TUG LAKE DISTRICT

# Meeting and Grant Calendar

BOARD MEETINGS, COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND GRANT DEADLINES · 2026 THROUGH 2029

This handout lists the dates the Tug Lake District expects to meet through 2029, and the deadlines the District must hit to apply for a Wisconsin DNR Surface Water Grant. Keep it on the refrigerator. Meetings are open to the public, and every meeting is noticed in advance.

## WHERE AND WHEN

**Location.** Basement Community Room, Incredible Bank, 3210 E Main St, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452.

**By video.** You may also take part in a meeting by video conference.

**Agendas.** Posted before each meeting on the District website at www.tuglake.com.

**Board meetings** begin at 9:00 a.m.

**Summer Kick-Off** runs 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Annual Meeting** runs 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Annual Picnic** follows the Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. the same day.

## MEETING DATES

| 2026 REMAINING | | 2027 | | 2028 | | 2029 | |
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| Wed, Sep 30 | Board · Q3 | Wed, Feb 10 | Board · Q1 | Wed, Feb 9 | Board · Q1 | Wed, Feb 14 | Board · Q1 |
| Thu, Nov 5 | Board · Q4 | Wed, Apr 14 | Board · Q2 | Wed, Apr 12 | Board · Q2 | Wed, Apr 11 | Board · Q2 |
| These two dates are set and do not follow the second-Wednesday pattern. They complete the Board's 2026 schedule. The 2026 Annual Meeting was held Saturday, August 29. | | **Sat, Jun 5** | **Summer Kick-Off** | **Sat, Jun 3** | **Summer Kick-Off** | **Sat, Jun 2** | **Summer Kick-Off** |
| | | Wed, Jun 9 | Board | Wed, Jun 14 | Board | Wed, Jun 13 | Board |
| | | Wed, Jul 14 | Board | Wed, Jul 12 | Board | Wed, Jul 11 | Board |
| | | Wed, Aug 11 | Board · Q3 | Wed, Aug 9 | Board · Q3 | Wed, Aug 8 | Board · Q3 |
| | | **Sat, Aug 28** | **Annual Meeting** | **Sat, Aug 26** | **Annual Meeting** | **Sat, Aug 25** | **Annual Meeting** |
| | | Wed, Sep 8 | Board | Wed, Sep 13 | Board | Wed, Sep 12 | Board |
| | | Wed, Nov 10 | Board · Q4 | Wed, Nov 8 | Board · Q4 | Wed, Nov 14 | Board · Q4 |

**Bold** marks a Saturday community event. **Q1** through **Q4** mark the meeting that satisfies the Board's obligation to meet in that quarter. Dates after 2026 are planned and may change; the notice for each meeting governs.

## HOW THE SCHEDULE WORKS

**Regular Board meetings fall on the second Wednesday** of February, April, June, July, August, September, and November. That is seven meetings a year.

**The Annual Meeting is the last Saturday in August.** This is the meeting of electors and property owners, not a Board meeting. Residents vote on the budget and the tax levy, and elect commissioners.

**The Summer Kick-Off is the first Saturday morning in June.** It is a community social event, not a business meeting.

**State law requires the Board to meet at least quarterly** (Wis. Stat. § 33.28(6)). The February, April, August, and November meetings cover the four quarters. The Board may also meet at other times if the chairperson calls a meeting, or if three commissioners petition for one.

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# DNR Surface Water Grant Timeline

WHAT THE DISTRICT MUST DO, AND WHEN, TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources runs its Surface Water Grant program on the same schedule every year. The District plans to apply in **2027** for the **2028** cycle, and again in **2029**. Missing a date means waiting a full year.

## THE ANNUAL GRANT CYCLE

| WHEN | WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN |
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| **By May 1** | Confirm with the DNR that the District and the lake qualify, and that public access requirements are met. This is a conversation with the DNR grant specialist and the regional biologist, not a form. |
| **July 1** | The DNR publishes the updated guide, forms, and scoring sheet for that year. The District reviews the funding cap, the cost share it must provide, and how applications are scored. |
| **September 15** | The pre-application is due. It is required, not optional. For a Management Plan Implementation grant, the District must also ask the DNR to confirm that the plan recommendation is eligible. |
| **September–October** | The DNR reviews and refines the project with the District. Scope, methods, budget, maps, letters of support, permits, and the authorizing resolution are all settled here. |
| **November 15** | The final application is due. Before it goes, the Board adopts the authorizing resolution and approves the scope, the budget, and the local match. |
| **About February 15** | The DNR announces awards. |
| **March 15** | The grant period begins. The District cannot spend grant-reimbursed money on the project before this date. |

## WHICH YEAR IS WHICH

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| **2026** | Planning year. Finish the Lake Management Plan and decide what project to pursue. The November Board meeting sets the strategy for the 2027 application. |
| **2027** | Application year. Eligibility check by May 1, pre-application by September 15, final application by November 15. |
| **2028** | Award and start-up year. Award announced about February 15, grant period begins March 15. The November Board meeting sets the strategy for the 2029 application. |
| **2029** | Application year. The same sequence repeats for the 2030 cycle. |

## TWO CAUTIONS

**The dates above come from the 2026 DNR guide.** The DNR can change forms, priorities, funding limits, and procedures from year to year. The District will recheck the 2027 and 2029 guidance when the DNR publishes it each July 1.

**A grant is not money in hand.** Applying does not guarantee an award, and an award does not cover the whole cost. The District must supply a local share, which is one reason the annual budget and tax levy matter.

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