

Pipe & N. Pipe Lakes P&R District
Virtual Commissioners' Meeting (by zoom)
Tuesday, May 26 ,2026, at 5 pm

Commissioners Attending

Jim Ladner, Gene Schultz, Carla Gillespie, Jim McCarthy, Tom McIntee

Commissioners Absent

Brad Olson, Dan Loewe

Other District Members in Attendance

Fewer than 10

Call to Order

After some issues with the Zoom feed, the meeting begins at 5:15 p.m.

Review of Past Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 4/18/2026 meeting are approved

Other Business

The WASCOB project that the Lake District is sponsoring in cooperation with the Polk County's management (and funding) — which will be located the stream that runs through the Daninger farm (PL-GUI) is moving forward; the Polk County Land & Water Resource Dept. advises that it hopes to get bids for the work out in by the end of June 2026.

Gene Schultz has information on the annual picnic — he is (thankfully) once again taking the lead on the planning — and is starting to recruit volunteers to assist.

Tom McIntee has the boat parade awards (having purchased them months ago) and has suggested making a modification to how those participating in the parade register (can we do it online) and, for safety reasons, Tom suggests moving the start of the boat parade on the west side of Pipe Lake (near the Larson/Hengel's cabin) to reduce congestion in front of and by the landing and beach on the north end of Pipe Lake.

Commissioners are working on updating the master roster of lake district members and also generating a new Lake District map.

Township Report

The township is focussed on road repair and landing repair. Bids for the landing repair include repair of existing pads by lifting them up and re-setting them (\$4700- \$4900) and adding another concrete pad as an extension (\$8,000). In both cases, the landing will need to be closed during the repair.

Healthy Lakes Update and Open House

Three additional Lake District property owners are planning to participate in the Healthy Lakes program this summer, and a couple more are possibly interested.

On June 20, there will be a Healthy Lakes Open House from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. where people can stop by properties that have previously participated in Healthy Lakes and see their projects. Tom McIntee is coordinating this event, and will reach out to others as needed.

Budget and Levy

Prior to the meeting, the chair circulated a detailed report that outlines the history of the Lake District's levy, and how the District's levy compares with other Lake District's in Polk County and how annual spending by the Pipe & N. Pipe Lakes District compares with the annual spending by other nearby lake districts.

Our Lake District has had the same levy since 2009.

Bylaws

Prior to the meeting, the chair circulated a detailed report explaining 1) that the 2007 Bylaws for the lake district conflict with some state of Wisconsin law changes that have occurred over the years, and a few approaches to address the bylaw conflicts.

Updates to Website

A discussion of a 27-page slide deck on how the District could benefit from an updated website.

Things to Consider

We need more help. We cannot increase the number of commissioners, seven is the limit. Two seats will be up for election later this summer. Brad Olson has difficulty making it to our meetings, we may need a re-assignment.

Plan for Meeting on Saturday, May 30

Commissioners agree to introduce the topics of a possible levy increase and a new website and present a "State of the Lakes" slideshow.

Meeting adjourns

Meeting adjourns at 6:13 p.m.