



**LAUDERDALE LAKES  
LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2015**

The Annual Meeting of the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District (“Lake District”) was called to order, by Chairman Mason, at the Lutherdale Chapel, on Saturday, September 5, 2015, at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman Scott Mason welcomed everyone, and thanked Lutherdale for their continued support. He noted that in preparation for the meeting, he noted how the Lake District meetings have evolved. When meetings first started, they used overhead transparencies and have now evolved into Power Point.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Chairman Mason asked for a motion to approve the agenda, Nestor Dyhdalo made a motion to approve the agenda, Floyd Pochowski seconded the motion, which passed.

Chairman Mason then introduced the Lake District Board:

- Debbie Ferrari is the newest board member and treasurer. She oversees the Water Safety Patrol.
- Rick Callaway is the appointed Walworth County representative to the Lake District Board.
- Peter Van Kampen oversees septic pumping and pier inspections.
- Greg Wisniewski oversees weed harvesting.
- Jack Sorenson oversees insurance and the outflow dam.
- Don Sukala is the appointed Town of LaGrange representative to the Lake District Board.

Chairman Mason then recognized past members for their years of service: Wally Yandel, Nestor Dyhdalo, and Herb Sharpless. Nestor Dyhdalo asked to be replaced in December. He had been on the Lake District Board since 1996, and kept the database of lake district members, maintained the website, served as treasurer, and operated the Water Safety Patrol. He was presented a plaque in recognition of his years of service.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Mason stated that the minutes of the meeting from last year were on the website and asked for a motion to dispense with their reading. A motion was made by Wally Yandel and seconded by Ken Kaleta, the motion passed.

**Commissioner Election:**

Chairman Mason announced that he received a contact through the Lake District’s website on Wednesday afternoon from someone indicating that they would like to be placed on the ballot. Chairman Mason explained that there is a procedure for

nominations and voting in the District Bylaws and that the ballots with incumbents' names were printed several weeks ago, so individuals cannot be added at this point.

Attorney Russ Devitt addressed the nomination process and the fact that campaigning and electioneering within 100 feet is illegal in the State of Wisconsin. A person wishing to be on the ballot must submit their nomination papers 30 days in advance and if they are eligible to run they may then be added to the ballot. According to the District Bylaws, write-ins are allowed on the ballot. Depending on the qualifications of the individual, they may be elected to the Board. To be on the Lake District Board, a person must own property in the district or be an elector in the District. There is a requirement that at least one of the members of the Board be a resident of the District as well. Other requirements are that a person be an adult, citizen of the United States, and not a convicted felon.

Two Commissioners were up for re-election, Peter Van Kampen and Jack Sorenson, their names appear on the ballots unopposed. Chairman Mason called for ballots.

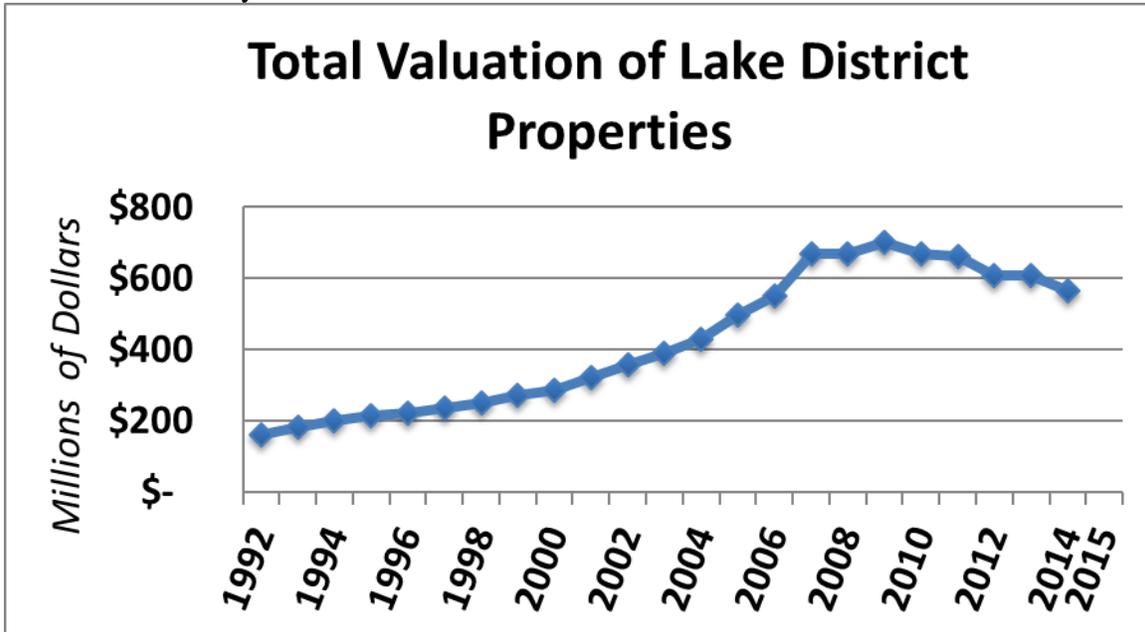
**Treasurer's Report:**

Chairman Mason turned the meeting over to Debbie Ferrari who gave the financial report. She started by reviewing the Lake District Area Property Valuation which for 2014 was \$564.7 Million - a reduction of 7.17% from 2013.

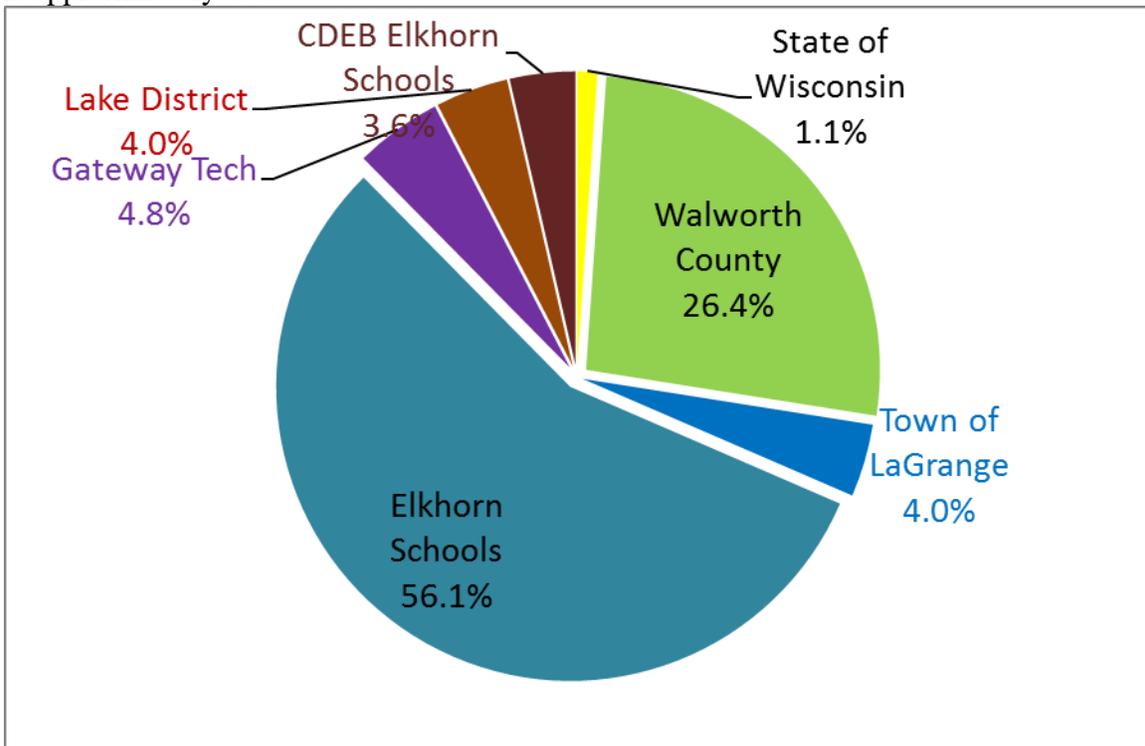
Debbie pointed out that this is the property valuation of our Lake District Assessment area only and that the Lake District only includes parts of Sugar Creek and LaGrange. She noted that we started seeing a decline in 2010, and that 2015 numbers would not be available until later in the year.

Year	\$ in millions	% Change	Year	\$ in millions	% Change
1992	\$160		2004	\$430	10.82%
1993	\$180	12.50%	2005	\$497	15.58%
1994	\$198	10.00%	2006	\$550	10.66%
1995	\$212	7.07%	2007	\$667	21.27%
1996	\$222	4.72%	2008	\$668	0.15%
1997	\$236	6.31%	2009	\$701.0	4.94%
1998	\$248	5.08%	2010	\$670.4	-4.37%
1999	\$271	9.27%	2011	\$662.1	-1.24%
2000	\$285	5.17%	2012	\$608.4	-8.11%
2001	\$322	12.98%	2013	\$608.3	-0.02%
2002	\$356	10.56%	2014	\$564.7	-7.17%
2003	\$388	8.99%	2015	???	

Shown another way:



Debbie then explained where tax dollars are apportioned. The majority of tax dollars go to the public schools and to Walworth County. The Lake District portion of your tax bill is approximately 4%.



Debbie gave a hypothetical \$10,000 LaGrange Township bill to explain what that means in dollars. For example:

TAXING JURISDICTION	2014 Net Tax
State of Wisconsin	\$ 106.06
Walworth County	2,641.59
Town of LaGrange	401.12
Elkhorn Area Schools	5,607.94
Gateway Technical	481.41
<b>LL Lake Management District</b>	<b>398.97</b>
CDEB Elkhorn Schools	362.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

Debbie noted that the dollars allocated to the Lake District are spent very locally to benefit everyone in the Lake District, whether they are full-time residents, snow birds, or weekend visitors.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
*(balances as of 7/31/2015)*

<b>Operating Accounts:</b>		
Lake District Checking	\$ 14,415.98	
Lake District Money Market	212,380.84	
Water Safety Patrol Checking	11,311.04	
Weed Harvesting Checking	24,761.54	
Golf Course Checking	11,435.00	
Golf Course Money Market	13,036.25	
Golf Course Cash on Hand	1,150.00	\$ 288,490.65
<b>Reserve Accounts:</b>		
Lake District CD	\$ 101,505.63	
Lake District Money Market	17,222.48	
Water Safety Patrol Money Market	5,131.21	
Weed Harvesting Money Market	34,824.10	\$ 158,683.42
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 447,174.07</b>

Debbie presented the operating accounts for the Lake District. The Lake District has an outstanding loan balance of \$0.

Debbie noted that the yearly audit performed by Chamberlain and Henningfield will be completed soon. An audience member had a question about the manner in which the various District operations are addressed in that report. Debbie explained that operations are each given their own column and that it will soon be available to view on the website.

**Water Safety Patrol Report:**

Debbie then reported on the Water Patrol whose mission is to “protect and enhance the quality of life of those we serve by striving to provide a consistently high level of law enforcement services focused on education, services and enforcement. We are committed to building a lasting community partnership with all we serve.”

Debbie explained that the WSP patrols the lake from May through October, seven days a week. This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was extra busy, but the Lake District had four boats patrolling, and there were no major incidents.

The WSP patrols the lake, tows inoperable water craft, and returns floatables (it is helpful when they have LL numbers on them for identification). The WSP flags floating bogs, they support search and rescue for the sheriff’s department when needed.

## History of Patrol Hours



Hours patrolled has remained consistent.

## Education & Outreach

- DNR Approved Boating Safety Classes – 2 each year
- PWC orientation – at your request
  - Tips for safe operation & special PWC laws
  - This does NOT replace required Boating Safety Class
- Updates on laws and ordinances
  - DNR Handbook
  - Tri-fold brochure “*What you need to know when boating on Lauderdale Lakes*”
  - Articles in *District Dialogue* and *LLIA Shorelines*
- LLIA Activities
  - Kid’s Fish Jamboree
  - Presentation at Annual Meeting

# Qualified Law Enforcement Team

**Chief Ken Blanke** – 38 years on Lauderdale Lakes

**Sergeant Janene Littmann** – 28 years on Lauderdale Lakes

## Officers

- 12 returning Officers - 2 to 14+ years on Lauderdale Lakes

- 4 new Officers

- **ALL** are Certified Law Enforcement Officers
  - Certification maintained through DOJ
  - Take an oath to uphold the law
- Lake District provides needed equipment
- **Reminder:** Patrol Team helps ensure safe waters for all  
*If you don't follow the laws, we **MUST** issue citations*

Debbie also noted that the WSP boats also include defibrillators for emergencies.

## Citations: The Reality (2014)

Total Hours Patrolled:	<b>1,960 hours</b>
Number of Contacts:	<b>505</b>
Number of Citations:	<b>121</b> (included 3 OWI arrests)
Resolution of Citations:	
Dismissed:	<b>47</b>
Fine Imposed:	<b>74</b>
Total Citation Revenue:	<b>\$894.33*</b>

*\* Nearly all of the revenue from fines or forfeitures is retained by the County to cover court costs.*

Debbie noted that the WSP has already had 5 OWI arrests so far in 2015.

If people have questions / concerns, please call – the officers are very responsive. 262 742 4300 is the best number to call and rings right in the boat if someone isn't available in the office.

## Operating a Boat or PWC

AGE	MOTORBOAT	PWC
Under 10	<i><u>Cannot operate</u></i>	<i><u>Cannot operate</u></i>
10 or 11	MAY operate with parental supervision*	<i><u>Cannot operate</u></i>
12 to 15	MAY operate with either: -Parental supervision*, or -Boating Safety Course**	MAY operate only with Boating Safety Course**
16 and older***	MAY operate only with Boating Safety Course**	MAY operate only with Boating Safety Course**

\* *MUST BE accompanied by parent, guardian or a person at least 18 designated by the parent or guardian*

\*\* *MUST HAVE COMPLETED a Boating Safety Course approved by WDNR*

\*\*\* *Persons born before 1/1/89 are exempt from safety course requirement*

Debbie explained the rules for PWC operation and stressed the importance of Boating Safety Courses. People born after 1/1/1989 must have the safety course.

## Buoys

### Added in 2014

- ✓ “Electric Motor Only” in Bubbling Springs area
- ✓ “No Anchoring” in Pebble Beach sand bar area

### Coming in 2016

Buoys to prohibit towing people on “towables” (like tubes) through the following “slow no wake” channels:

- ✓ Green Lake to/from Middle Lake
- ✓ Mill Lake to/from Sterlingworth Bay

In 2016, people will not be able to tow people on towables through the channels. This is important for safety.

## Other Reminders

### ✓ **New Laws in 2015**

- Operate at slow-no-wake speed within 100 feet of a stationary or drifting patrol or emergency vessel displaying a light or siren
- No vessel may be equipped with or display any blue colored light or lamp unless the vessel is a patrol boat.

### ✓ **Public Launch Ramps**

- Parking **ONLY** for those launching a boat
- Drop Ins pay \$3/day (\$20 annual) – receipt on vehicle
- Lake homeowners - \$3 once when you launch – receipt on boat
- Launch ramps are patrolled

### ✓ **Register your boat in Wisconsin!**

## Be a courteous boater ...

**Flying Towables!** When not in use, bring your towable on board or tethered close to your boat

**Music ...** you love yours, but others may not

**Big Wakes ...** may be fun when you wakeboard or surf but when you are not, consider the enjoyment of swimmers, kayaks, sailboats, canoes, paddleboats and paddleboards

**Questions?** Officers are there to answer them, but please do not approach the patrol boat if it is engaged in a stop or assisting another craft

Debbie then addressed questions:

- The no anchor zone at Pebble Beach creates access for homeowners who need to be able to access their piers. People can still anchor at Pebble Beach, and this does not affect the swim area, it is simply to provide access so the people who live near Pebble Beach can get to their piers.

- Bouy placement is the responsibility of the Town. Don Sukala would be the person to contact regarding their placement.
- The Town cannot change the placement / number of bouys – this is determined by the DNR.
- The purpose of the law regarding blue lights is to prevent other boaters from mistaking boats for emergency vessels. Debbie will investigate the issue regarding blue lights under seats, in cupholders, etc. to ensure that those are still allowed.

**Chairman Mason then presented the election results:**

Position 5:

Jack Sorenson 62 votes

Write-ins: 37

Position 4:

Peter Van Kampen 68 votes

Write-in Sandy Ser shel 41

He welcomed anyone who would like to be involved to attend regular monthly meetings during the season and are happy to have people volunteer to help out.

**Golf Course and Environmental Report:**

Scott Mason reported on the Lauderdale Lakes County Club. As part of the long-range planning process, we have discovered that more than a third of lake district residents utilize the golf course. He presented a timeline of how we have gotten to this point.

## Golf Course Purchase

- 1996 voted 385 to 80 to purchase
- Supported financing over 20 years
- Supported a tax subsidy while mortgaged
- Mandated rezoning of all R4 to park
- Combined all tax keys into one
- 2003 Placed in Conservation Easement
- 2014 Paid off loan
- Now self supporting

The golf course paid a significant portion of the mortgage with the help of the tax subsidy, but it is now paid off and is self-supporting. Scott reminded everyone that it is a small 9-hole course that will never be a source of revenue to pay other expenses for the lake district, but it is self-supporting and has been preserved as a green space for everyone in the community to enjoy. The board has done everything that they promised when the golf course was purchased – and it is paid off ahead of schedule.



In 1999, the Lake District purchased the property on the corner of Hwy 12 and Sterlingworth Dr. That building is used as office space for the Water Safety Patrol and office space is rented to the Kettle Moraine Land Trust. It also includes a meeting space that is used by various community organizations – including the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers, the LLIA, the KMLT, the Yacht Club, and the Sailing Club. Over the past year, the meeting room was booked 71% of the time on weekends, so it is being heavily utilized.



In 2001, the Lake District purchased the acreage on Don Jean Bay where the Aqua Skiers perform. This is now a home for the Weed Harvesting equipment and for one of the Water Safety Patrol boats. It has also provided a space for the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers to perform. Since the purchase of the property, we have made environmental improvements, including the addition of a boardwalk, we have stabilized the shoreline, gotten rid of invasive plants, and introduced native plants which are thriving.



2002 Replaced Fueling System

In 2002, the old fueling system at the Golf Course was replaced. The Golf Course, Weed Harvesting, and Water Safety patrol now have a reliable and more cost-effective source for their fuel, so we are saving a substantial amount of money each year and we will avoid an environmental spill.



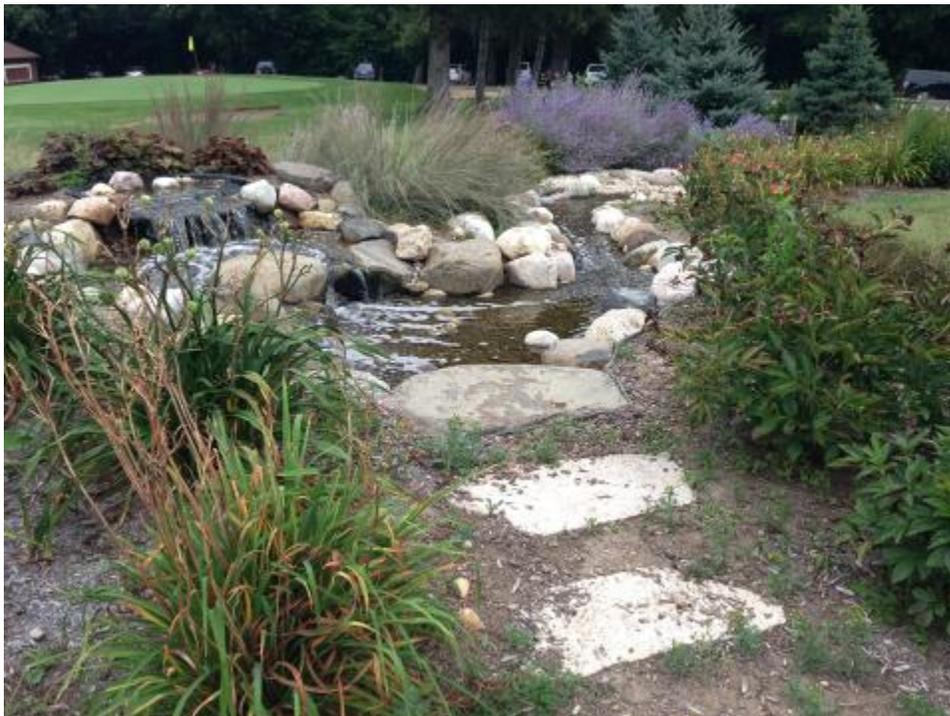
In 2006, the old maintenance building was replaced. The former building did not have heat, plumbing, or water. It had a dirt floor. It was used by the golf course and the weed harvesting team. In 2006 we built a pole-barn style building that can now be used by the Weed Harvesting team for all of their maintenance that we used to have to send out. The building was used as a place to rebuild one of the water patrol boats several years ago. The building is also used for storage and maintenance of the golf course equipment that can be done in-house instead of out-sourcing that work.



2010 Began Restoration



Lake resident Larry Myers provided a generous donation to restore the water tower, add gardens and a water feature. They did a fabulous job on it.



The Golf Course joined the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary several years ago. There are six categories for certification. We are certified in Environmental Planning, and are working on Wildlife & Habitat Management and Chemical use Reduction & Safety this summer. The certifications require the collection of a lot of data and have to show consistency over time. It is a well-recognized program that improves the environment for the wetlands and the golf course.

## Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary

- Six certification categories
  - Environmental Planning
  - Wildlife & Habitat Management
  - Chemical use reduction & safety
  - Water Conservation
  - Water Quality Management
  - Outreach & education

### **Long Range Planning:**

Since the purchase of the golf course, our property has grown. The board has been talking about the possibility of expanding the use of the property to possibly provide other recreational activities for people within our community who don't golf.

## Long Range Planning University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Community Design Solutions
  - ❖ School of Architecture & Urban Planning
  - ❖ Survey the community
  - ❖ Developed an initial plan
  - ❖ Initial planning meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>

In 1996, when we purchased the golf course property, we didn't have the luxury of having a lot of time to plan. The property was being aggressively marketed, there were other bids, and we needed to act fast. Now, as we look forward, we have the ability to plan and do our due diligence to create and refine a long-range plan.

## Survey Highlights

- 87% Other Recreational activities
  - Pickle Ball, Tennis, Bocce Ball, etc.
- 67% Full Service Restaurant
- 63% Walking Trail, Cross country skiing
- 56% Full Service Café for B/L

The Board is going to investigate our options further and there will be additional planning meetings to invite community input and refine plans. There is no deadline for completion, we can take our time and involve the community, and any plan would come to the lake district community for a vote.

## The Next Step

- Identify and assign tasks to refine plan
- Community Design Solutions assist with plan
- Additional Public Informational Meetings
- Develop a final plan
- Community decision

Scott then addressed questions and comments:

- Question regarding funding - The funding for developing the plan would come from the planning reserves that were approved in the budget by the voters at the meeting last year.
- Question regarding the plan - We would expect that any plan would be executed in phases – would have the costs spread over a number of years.
- Comment regarding the value of the golf course as a green space for everyone and the largest asset for the community. Suggestion regarding expenditures over \$50,000 going to a vote with ballots sent out to the community – 1500+ property owners and nowhere near that many at meetings.
- Comment – we were talking about this 10 years ago, and we wanted to wait until the golf course was paid for. Now it is – so let's make some improvements.

Scott then took an opportunity to thank Lutherdale and Jeff Blum for their hospitality and hosting our meeting. He noted that Lutherdale has a lot of activities available, and particularly for those residents with children or grandchildren, there are a lot of great opportunities for them to check out at Lutherdale.

**Goose Management Report:**

Scott also reported on the goose management for the year. There is a 3-4 week period in June when the geese do not fly, and this is when they are captured. This coincides with a time period when migratory geese are not present on the lake. This year we caught 55 geese, 2 got away. Scott explained how they are captured, and stated that these were typical numbers for the yearly capture. Geese mate for life and live for about 25 years. Effluent from 2 geese is about the same as a human being, so we are helping to clean up our lakes with their capture. The food is used for food pantries.

**Septic Report:**

Peter Van Kampen reported on septic systems. Last year, the district began a new recording system and stopped servicing holding tanks and aerobic systems. Each homeowner pays a flat fee (\$46.00 for each septic system) as we announced last year. Homeowners were asked to check their property tax bill to ensure they were paying the correct fee.

## New Septic recording system

- Began at the end of 2014 and continuing
- No longer include Holding tanks or Aerobic systems in program
- All homeowners pay a flat fee
- Working extremely well, only one homeowner with holding tank charged by mistake, was repaid immediately.

Peter addressed a question about the equity of having everyone pay the same price regardless of the size of their system. We pay a contracted, negotiated rate that is 25% below market value. If each homeowner were responsible for pumping on their own, we would all pay 25% more so it is a good deal for everyone.

Peter explained the new grading system implemented for all septics:

## A B X data collection

- Beginning in 2015 we are grading each septic system as follows:
- A – A system installed after 1980 when the State upgraded the requirements for a septic system including dual chambers and a pvc vent pipe.
- B – A system installed before 1980. Cast iron vent pipe, single solid chamber.
- X – A very old system, often a hole built of brick or stone like a dry well or made of steel or fiberglass. Many are the direct replacement of outhouses.
  
- We are photographing and recording all B's and X's with the thought that these systems may need more frequent monitoring than every 3 yrs.

We still have a lot of X systems on the lake and they often do not function as well as newer septics. Those who have questions regarding their systems can contact Lance at Associates Septic Services 262 485 7004 or Peter 742 2567.

### **Pier Inspection Report:**

Peter also reported on Pier Inspection for the Lake District:

## Piers

- 29 permits issued for replacement or new piers
- All in conformance with Town Ordinance and State Law
- 7 different Pier Builders active on the Lakes
- Application and information on the "New" webpage: [lauderdalelakedistrict.com](http://lauderdalelakedistrict.com)
- Thanks for the cooperation of the homeowners and pier builders
- Thanks to Andi White the Pier Inspector

Peter and Scott addressed a question regarding the status of the Terry Pier. The Lake District has until September 14<sup>th</sup> to decide whether they will appeal the decision of the court.

### **Weed Harvesting Report:**

Greg Wisniewski reported on the Lake District's weed harvesting program:

## Weed Harvesting Purpose

- Fight the takeover by invasive plants
- Aid navigation and swimming
- Reduce build-up of muck
- Maintain an environment for the 'good' plants and animals; endeavor to always leave 1 foot of plant material
- Starry Stonewort is latest invasive plant

Reducing the weeds helps to prevent a build-up of muck in the lakes. Cleaning our boats helps to keep invasive plants out of the lakes.

## 2015 Weed Harvesting Status

- Low volume of weeds at the start of this year, however tonnage now approaching last year.
- Less Milfoil in the lakes, still a wide variety of good plants keeping the Lakes healthy.
- Our 20+ year old equipment is being well maintained by the crew.
- Thanks to Mike & crew – Pat, Emil & Don.
- If needed, contact # 262/742-4511
- May have harvesting location schedule on web site next year.
- To aid harvesting, move buoys, rafts, floating toys, etc. behind pier head.

The equipment is old, but is in very good condition. Because we have the maintenance building, the crew is able to repair equipment and work on it at the end of the season to keep it working well.

Greg also explained the draft of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan and a revision to it allowing the harvester to remove more “floaters”.

## Aquatic Plant Management Plan

- DNR now requiring APMP updates every 5 years.
- Last plant sampling 2008; APMP done in July 2010.
- Last sampling 290 Locations, now 1779 locations.
- Plant sampling performed in 2014. APMP update draft report issued in April 2015.
- Five year harvesting permit issued based on draft APMP.
- APMP defines harvesting areas; pier head to open water (revised).
- APMP also revised to include removal of floaters where reachable by harvester.
- Pier head to shore is owner maintained; removal of floaters, debris and fallen leaves substantially improves water clarity.

Greg reported that Clean Boats, Clean Waters continues with Connor Hamilton manning the boat launches – primarily Sterlingworth and Green Lake - and educating boaters about invasive species. This program will continue into the Fall.

## Clean Boats / Clean Water

- State sponsored program to eliminate cross contamination of invasive species and diseases from lake to lake.
- Connor Hamilton, our weed harvesting crew and myself are CBCW inspectors.
- Connor Hamilton is monitoring launches on Fridays and weekends.
- Coverage principally includes Sterlingworth and Green Lake launches.
- Up to 65% of the costs may be covered by State Grant money.

We will apply to have our costs reimbursed through a State Grant.

Greg addressed a question regarding weeds in the bay near the Marina and whether the harvester has been there. It is incredibly difficult to get the equipment into a lot of locations around the lake, and this can be made more difficult with rafts and floatables in the way. Next year, the harvesters are going to include a schedule on the website so that people have an opportunity to move their rafts out of the way so the harvester can get a good cut.

**Sterlingworth Bay Leak:**

Jack Sorenson reported on the leak in Sterlingworth Bay that he has reported on for 5 years. The leak has finally been fixed. It took a lot longer than expected, but didn't cost as much as was expected. Jack gave a brief history of the leak flowing into Honey Creek and the truckload of gravel the water took with it. There was a manhole between Sterlingworth Bay and Honey Creek that had blown out. That has been filled with concrete and the south shoreline of Sterlingworth Bay has been stabilized.

**Dam Report:**

Jack reported that the culverts were replaced a while back, and that the vegetation is cut off the banks on a regular basis. The DNR has begun requiring a dam failure analysis on a regular basis, largely because of the failure at Lake Delton.

Jack explained how our dam operates, and that water goes over the spillway and under the floor of the building. After the failure at Lake Delton, the DNR is concerned about dams such as ours because having the spillway enclosed could lead to the water flow becoming blocked, and could then burst.



We are working with the DNR and an engineer to fill the ground under the floor of the building with concrete and re-route the water flow so that it is open to daylight. Funding for this project will be included in the budget for next year.

### Approval of 2016 Budget and tax levy:

Debbie Ferrari presented the proposed budget. She asked for any amendments to the budget, there were none.

## 2016 Proposed Budget & Tax Levy

	2015 Approved Budget	2016 Proposed Budget	Inc/(Dec) from 2015	
			\$	%
Weed Harvesting	\$ 50,000	\$ 46,000	\$ (4,000)	-8.0%
Water Safety Patrol	61,300	59,500	(1,800)	-2.9%
Dam Maintenance	9,000	2,500	(6,500)	-72.2%
Dam Modification	-	40,000	40,000	n/m
Environmental Projects	26,000	21,000	(5,000)	-19.2%
Communications	3,000	3,500	500	16.7%
Insurance	13,650	14,000	350	2.6%
Legal	15,000	15,000	-	0.0%
Community Center	9,800	4,400	(5,400)	-55.1%
Certified Audit	3,500	3,675	175	5.0%
Lake District Maintenance Building	5,000	6,800	1,800	36.0%
General Lake District Operation <i>(includes Pier Insp &amp; Septic Admin)</i>	9,250	13,730	4,480	48.4%
Addition to Lake District Reserve	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
Lake Leak Engineering	65,000	-	(65,000)	-100.0%
Golf Course	-	-	-	n/m
Capital Reserve	85,000	85,000	-	0.0%
<b>TOTAL (Incl Reserve Increases)</b>	<b>\$ 360,500</b>	<b>\$ 320,105</b>	<b>\$ (40,395)</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>
Use of Reserves	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$ 360,500</b>	<b>\$ 320,105</b>	<b>\$ (40,395)</b>	<b>-11.2%</b>

Debbie shared the proposed new budget for 2016 vs. the budget approved for 2015. She explained individual line items and explained differences from this year to next. Dam modification has been added to pay for the engineering and to make the fixes that Jack just explained. The lake leak engineering has been removed, as that is at a point where we will just perform maintenance. The golf course remains at zero, as the loan for its purchase was paid off at the end of 2014. The capital reserve line item included last year and proposed for this year is held in a separate account only to be used as the lake district determines what everyone would like to do with our property as we go forward. The total Budget proposal for 2016 is \$320,105.

## HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ME?

- Proposed 2016 Budget = \$320,105
  - 11.2% reduction from 2015 budget of \$360,500
- Your property taxes:
  - 2015 = \$63.84 per \$100,000 est FMV
  - 2016 = \$56.69 per \$100,000 est FMV
    - Assumes same total valuation as 2014
    - 2015 total valuation not available until late Sept

Debbie addressed several questions regarding the proposed budget.

- The \$85,000 for capital reserve was collected in 2015 and would be collected again in 2016.
- The district has spent a little over \$2000 for the mailing of the survey postcard, the postcard announcing the planning meeting, and the rental of the facility for the planning meeting a few weeks ago. We have not yet received a bill from UW-Milwaukee for their services.
- The capital reserve fund cannot be used for anything else unless voted on by the electorate.
- We are in the initial planning phases of any project that may be undertaken, and there is a wide variety of possibilities, so the budget could vary as well.
- The bill for the UW-Milwaukee study will be about \$4,000.
- The operating reserve fund is about \$158,000. Operating reserves are necessary in any operation to cover expenses that can arise – like the leak in the lake that Jack discussed, for example. If something arises that needs immediate attention, we cannot wait until an annual meeting to vote on funds to make repairs. We cannot take out a loan to fund anything without the approval of the electorate, so an operating reserve is necessary.

A motion to approve the proposed 2016 budget was made by Don Henderson and seconded by Rick Braun. The budget and tax levy carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.