATING BUDGET

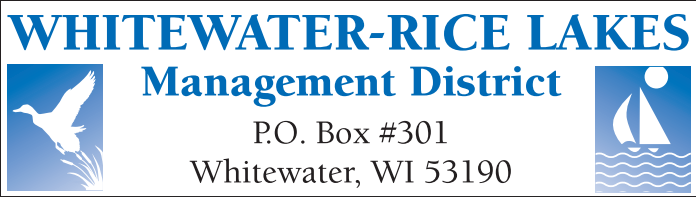
Summary Operations Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Projected	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	2017 Projected vs 2017 Budget		2018 Budget vs 2017 Budget	
						Increase (Decrease)	% Change	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Revenue - Tax Assessments	\$326,931	\$288,200	\$296,053	\$296,053	\$204,013	\$ -	0.0%	\$ (92,040)	-31.1%
Interest Income	-	\$-	\$-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contributions & Other	74	\$1,503	\$1,701	1,017	1,700	\$ 684		\$ 683	67.2%
Total District Revenue	\$327,005	\$289,703	\$297,754	\$297,070	\$205,713	\$684	0.2%	\$(91,357)	-30.8%
Operating Expenses									
Weed Harvesting	53,014	46,795	48,421	60,009	58,211	(11,588)	-19.3%	(1,798)	-3.0%
Chemical Treatment & Other	97,993	89,862	56,379	120,000	110,000	(63,621)	-53.0%	(10,000)	-8.3%
Bog Removal	44,309	54,221	54,948	52,288	55,288	2,660	5.1%	3,000	5.7%
Repairs & Maintenance	39,848	32,312	37,808	35,382	36,253	2,426	6.9%	871	2.5%
General & Administrative	15,610	16,643	17,126	17,240	17,165	(114)	-0.7%	(75)	-0.4%
Total Operating Expenses	250,774	239,834	214,682	284,919	276,917	(70,238)	-24.7%	(8,002)	-2.8%
Capital Reserve Fund	30,000	30,000	56,000	56,000	10,000	-	0.0%	(46,000)	-82.1%
Prior Year Surplus (Deficit) Carryover	(11,969)	34,262	54,131	43,850	81,204	10,281	23.4%	37,354	85.2%
Net Surplus (Deficit) Carryover	34,262	54,131	81,204	0	-	81,204		(0)	

Assessed Valuation (000 omitted)	\$251,364	\$240,999	\$240,999	\$240,999	\$240,999
Change from Prior Yr	1.5%	-4.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mil Rate	0.77	0.84	0.81	0.81	1.18
Average Assmt (704 Parcels)	\$464.39	\$409.38	\$420.53	\$420.53	\$289.38

## WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND ACTIVITY

Capital Reserve Fund	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Projected	2018 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	\$94,898	\$22,674	\$45,196	\$82,206
Additions:				
Transfer from Operations				
Budgeted capital assessments	33,000	33,000	56,000	10,000
Interest income earned/transfd	223	51	10	10
Total Additions	33,223	33,051	56,010	10,010
Expenditures				
Equipment Purchases (1)	(105,447)	(10,529)	(19,000)	(92,000)
Ending Fund Balance	\$22,674	\$45,196	\$82,206	\$216

Notes: (1) 2018 New dump truck and shore conveyor



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### Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

The Minneiska Ski Team will have coffee and sweets available between 8 am and 8:30 am for your enjoyment prior to the annual meeting. Proceeds are used to help support the team's operations, equipment, uniforms and travel to competitions.

Thank You.

Your support is very much appreciated.

### Safety Team Report

The Boater Safety Class saw 17 students – all from the Whitewater Lake area. The students included several “Seasoned Boaters” which shows safety never gets old. We will continue to offer the class in 2018 & beyond.

Please remember, all boating operators born after January 1, 1989 *must have a Boater's Safety Certificate from any state that offers one.* There are no exceptions. Additionally, children under 12 years of age may not operate a PWC or boat regardless if they have a certificate or not. The WiDNR continues to have the course available on line. [Dnr.wi.gov](http://Dnr.wi.gov)

If you see unlawful or unsafe activity on the Lake, please get a description of the operator, boat/pwc & the registration number if possible. Please give this information to the Lake Patrol directly or call 911 if necessary. Do not inject yourself into the situation.

Let's all stay safe on the water.

Safety Patrol Report – Deputy Sean Blanton 

### Weed Committee Report

2017 has been, so far, a light harvesting season. Certain areas of the Lake have experienced heavy growth, but overall this season has not been a huge challenge. Floaters have not been numerous & have been address as required. We have seen an increase of Algae in the North Channel next to the State Park. We do not believe it is of the Blue/Green type (toxic to the skin). We are monitoring it in conjunction with the DNR Warden. If you have or will encounter any, do not handle it & please contact me with its location & size. Ph 847-975-6334 / [lbrady22w@gmail.com](mailto:lbrady22w@gmail.com)).

Saturday pickup continues & has not met the quantities we saw in 2016 & earlier.

We continue to emphasis the navigation areas of the lake, from Pier to “No Wake Buoys.” We cannot guarantee being able to clear areas in or around piers or swimming areas. This is due in part to DNR restrictions, equipment capability & equipment-operator safety concerns. If you experience site specific issues, feel free to contact me & I will determine if & how much we can assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation & support.

Larry Brady – Team Leader 