



BEAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
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ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 30, 2025 - 9:00 AM HAZELHURST TOWN HALL
AGENDA / DRAFT MINUTES

- **Call to Order by Mic Austin (Chairman's Comments):** at 9:00 AM by Mic Austin.
- **Board Members Present:** Mic Austin, Dawn Wozniak, Jeanne' Stanley, Ron Mundt, Chris Schultz
- **Secretary's Report - 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes – Stanley:** Presented by J. Stanley, Motion to approve as presented by Mike Kline and seconded by Jan Mundt. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer's Report – Wozniak:** Presented by Dawn Wozniak, A current income/expense report was presented for 2025. 2024 books were audited by Will Ruch and presented. Motion to approve as presented by Jan Mundt, seconded by Tim Wozniak, motion carried.
- **County Report - Schultz:** Recommendations for wake boat use by county is; 25' depth on lake, 3-400' offshore, however no current enforcement. Eurasian milfoil eradication is difficult due to unknown effect on wild rice, causing DNR to decline permitting. Hand harvest or removal is still allowed.
- **Town of Minocqua Report – Mundt:** Minocqua is waiting for DNR to make determination on wake boat rules. Will continue to monitor. Requested recognition of previous commissioner Tom Church passing and service to the community.
- **Clean Boats Clean Waters – Austin: 2025 –**
 - Board applied for 4K Grant
 - 1.5K budgeted
 - Additional volunteers Becky Gaskel, Mic Austin
 - Adam Spankowski was hired through the town of Minocqua for 16-20 hrs per week
 - Complete Sept 2nd
 - Reported 222 hrs., 66 boats inspected, 140 people contacted and trained, 66 days at landing
 - 2026 – writing for another 4K grant,
 - AIS Survey July 31, 2025, posted on BLPRD website and available for review.
- **Moleaer Nano Bubble Technology Overview – Mundt:** Ron presented information of new technology of Nano Bubble as a possible solution for slowing down the weed growth on the lake. Waiting more information from other lakes that have begun the program. Lake Arrowhead part of Tri-Lakes program proceeding and being reviewed. System is expensive and DNR permit needs to be obtained. Nancy Austin requested hiring company to clear Aquatic Plants, this can be done by property owners individually. D. Wozniak reported research on harvesting, including

dredging, very expensive and DNR permit not likely granted unless invasive. State allows 30' when a dock is present out to clear water, personal property maintenance is recommended.

- **Fish Stocking 2025 – Austin:** Mic reported that fish planting in 2024 went very well and the planting was scattered. 1275 6-9” Walleye were planted in 2024. 2025 planting will be in mid Sept. Planting will be scattered again. Volunteers are needed. J. Stanley confirmed posting on Facebook to confirm date, recruit volunteers.
- **2026 Budget Hearing & Vote – Wozniak:** Dawn Wozniak presented a proposed budget for 2026 of \$21,800.00. Motion for lake maintenance line of 3000.00 to be added to budget, by Rich Thiesen, seconded by Paul Kreinke. Motion to approve amended budget by Gene Barney and second Kriste Braun. Motion carried.
- **Election to Fill Expired Term of Mic Austin (3-year term):** D. Wozniak acknowledged Mic Austin for his years of service, Mic has chosen not to volunteer for another 3 years.
 - Nancy Austin made a motion to nominate Mitch Borneman
 - Mitch Borneman accepted
 - Public voted to elect Mitch Borneman as a commissioner - unanimously
- **Loon Report – Nancy Austin** – Nancy presented a report on loons on Bear Lake
- **Public Comment:**
Nancy Austin motioned to form committee for lake maintenance, volunteers Paul Kreinke, Barb Lee and Nancy Austin. Kriste Braun 2nd motion. Motion carried.

Gene Barney requested lane striping at boat landing to indicate more clearly landing pad position. R Mundt will present this request at the town of Minocqua meeting.

- **2026 Annual Meeting Date – September 5, 2026 - 9:00am**
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Pete Braun, seconded by Mike Kline
Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am. Motion carried.
- **There will be a short commissioner meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect the District Officers for the 2026 Term.**