

Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee was held on **Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

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Call to Order / Roll Call/Quorum Check

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Lamont Kiefer, Duane Chapman, Richard Yarrington, Kim Mello, Kevin Arkeketa, and Lee Lang. Also Present, Brandy Leis, Patrick Seybert, Nick Morales.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Yarrington, Seconded by Lee to approve July Minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Warden Update

Early goose hunting season early September was light use of the lake. Standard typical fishing around the lake. No major issues has been seen or heard.

Weed Management

Golden Sands Weed Survey Result – Survey results were completed, reviewed and discussed.

Update on Curly Leaf Application -Successfully completed the Curly Leaf Application, which seemed to be an effective application.

Overall Weed Observations – Shoreline is filling in with weeds, but overall general condition of the lake is looking good.

Sediment Trap Timeline – Contracted to be completed by Jan 1, 2026

Weed Tool Removal Program – Rakes were purchased for landowners to rent out, however a program and policy is still in the works to be implemented.

DNR Fish Survey 2025

Summary was sent out via email. Kiefer will follow up with Kirk Olson.

Adaptive Management

No update

Climate Change Task Force Update

Chapman presented a report with data on soil from a Farm Organization.

Dam Lightning Repair

Repair is scheduled for the week of October 27, 2025

Boat Dock Approvals

No boat docks needed for approvals

Final Summary & Bills for 50th Anniversary

Great turn out at the booth during Squirrelnfest. Families and children loved the interactive fishing booth.

Motion by Yarrington and Seconded by Mello to reimburse Peggy Chapman in the amount of \$647 for the supplies needed for the interactive fishing booth at Squirrelnfest.

Discussion on Chemical Monitoring Stations

Monitoring phosphorus has been a continued focus. Discussion on bringing samples to the treatment plant for testing. Director Leis will bring the data he has from the treatment plant to use as a base line.

DNR Regulations on Ice Sinking Raffles

Kiefer will follow up with Kirk Olson on this item.

Capital Budget Items for 2026

Discussions on preliminary expenses for 2026 were discussed on potential projects for 2026 to recommend to Council for budget requests.

Butts Park Boat Dock; Tires, Attach Pad, Approach from Trail - \$2,000
Motion by Arkeketa, seconded by Lange to approve this project in 2026.

Curly – Leaf Pound Weed Control Application Permit - \$25,000
Motion by Arkeketa, seconded by Chapman to approve this project in 2026.

Tri Marine Application for Butts Park Forebay - \$12,000
Motion by Arkeketa, seconded by Lee to approve this project in 2026.

Sign Board for Winnebago Park - \$2,000
Motion by Arkeketa, seconded by Lee to approve this project in 2026.

Increase in Fund Balance - \$34,000
Motion by Chapman, seconded by Lange to approve this project in 2026.

Annual Expenses for Dam Operation - \$25,000
Motion by Chapman, seconded by Arkeketa to approve this project in 2026.

Future Purchase of Sediment Trap Maintenance - \$50,000
Motion by Yarrington, seconded by Mello to approve this project in 2026.

Chairman Updates

Weeds near Butts Park corner to old Hospital are needing to be removed for inspections to be completed.

Next Meeting

November 20, 2025 at 5PM

Motion by Arkeketa, seconded by Yarrington to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM