

**FRIENDSHIP LAKE DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING  
Thursday August 8, 2024  
5:00PM  
TOWN OF ADAMS HALL  
1980 11TH AVENUE  
ADAMS, WI 53910**

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**1. Call Meeting to Order:** Bob Berry called the meeting to order at 5:03pm. Present were Commissioners Karen Pokorny and Sue Booth. Also present were Marcus Skelton from the Town of Preston, Rick Pease from Adams County, Jerry Sonnenberg from the Village of Friendship, Ron Johnson from the Town of Adams, and Kiefer Sroka from Adams County Land and Water. There were approximately 12 lake district members present.

**2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from July 11, 2024 board meeting:** Karen Pokorny presented the meeting minutes from July 11, 2024 for review. Marcus Skelton made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Jerry Sonnenberg. The motion was carried unanimously.

**3. Review and Approval Treasurer's Report:** Sue Booth shared the treasurer's report for the month of July. Sue said that our fiscal year ended July 31, 2024. The Now checking account had a beginning balance of \$2,181.58, interest earned of \$0.03, transfers and deposits \$20,209.00 and disbursements \$21,137.65 with an ending balance of \$1252.96. Disbursements included payroll, insurance, fuel, insurance, utilities, and IT services. The Money Market account had a beginning balance of \$126,250.32, deposits \$250.00, interest earned \$153.97, transfers \$20,209.00, and an ending balance of \$106,445.29. Sue said that a biannual loan payment is due August 9, 2024, in the amount of \$13,785.94 with current balance owed on that loan of \$211,676.67. In October a loan payment of \$29,594.45 is due and that loan has a balance of \$326,711.67. Karen Pokorny made a motion to approve the July treasurer's report and was seconded by Marcus Skelton. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Review SB85(Senate Bill 85) 2023 ACT 62 use of email as a form of official district:** Bob and Karen explained in detail the requirements for our district to begin following ACT 62, using email as a form of our official notice. After discussion with questions and answers shared it was the decision of the board to continue using the United States Post Office as the official notice to the property owners for the annual meeting, budget, and any special meeting notices.

**5. Resolution #08082024: Friendship Lake District Board has reviewed Wisconsin Senate Bill 85 and the 2023 Act 62 allowing lake districts to use email as a form of official notice under certain circumstances to property owners. It is the decision of the board after extensive review of the process not to follow Act 62 and this option at this time. Friendship Lake District will continue to use the United States Post Office to mail official notices to the property owners.** Ron Johnson made a motion to approve resolution #08082024 and was seconded by Marcus Skelton. Resolution #08082024 was approved unanimously.

**6. Weed Harvesting Program Report:** Mark Weber reported that the truck needed recent repairs to the engine. Mark said that they have been harvesting, but not getting full loads, as example after 3 hours of

harvesting, maybe have a third of a load captured. Mark is concerned about the cost of fuel for the harvesting and not really able to capture enough weeds to justify the length of harvesting in a day. Mark brought in a water sample showing a weed he had not seen before on the lake. Kiefer Sroka, AC Water Resource Specialist, was in attendance and identified the sample as "Water Meal". Kiefer explained that this weed has been seen in other area lakes, especially the flowages. He said this weed is very hard to harvest as it floats on the surface, falls right through the harvester grates. Keifer said it is not harmful to people or aquatics, but is full of Nitrogen and Phosphorus, very hard to capture and settles to the lake bed causing excessive fertilization of the weeds. Kiefer said he has made some inspections of personal property on the lake and noted duckweed, water meal, and millfoil. He is also in consultation with Scott Provost at the DNR about these findings. Kiefer said that his plant survey study of the lake has been delayed a week waiting for additional personnel. As soon as that study has been completed and he has those results they will be shared with the district and lake management advisory committee.. Discussion was given to the purchase of a GPS system. Bob Berry said he has a great system on his boat and will get that information to Mark Weber to look into purchasing.

**7. Lake Management Advisory Committee Report:** Linda Moonan gave a detailed report on the advisory committee's progress. Linda has been in contact with Scott Provost who stated that our plan does not include a specific start date for harvesting, just may begin in spring. He felt that this allows our program to begin earlier than the May 15th date, weather permitting. Linda will have that rewritten in our lake management plan. Our lake district rejoined the Adams County Lake Alliance and Linda attended a very informative meeting including use of chemicals, weed harvesting programs, increased weed production, etc. Linda would like consideration given by the board and budget in the future to include possible funds to include use of chemicals. This does require the plant survey study and DNR approval and most likely would not be considered approved by the DNR possibly till 2026. The committee is in discussion regarding shoreline ordinances for Friendship Lake. According to AC Planning and Zoning, Adams County adopted state administrative shoreline ordinances a few years ago with the Town of Adams and Town of Preston adopting the same. The county ordinances end at the jurisdiction line of the Village of Friendship who are an unincorporated municipality with their own or no shoreline ordinance in place. This information has to be included in our lake management plan to comply with the State of Wisconsin NR115 administration code for shoreland protection. Many questions and answers were given. Linda will give a complete report at the annual meeting on the advisory committee's progress.

**8. Friends of Friendship Lake Fundraising Report:** Karen shared that the annual Dam Mulligans golf outing is Saturday, August 10th at Moundview. Karen has a great team of volunteers, 80 golfers, a lot of prizes, raffles, and auctions. Karen invited all to stop by and support the district for this annual fundraiser. The fundraiser raised \$8000 in 2023.

**9. Any Unfinished Business: N/A**

**10. Any New Business: N/A**

**11. Next Board MeetingTown of Adams Hall:**

**August 31, 2024 Annual FLD Board Meeting & Budget Hearing, 9:00am.**

**August 31, 2024 FLD Board Meeting immediately following annual meeting and budget hearing to approve actions and motions decided.November 7, 2024, FLD Quarterly Board Meeting, 5:00pm.**

**12. The Friendship Lake District Board may go into closed session to Wisconsin Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:**

Jerry Sonnenberg made a motion for the board to go into closed session to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the board has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The motion was seconded by Rick Pease. The motion was approved unanimously and the board entered into closed session.

**13. The Friendship Lake District Board reserves the right to enter into open session pursuant to Wisconsin Stat. 19.85(2) to take action from the closed session and continue with the agenda:**

Karen Pokorny made a motion to open the closed session and was seconded by Jerry Sonnenberg. The motion was approved unanimously. Karen Pokorny made a motion to approve the raises discussed and voted in closed session with increases in hourly pay for employees beginning in the 2025 harvesting season.

<b>Harvesting Program Coordinator</b>	<b>\$19.00 per hour</b>
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<b>Harvester Equipment Operators</b>	<b>\$18.00 per hour</b>
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Marcus Skelton seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 votes in favor, 1 against, and 2 abstention. Board member Jerry Sonnenberg agreed to review the Friendship Lake District employee job description and manual and report recommendations to the board by the November 2024 board meeting.

**Adjournment:** Rick Pease made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Marcus Skelton. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Respectfully**  
**Karen Pokorny**  
**Commissioner Secretary**  
**August 15, 2024.**