TUG LAKE DISTRICT

Lincoln County, Wisconsin
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AGENDA ITEM 6

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS — MEETING MINUTES

DATE	Saturday, August 29, 2026
TIME	9:08 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.
LOCATION	IncredibleBank, Merrill Branch, lower conference room 3210 E Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452 and online via Zoom

Attendance

PRESENT	Electors and property owners (21): Mary Badeau, Reid Badeau, Bruce Bandow, Cathy Bandow, Jeff Burns, Missy Collins, Rick Geiss, Jean Greenwood, John Greenwood (Secretary), Judy Hill, Dave Klecka, Micki Koth, Bob Kupfer, Colleen Kupfer, Shannon Murray, Dieter Nickel, Todd Nicklaus (Chairperson), Don Olson (Treasurer), Sarah Olson, Barb Rambo-Hartley, Bill Wulf. Attending online: Shannon Murray, Todd Nicklaus (Chairperson).
GUESTS	Daniel Guild, LGMP, Consultant Sara Guild, LGMP, Consultant Buzz Sorge, Consultant

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Nicklaus called the Annual Meeting of Electors & Property Owners to order at 9:08 a.m. Secretary Greenwood shared meeting expectation guidelines and led introductions.

Election of Commissioner for the 2026–2029 term:

Nomination received: John Greenwood.

Olson/Nicklaus nominated John Greenwood for the open Board of Commissioners position. No other nominations were presented. Chair Nicklaus opened voting for John Greenwood as Commissioner; vote carried unanimously by hand vote.

Recess: The Annual Meeting will stand in recess until the Board of Commissioners adjourns.

Chair Nicklaus announced that the Annual Meeting will stand in recess as of 9:11 a.m. Tug Lake Board of Commissioners meeting was held from 9:12 – 9:15 a.m. Minutes reported separately. Chair Nicklaus resumed the Tug Lake Annual Meeting at 9:16 a.m. and transitioned the role of Chair to Secretary Greenwood for the remainder of the meeting in anticipation of his early departure.

New Business:

District Financial Audit Report Treasurer Olson reported that he reviewed the District's books with Judy Hill and they found them to be acceptable.

FY2027 Proposed Budget, as amended (Version 3): Presentation and Consideration of Amendments Treasurer Olson introduced the FY2027 District Budget as amended by the Board of Commissioners. The amended budget totaled $23,700 in appropriations, financed by a $14,950 levy and $8,750 in District funds on hand.

Chair Greenwood clarified the purpose of the proposed consultant fee and the anticipated taxing impact of the budget as amended. Attendees briefly discussed the history of creating and supporting the Tug Lake District, including its prior use of volunteers and consultants, along with the importance of creating a formal lake management plan in the upcoming year. No other amendments were presented.

9:32 a.m. – Collins arrival Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget and Levying a Tax Upon Taxable Property Within the Tug Lake District M Badeau/D Klecka motioned/seconded to approve Resolution 2026-01 as amended, adopting the FY2027 Tug Lake District budget and levying a tax of $14,950 while approving $8,750 in District funds for a total of $23,700 in appropriations; motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Board of Commissioners Update: Olson shared a brief update on recent blue-green algae activity, noting that the lake buoy has been in place since June and is providing data 24/7; this data is available on the Tug Lake website.

Greenwood noted that there has been significant recent organizational activity, including bringing on additional consultants to assist with improving community capacity and engagement. 9:36 a.m. – Geiss arrival 9:38 a.m. – Nicklaus departure

Presentation by Sara and Daniel Guild, LGMP, consultants to the District, regarding electronic communications, the resident survey, and community capacity:

The Guilds provided a short introduction to their services for the District, which include supporting the development of the lake management plan as well as assisting with improving District communications. Daniel Guild clarified the role of "Community Capacity" in a lake management plan and explained the purpose of a survey that will be shared with residents later this fall, noting that the information from the survey will help support development of both the lake management plan and future grant requests and encouraging strong participation. He also asked attendees to provide their current contact information and assist with getting information from other residents to improve future District communications and outreach efforts.

MEETING BREAK from 9:53 – 10:00 a.m.; Rambo Hartley departed during break

Presentation by Buzz Sorge, retired Wisconsin DNR, consultant to the District, regarding lake management planning:

Sorge shared a presentation about the lake management plan that included a brief history of the lake's water quality concerns, factors contributing to these concerns, steps taken thus far to develop the preliminary plan draft, and highlights from the proposed plan goals. Sorge provided additional details about each of the plans three primary goals, which include addressing water quality concerns, invasive

species, and shoreland habitats. Attendees discussed various portions of each topic in more detail and provided additional recommendations and insights for consideration as part of the plan's final draft.

Petitioned Items under Wis. Stat. § 33.30(2m)(c)

No qualifying petitions were received.

Public Comments – Comments are invited on matters within the District's authority

NONE

Adjournment of the 2026 Annual Meeting

Geiss/Kupfer moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Note for the record: rules of order and the Commissioner election.

Rules of order. The District follows Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, current edition. Meetings of the Board of Commissioners follow that work's procedure for small boards, under which a motion does not require a second and the Chair may take part in discussion and may vote. Meetings of the electors and property owners follow its general meeting procedure.

The election. The notice of this meeting stated that the election of a Commissioner for the 2026-2029 term would be conducted by secret ballot, which is the method Chapter 33 describes. Wis. Stat. s. 33.30(3) provides that the electors and property owners attending the annual meeting "shall do all of the following," the first of which, at paragraph (a), is to "[e]lect by secret ballot one or more commissioners." Section 33.28(2)(c) describes the elected commissioners in the same terms, and s. 33.30(5)(b) supplies the procedure for counting ballots and reading the results. Ballots and a tally sheet were prepared and were available.

Ruling of the Chair, August 29, 2026. One nomination was received, for John Greenwood, and no further nominations were made from the floor. The Chair ruled that a vote by show of hands was the appropriate method of election. The ground given was that only one candidate had been nominated, so the seat was uncontested and no choice between candidates was before the meeting. The Chair put the question on that basis and the vote carried unanimously. No member appealed the ruling. An unappealed ruling of the Chair stands as the decision of the meeting.

The District takes ordinary questions by voice or by show of hands. A ballot is used where the governing rules call for one or where the meeting directs it.

LGMP prepared these minutes as consultant to the District. LGMP is not counsel to the District and does not give legal advice, which in Wisconsin requires a license to practice law.

Tug Lake District Annual Meeting minutes approved 09/30/2026 by a vote of 3-0 of the Board of Commissioners; recorded by John Greenwood, Secretary. Prepared by LGMP.