

**LAKE PUCKAWAY PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

August 9, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. | Marquette Village Hall
127 E. 4th St, Marquette, WI 53947

Call to Order

- John calls the annual meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll Call

- Present Board Member's: John Harter, Kyle Miller, Maddy Wergin, Rick Stel, Paul Gettelman, John Weidner, Bob Schweder

Approve Agenda

- Paul makes motion to approve the agenda with the additions of roll call and adding a 15-minute break after "set quarterly meetings for 2026." Seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

Approve 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

- Bob makes motion to approve the 2024 annual meeting minutes as posted on the website. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Balances as of August 7, 2025:
 - Lake Association Donation = \$617.03
 - Checking #1 = \$159,235.11
 - Checking #2 = \$11,175.31
 - Current Total = \$171,027.45
- Paul moves to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.
- Audit Report
 - Kyle gives a summary of the internal audit that was conducted on January 25, 2025. The audit committee consisted of Board members as well as lake district members. Input was given on how to better categorize action items for easier understanding of the budget.

Fish Hatchery Report

- Paul gives fish hatchery report. This year nets were in for 17 days (April 4th to April 22nd). The total number of walleyes netted were 48 females and 63 males. 9 females were ripe, 32 hard, and 4 spent. The largest female was 27 inches and the largest male was 22.9 inches. The fish hatchery ended up with 222,832 eggs. The total amount of fry released was 190,000. Total hatch rate was 83%. In 14 years, the fish hatchery has released a total of 14,920,700 fry.
- Totals for the other fish netted are as follows:
 - Northern – 322; Catfish – 835; Bass – 30; Pan Fish – 142; Sheepshead – 6; Bullhead – 15; Carp (some Buffalo) – 63; Dogfish – 45; Garfish – 3; Turtles – 5 (one snapper)

- LPPRD would like to thank all the volunteers that helped throughout the hatchery and tern raft process: Larry & Gina Loeffler, Randy Schmidt, John Harter, Mark Hoffman, Paul & Trudy Simonson, Harry Bowey, Kerry Keller, Steve Draginis, Tim Harder, Rick Kalwieter, Scott Lightfoot, Jane Gettelman, and anyone else that we may have missed.

Tern Raft Report

- The tern rafts were put in this year on May 9, 2025. A final tern raft report has not yet been completed as the terns are still nesting. However, Daryl Christensen did provide an update regarding the tern rafts.
- Common Terns colonized on one raft. Forster Terns colonized on the other two rafts. Forster's also colonized on Pancake Island and the Dredgebank, but all nests were flooded out in late May. Renesting took place throughout the summer. Common Terns have had a tough year this year with issues of great-horned Owl predation.
- The tern raft program is extremely important to enhancing the population of the endangered Forster and Common Terns on the lake. In past years, Lake Puckaway's tern raft program has produced the number one concentration of either/or both of the Common and Forster Terns in the state.

Lake Management Plan/Aquatic Plant Management Plan Report

- Discussion about lake management plan. Discussion regarding forming a committee to help develop an aquatic lake management plan. The APM needs to be approved by the DNR. Onterra is working with the district to develop the plan. Onterra has a goal deadline for a final draft of the plan to be completed by May/June 2026.
- **PI Survey**
 - Onterra conducted a Point-Intercept (PI) survey in early July. The results of the PI survey will be on the website along with the map.

Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Report

- Maddy discusses Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Report. Goals of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network is to collect high quality data regarding water clarity for the DNR. Water clarity is measured using the Secchi Disk method. At the end of the May 2025, the water clarity was at about 3 feet. In June/July, the water clarity was about 2 ½ feet. By early August, the water clarity was reading at approximately 16 inches. The District thanks Larry and Gina Loeffler for all of their hard work over the years collecting the data and being part of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network!

Present & Vote on 2026 Proposed Budget & Tax Levy

- Kyle presents proposed budget. Discussion regarding budget.
- Monica Gunderson makes a motion to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Tony Sauer. Voice vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Election of 2 Commissioners

- John calls for nominations for one commissioner seat.
 - Tony Sauer nominates Monica Gunderson. Seconded by Sally Fitzgerald.
 - Rudy Winther nominates Paul Gettelman. Seconded by Geraldine Kaplon.
 - John calls for other nominations three times.

- Secret Ballot Vote
 - Monica Gunderson → 26 votes
 - Paul Gettelman → 31 votes
- **Paul Gettelman fills the commissioner seat.**
 - Term: 2025 to 2028 Annual Meeting
- John calls for nominations for the other commissioner seat.
 - Art Cybul nominates Kyle Miller. Seconded by Tony Sauer.
 - John calls for other nominations three times. Tony Sauer moves to close nominations. Seconded by Art Cybul. Motion carried.
 - All in favor of Kyle.
 - **Kyle Miller fills the commissioner seat.**
 - Term: 2025 to 2028 Annual Meeting

Set Quarterly Meetings for 2026

- Paul makes motion to set quarterly meeting dates in the following months: January, March, August, and November with the Annual Meeting in June. Seconded by Tony Sauer. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Elect Officers for 2025-2026

- Fifteen-minute recess.
- Bob makes motion to retain all current officers as is. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.
 - Chairman → John Harter
 - Secretary → Maddy Wergin
 - Treasurer → Kyle Miller

Adjournment

- Paul makes motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Weidner. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.