



## AGENDA FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

A Lake Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM**  
in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.**

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1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
2. **Approve Minutes**  
March Minutes
3. **Acknowledge Member Reappointments**  
Elect Vice Chairman
4. **Warden Update**
5. **Weed Management**  
Solitude Curly Leaf Pondweed Application  
[Weed Removal Tool Program](#)  
[Grant Funding Opportunities](#)  
[Wisconsin Lakes Membership](#)
6. **Dam Lightning Strike**
7. **Public Boat Dock in Butts Park**
8. **Rip Rap Repair on Lake Shoreline**
9. **Informational Sign Board in Winnebago Park**  
Frank G. Andres & Thomas B. Earle Grant
10. **Future Agenda Items**
11. **Chairman Updates**
12. **Future Meeting Date: July 16, 2026**
13. **Adjourn**

**NOTICE:** It is possible that a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice. Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through

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appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact Nicole Jacobs, City Clerk, at 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660.

# Minutes FOR LAKE COMMITTEE

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## **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.**

## Razer Rake Loan out sheet

Cost to replace \$150.00

Need to call City Hall Public Works at 608-374-7431 24 hours before picking up.

Loaned out for 2 weeks at a time.

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Date took:

Paid \$150.00 Yes

Date Returned:

Returned \$150.00 Yes or No

Initial they received checkback:

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**Re: Grant Opportunities**

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**From** Kirsten James <kjames@heyassoc.com>  
**Date** Tue 5/19/2026 2:23 PM  
**To** Megan Sweda <msweda@TOMAHWI.GOV>  
**Cc** Brandy Leis <bleis@TOMAHWI.GOV>

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Megan,

The grant programs we would recommend are heavily dependent on individual lake goals and the types of projects necessary to achieve them. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Surface Water Grants Program is one of the most popular for lakes organizations, but has been growing more competitive. As a municipality, you may have access to additional resources that are not as readily available to other lake organizations and may be worth pursuing. The other thing I'll note is that regular operations and maintenance activities can be difficult to fund through grants, while requests for special projects or large management milestones tend to be more competitive.

If you want to meet virtually so I can learn a little more about your lake, activities, goals, and potential projects, I could make some more tailored recommendations.

In addition to helping identify grant programs, we also help with writing grant application packages, which have helped some of our lakes clients purchase aquatic plant harvesting equipment, author new plans, do surveys, and fund restoration work.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Kirsten James, PE (WI, IA), CLM  
Civil Engineer

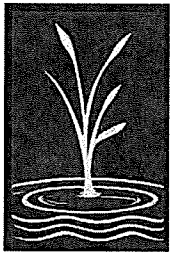
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**From:** Jeremy Husnik <jhusnik@heyassoc.com>  
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**To:** Kirsten James <kjames@heyassoc.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Grant Opportunities



# WISCONSIN LAKES

WE SPEAK FOR LAKES!

Dear Tomah Lake Rehab District,

It's time to renew your Lake Organization's membership with Wisconsin Lakes for 2026.

Your continued support helps protect not only your local lake, but lakes and lake organizations across Wisconsin. As Wisconsin's only statewide nonprofit dedicated solely to Wisconsin's lakes, we rely on members like you to continue providing education, advocacy, lake stewardship resources, and stronger support for lake communities statewide.

## **New Timing for Renewals**

Based on member feedback, we are now sending renewal letters earlier in the year to better align with district and association meetings and to make planning easier for your organization. If you have already submitted your 2026 payment, thank you for your continued support!

## **Payment Options**

You can renew your membership either online through our website or by mailing a check.

Please send checks to:

Wisconsin Lakes  
P.O. Box 7723  
Madison, WI 53707

If you have any updates to your membership contact information, please email us at [info@wisconsinlakes.org](mailto:info@wisconsinlakes.org).

## **Stay Connected**

If your members would like to receive our regular Wisconsin Lakes updates at no cost, simply send us a spreadsheet with member names and email addresses, and we will add them to our distribution list.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an important part of Wisconsin Lakes. Together, we can protect and preserve Wisconsin's lakes for future generations.

As a supporter of Wisconsin Lakes, you know our organization plays a unique role in amplifying the voices of thousands of lake users, property owners, volunteers, and advocates across the state.

For decades, one of our highest priorities has been helping lake organizations and individuals meet the growing challenges facing Wisconsin's lakes. In 2026, we will continue that mission in many important ways, including:

- Advocating for meaningful statewide and local standards to address the impacts of wakesports and damaging enhanced wakes
- Working to ensure all watercraft in Wisconsin comply with aquatic invasive species transport laws
- Continuing efforts to improve and modernize lake district laws
- Partnering with legislators and the Wisconsin DNR to advance sound, science-based lake legislation
- Providing education, guidance, and technical support to our member lake organizations
- Connecting your lake organization to the best available resources, information, and statewide support

Most importantly, thank you.

From volunteering with your local lake organization, attending events like the Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention, to speaking up on critical issues such as enhanced-wake recreation, your dedication helps keep Wisconsin's waters cleaner, safer, and better protected for future generations.

On behalf of myself and our Board of Directors at Wisconsin Lakes, we sincerely look forward to working with you in 2026.

This will be another important year to Speak for the Lakes.

Sincerely,

Derek Kavanaugh, Vice President  
Wisconsin Lakes  
(a 501(c)(3) organization)

info@wisconsinlakes.org  
P.O. Box 7723  
Madison, WI 53707  
[www.wisconsinlakes.org](http://www.wisconsinlakes.org)

# Wisconsin Lakes Organizational Membership Form

## Organization Information

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Membership Fee Selection

Please select the appropriate membership category for your organization:

**\$750.00 Membership Fee**

For associations with **300 or more members**

**\$2.50 Per Member Fee**

For associations with **41–299 members**

Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$100.00 Membership Fee**

For associations with **40 or fewer members**

*(Minimum amount required for organizational membership)*

## Payment Information

- Check Enclosed
- Please Invoice Our Organization

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Lakes

**Wisconsin Lakes**  
**P.O. Box 7723**  
**Madison, WI 53707**

WisconsinLakes.org



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## Additional Comments

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### Thank You for Supporting Wisconsin Lakes!

Your membership helps protect, preserve, and enhance Wisconsin's lakes and waterways through advocacy, education, and support for local lake organizations.

### Additional Contacts for your organization: