

Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee was held on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

Call to Order / Roll Call

Roll Call was taken with Commissioners Duane Chapman, Kevin Arkeketa, Lamont Kiefer, Richard Yarrington, and Lee Lang. Also present was Bob Micheel, Director Brandy Leis, Mayor Paul Dwyer and City Administrator Nick Morales.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Yarrington and seconded by Lange to approve January minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Warden Update

Nothing to report.

Weed Management

Sediment Trap – The clean out on the SW corner of the lake is completed. Regrading and seeding will be done in the spring.

Solitude Curly- Leaf Pondweed Permitting Application 2026 – Motion by Arkeketa and seconded by Chapman to approve permit application. All ayes. Motion carried. An addendum will need to be signed at a later date for the actual treatment.

Butts Park Forebay Maintenance – Motion by Chapman and seconded by Arkeketa to receive a proposal from Solitude for muck removal. All ayes. Motion carried.

Weed Tool Loaner Program – No update

Adaptive Management

Director of Monroe County Land Conservation, Bob Micheel spoke on the farmland preservations survey. They are looking to collect data specific to agriculture for updating the farmland preservation for Monroe County.

Climate Change Task Force Update

Resilient ag workshop was held in Cashton. The workshop hosted exhibitors from local ag businesses and conservation organizations. It was well received and possibly looking to bring future workshops to the Tomah area.

Next meeting for the Monroe County Land Conservation is on April 1, 2026.

Monroe County Land Conservation, Solid Waste and Monroe County Highway Department have collaborated together to host an “adopt a highway” summit on April 25, 2026, in Sparta. Flyers and more information to come.

Dam Lightning Strike

Parts were received on March 10, 2026 and maintenance will be conducted on March 23, 2026.

Boat Dock Approvals

No Applications at this time.

Public Dock in Butts Park

Director Protz and Director Leis will work together on getting an additional dock placed in Butts Park.

Changes in Boat Dock Specifications

Boat dock ordinance has been approved by Council and the new permit applications have been updated and uploaded to the appropriate sites.

Monroe County Land Conservation Banquet Donation

It was not budgeted for a donation to the Monroe County Land Conservation therefore, no donation was made for 2026.

Informational Sign Board in Winnebago Park

Chairman Lamont Kiefer has been working with Director Joe Protz on getting a sign from Zinglers.

Lake Committee Member Search

Lee Lang's term ends in April of 2026 and had informed the committee of his plan to retire

Chairman Updates

Chairman Lamont Kiefer announced that he will be stepping down as Chairman and a member of the Lake Committee.

Adjourn

Motion by Lee and seconded by Yarrington to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on May 21, 2026 at 5 pm.