

Horseshoe Lake Public Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
11th Annual Meeting
9:00 AM August 15, 2026
At Beaver Town Hall

Agenda

- “State of the Lake” update on ongoing projects and grants
- Review of 2026 expenses
- Review of Shoreland Preservation Project
- CBCW and boat inspection update
- Discussion of proposed 2027 lake activities
- Review & approval of proposed 2027 budget
- Election of one commissioner

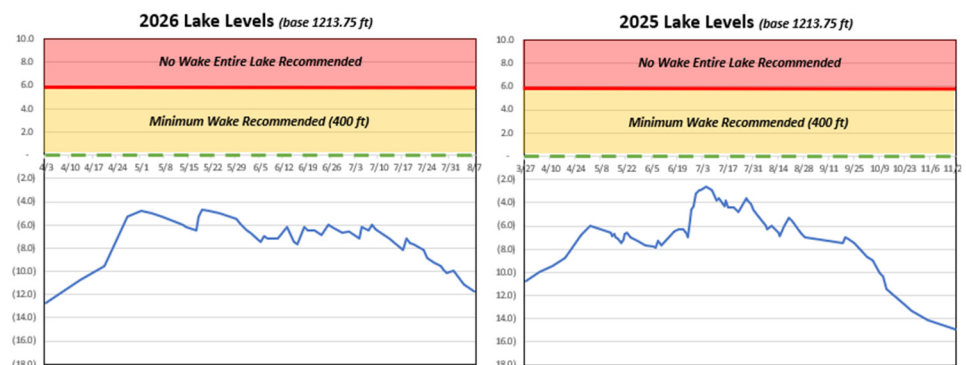
State of the Lake: The ice went out on April 3, later than the two previous springs, but still earlier than normal. Water clarity has been excellent so far and we still had 13 feet of clarity as of August 1. The spring water temperatures stayed cool until late June, but our hot July days warmed it up quickly. We had floating algae blooms in mid-July due to the extremely fast heat up of the lake. Here is a link to understanding blue-green algae: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/algae/defined.htm

Our 2026 water levels had been relatively stable but have been dropping the past month (almost ¼ inch per day with hot weather). From a milfoil standpoint, we only got a permit to treat the entrance to Mud Lake. But we are seeing several new small milfoil

beds and scattered plants around the lake and may need to consider hiring divers for a day or two next summer to pull plants to keep these from getting larger and spreading.

2026 Current Expenses: Our checking balance is \$1,387.50, but our final tax revenue comes in this month. We have CDs totaling \$12,752.70 in addition to the \$12,000 emergency AIS fund we inherited from the Lake Association. We have an overall positive variance vs budget for 2026. The main variance is because LEAPS has closed their business, so we didn’t have lake management training and monitoring. The DNR only approved chemical treatment for 2 acres at the entrance to Mud Lake, so that is under budget as well. We purchased two new buoys and three new buoy wraps and did a full mailing to all owners plus printed color copies of our new educational brochure. We also purchased signs, flags and posts for buoys to have in place for high water periods as part of our Shoreland Preservation Project.

Shoreline Preservation Project Update: While high water has not been a problem in 2026, there was significant shoreline erosion during high water periods in 2023 and 2024. At the 2025 annual meeting, a motion was passed to establish lake water levels for the Caution and Critical high-water stages, recommendations for wake restrictions at those levels and the creation of an educational information brochure on boating safety and shoreline preservation. A high-water action plan was completed in 2026 and if ready when needed. Go to hlake.org for more details.



Education on Boating Rules and Wake Management: As part of that effect, a handout was created and mailed out to all lake owners to help remind/educate boat operators about wake management and what boating rules are on all WI lakes. ([Click](#) here to view copy)

CBCW and Boat Inspection Update: We did receive a \$4000 Clean Boat, Clean Water grant for 2026 and are using it to pay a young man to do 175 hours of boat inspections at the landing. This is our #1 line of defense against the introduction of new invasive species into the lake. We will need an additional 20 hours of volunteer time at the landing over the next month to meet our grant requirement of 200 hours.

2027 Lake Management Activities: One of our main projects for 2027 will be the updating of our 2022-2027 Lake Management Plan. As Dave Blumer has discontinued his business, we plan to modify the current plan ourselves with technical assistance from the DNR to create our 2028-2023 Lake Management Plan. We will apply for a grant to assist in some of the additional lake surveys/costs that need to be completed as part of this. Next summer we will need volunteers to help review our objectives and the final documents.

We also plan to continue our Citizen Lake Water Quality surveys, maintain our lake level monitoring and CBCW efforts (applying for a CBCW grant again). If we have high water, we have our communication and action plan in place to make people aware of the water levels and to recommend reduced wake recommendations to minimize erosion. Grant funding is available for owners interested in reducing runoff from your property: healthylakeswi.com/best-practices/

2027 Proposed Expense Budget: Most of next year's expenses will be similar to 2026 except for the extra lake surveys and work to prepare for updating our 5-year Lake Management plan. We are budgeting for the extra activities that will be part of that process (if we do get a grant, reimbursement probably won't be until early 2028). Even though we will be spending more money in 2027, we are recommending that we hold the tax revenue flat again and pull the extra dollars needed from our cash reserves.

Expense Category	2026 Budget	2026 Est Expense	2027 Est Budget
Required Lake Plans/Surveys*	\$ 1,500	\$ (1,086)	\$ 6,000
Clean Water/Clean Boats*	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,223	\$ 1,000
Invasive Species control	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,112	\$ 6,000
Shoreland Preservation	\$ -	\$ 803	\$ -
Mailings, Meeting Exp, etc	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,200
Lake District Liability Insurance	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,319	\$ 1,400
Lake Patrol expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc Lake District Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ 899	\$ 1,200
Interest, Landing donations, etc	\$ (600)	\$ (813)	\$ (500)
Lake District Tax Revenue**	\$ (9,300)	\$ (9,300)	\$ (9,300)
Draw Down from Cash Reserves	\$ (2,000)	\$ -	\$ (7,000)
Total Net Cash Flow	\$ -	\$ (2,573)	\$ -

* Grants may be available to help offset costs

** Per Chapter 33.30(4)(a), tax revenue needed to cover expenses are apportioned among property within district on equalized value basis

Election of Board Commissioner:

We need to elect one commissioner for a 3-year term (Tom Ludy's term is expiring). To nominate a candidate, contact Joe Waldo at hlake.treasurer@gmail.com no later than 4PM August 13, 2026, to be added to ballot.

Lake Directory – please send any changes to your email or other contact information to hlake.treasurer@gmail.com. We keep a lake directory with this information and share it only as PDF with those who provide email information. A form for new owners is on the <http://hlake.org/> website.

Go to <http://hlake.org/> for more info on the lake district. Also follow our Facebook page (search Horseshoe Lake Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District) or [click here to join the group](#).