

Friendship Lake District

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A Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Member

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**Please mark your calendar for the Annual Lake District board and budget hearing that is scheduled for September 1, 2018, at 9:00am at the Community Center.*



A word from Our Chairman:

Written by Bob Berry
Commissioner Chairman
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Wow! it's hard to believe that it's time for me to be writing this again, it seems like spring was just here and we were all looking forward to a great summer with our lake back full of water. All that is true, so far, the summer has been good, we do have a lake full of water and it has been so great to see and hear the laughter of the kids on the lake, watching water skiers and tubers, people out fishing, the beach full of all ages enjoying once again our wonderful lake.



On a few other notes we finally have the official permit to operate the dam as the Lake District, our weed harvesting permit has been approved, and hopefully by the time this is printed we will know if we received the grant from the DNR for repairs.

On one final note my position as chairman is up for reelection this fall so I would like to take this time to remind everyone that we as a Lake District need people to step up and help to keep everything moving forward, there are committees that could use your help, get in touch with any of the commissioners if you are interested. Thanks for all your support.

Chairman Position - Bob is planning on running for re-election for the Chair position, however everyone is welcome to put their name in the hat for the position if you are interested. The voting will take place at the September 1st Annual Lake District Board and Budget meeting.



A word from our Secretary:

Written by Karen Pokorny
Commissioner Secretary
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I hope by the time this note reaches you our DNR municipal dam grant is approved and we are beginning the bid process to repair the Friendship Lake Dam. Needless-to-say, since the acquisition of the dam our responsibilities as a board have grown in leaps and bounds. After discussion and some strategic planning by the board, we are proposing the formation of committees with a chairman and district property owners to help us with the additional work.

Already in place is the Financial Advisory Committee. This committee was formed in 2017 and meets when needed to oversee the strategic financial plan for our district. This group has worked with Ayres Engineering, reviewed the Special Charges and Mil Rate, reviewed grant applications, and will oversee the bids and repairs of the dam. It is well served by Chuck Spargo, Larry Swaziek, Carol Berry, and Fran Schmidt who work with our board. There is always room for more members, so if you are interested please give me a call at 414-840-2076.

Did you know that for our lake district to harvest weeds we must follow a detailed plan approved by the DNR? A few years ago, the Lake Management Advisory Committee was formed, and this plan was created. Linda Moonan was an integral component in making that happen and because of this plan our weed harvesting permit was recently approved for the next five years. A copy of that plan is on our website for your review. Linda has agreed to chair this committee and is looking for two or three additional members to serve with her. Because this plan is complete you will only need to meet two to three times per year to make any updates, perform an annual review and report back to the board. If you have any questions and are interested in serving on this committee, please give Linda a call at 608-339-6502.



With the acquisition of the dam and at the advice of our Attorney, Mike Hahn, it is necessary that we create a Dam Advisory Committee. There are regulations

required by the DNR that will need to be reviewed and documented regarding the inspection, operations, and maintenance of the dam, as well as the emergency action plan. This committee will need a chairman, as well as members to oversee this process. A few



interested members have come forward, but we still need more to form a complete committee. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Bob Berry at 608-548-2191. Bob is

predicting that this committee would meet on a quarterly basis and report back to the board.

Another committee that we would like to see created is the Harvester Equipment Advisory Committee. For over 20 years Bill Graf and Adam Resch have overseen the inspection, maintenance, and operations of our harvester and tractor equipment from April to October. We as a board cannot thank them enough. They have so much knowledge to share and we the board would like to see a committee created to develop a plan using their knowledge and experience with that equipment. This committee would only need to meet one to two times per year, would only need a chair and a few committee members with mechanical experience that would report back to the board. If you are interested, please contact me at 414-840-2076.



Every single property owner is an important piece to the success of the Friendship Lake District. We are approximately 250 properties strong. You may have the experience, knowledge, and training to work on these committees. So much has been accomplished over the past year and we the board are so thankful for your help and support. Please consider serving on one of the committees listed above. If you have any further questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to give any one of the board members a call.

Finally, the following resolutions will be presented, discussed and voted on at our annual lake district board and budget hearing scheduled for September 1, 2018, at 9:00am at the Community Center. Please review this information. If you have any further questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to give one of the board members a call.

Proposed By-law Changes
Friendship Lake District
September 1, 2018
Annual Friendship Lake District Meeting and Budget Hearing

The following Resolutions will be discussed and voted on at the Friendship Lake District Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing scheduled for September 1, 2018. The last amendment to our By-Laws was dated August 30, 2014. With the acquisition of the Friendship Lake Dam amendments to our By-Laws are needed. A complete copy of the August 30, 2014 By-Laws is available for your review on our website friendshiplake.org. A copy of the IOM (Inspection, Operations, and Maintenance) Plan for the Friendship Lake Dam, adopted by the Friendship Lake Board of Commissioners on June 5, 2018, is also on the website for your review.

RESOLUTION 662018

RE: Amendment of Bylaws

WHEREAS, Friendship Lake is located in Adams County, Wisconsin, and is created by the Friendship Lake Dam (the “Dam”) situated on the Little Roche-a-Cri Creek; and WHEREAS, the adequate maintenance and control of the Dam is necessary to maintain appropriate lake levels, and for the protection of lake habitats for the use and enjoyment of the members of the Friendship Lake District (the “District”) and the general public; and WHEREAS, the District has adopted the Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance Plan (the “Plan”) dated April 2018 by Resolution dated June 5, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Section 8(7) of the District’s Bylaws is created to read:

7. Inspecting, operating, and maintaining the Friendship Dam pursuant to the Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance Plan dated April 2018, and adopted by a Resolution of the Board dated June 5, 2018, 2018. The Board shall update the Inspection, Operation, and Maintenance Plan as needed from time to time, and shall appoint individuals to assist in the inspection, operation, and maintenance of the Friendship Dam as needed.

RESOLUTION 672018

RE: Amendment of By-laws

WHEREAS, in order to further the purpose of the Friendship Lake District (the “District”), the District has adopted By-laws to define and regulate the activities of the District; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 4 of the By-laws, the District Board of Commissioners may propose amendments to the By-laws for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Article VIII, Section 4 of the District’s By-laws is amended to read (repealed language is shown with a strikethrough; other changes to the Code are underlined):

AMENDING BY-LAWS: By-law changes may be proposed by a majority of the commissioners, or a majority vote of the previous an annual meeting, or a majority vote of a special meeting. These By-laws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the District providing provided the proposed change was included in the notice as set forth in Section 2 of Article III of required for the meeting by the By-laws. A Notwithstanding any other provision, a notice that includes proposed changes to the By-laws shall be sent out at least 30 days prior to the annual or special meeting. Amendments proposed by an elector(s) shall be submitted to the board of commissioners for review and inclusion in notice at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting. Amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the electors present and voting at the annual or special meeting. The By-laws shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Featured District Members -

This is a new section of the newsletter where we will feature a family/district member and introduce them to the membership.

Meet Greg and Janine Weiss.



For those of you who we haven't met yet, our names are Greg and Janine Weiss, we have been the owners of Island Resort on Friendship Lake since 2012. Several years ago, we decided to purchase a place on a lake that was centrally located for our family and friends to get together. Both of us being born into large families that were raised in the outskirts of Chicago, made Wisconsin and Island Resort the perfect location.

This year we moved permanently, leaving our long-time careers and are now full-time residents at the lake and enjoying all that it has to offer. Every chance we get, we love to be outside (minus the pesky bugs!!) or working in the garage. You can usually find us keeping busy gardening or in the garage crafting old wood into some new project. We also enjoy canoeing, kayaking, biking, and traveling. We love the property, especially the 180-degree view of Friendship Lake. We have the same original six cottages that are rented from May – October (weather permitting) that sleep two to six guests. Slowly but surely, we are trying to improve and update the Resort and cabins hoping to encourage more families and friends to spend time together making memories.

Lake Advisory Group – chaired by Linda Moonan

Our Friendship Lake District Advisory Group was formed in 2012 to update and revise the Plan that had been put into place by Land and Water Conservation Department when the district was formed in 1992. The advisory group is a committee that works with the Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department to monitor water quality, and to review our plans periodically to ensure compliance with the State, County, and Town policies and ordinances.

The purpose of this group was explained in a February 2013 advisory newsletter that the committee mailed to all property owners. It explained why this group is important: We're here to help improve the lake. We do that by actively managing our Lake District Management Plan and our Lake Harvesting Plan. The past few years were difficult!

The goal of a lake advisory group is to raise awareness about issues that concern our lake, and to give our property owners a stake in actively managing our plans. It is our property owners who have a voice on policies and practices that are being considered or acted upon on our lake. Volunteer property owners participate once or twice a year when a review is done to determine how we have progressed on the Goals and Action part of our Management Plan. Our elected board of commissioners is then advised on our progress as a Lake District, or our lack of progress in a specific area.

The advisory group sent a survey in 2012 which asked twelve questions pertaining to Friendship Lake and how our property owners use the lake. Responses were incorporated into our revised and updated Plan. We will send out another survey this winter. Our Plan is comprehensive, and revisions will occur on a regular basis to reflect current events and priorities. We will, once again, gather information from property owners to use as we continue to update and improve our management and harvesting plans.

So, take a few minutes this winter to complete the survey and mail it back to us. As Chris Murphy, LWCD, told property owners when this group was formed on September 27, 2012: "This is your Management Plan; you must take ownership of it".

Contact Linda Moonan, Chairperson, on how you can help: mclin621m@gmail.com



A word from our Treasurer:

Written by Tina Meinen
Commissioner Treasurer
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Now comes the dry reading! Got insomnia, this is the section to read! In this newsletter you will find the new budget for the next 2018/2019 fiscal year. This is the budget that we will review and approve at the lake district board and budget hearing scheduled for September 1, 2018, at 9:00am at the Community Center. The budget has been given an overhaul. Working together with Bob and Karen, we added some important categories, and moved some monies around to make it work. When looking at the budget sheet, on the next couple pages, I have separated out categories based on their frequency and subject. You'll see items that are one-time costs, yearly fees, quarterly and monthly expenses, harvesting expenses, dam expenses and office expenses. The items that are highlighted in green are new items added this year. The items that are marked with red have gone over the budget that was set last year. The items that are highlighted in yellow we have not had any expenses in those categories as of this writing but anticipate that there may be some expenses before the end of the fiscal year, which is July 31st. A couple things that needs to be noted:

1. The budget last year was based on projected income prior to the special charges increase. There is a +\$27,071.25 difference between last year's projected income to this year's actual income.
2. The items that did go over budget were related to the purchase of the dam and other unforeseen expenses that were not in the budget.
3. Although we did go over budget on some items, we are not in the red because of the \$27k increase in income.

The special charges received from the Village and Townships are as follows:

	<u>Village of Friendship</u>	<u>Town of Preston</u>	<u>Town of Adams</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017 Special Charges	\$17,137.50	\$18,676.50	\$22,423.25	\$58,237.25
Paid to Date (2017)	\$15,920.40	\$17,136.90	\$21,993.66	\$55,050.96
Balance Due (2017)	\$1,217.10	\$1,539.60	\$429.59	\$3,186.29

Loan payments for purchasing the dam through Grand Marsh Bank started in January 2018. The payments are \$811.02 a month. With a beginning balance of \$110,000, we now have a balance of \$ 107,278.33 remaining as of June 30st, 2018.

We also applied for a line of credit through Grand Marsh Bank to cover the costs of the dam repairs. The limit is \$190,000. Of this \$190,000, we have paid Ayers a total of \$24,500, leaving us a balance of \$165,500 to use for additional repairs to the dam as they come up.

Please be aware that in the interest of saving on printing costs, we are asking that you bring this copy of the budget with you when you come to the Annual Board and Budget meeting on September 1st. We will not be providing additional copies of the budget at the meeting.

2018/2019 Proposed Budget

As of June 30, 2018

	Actual 2017	Proposed 2018	Actual 2018	Proposed 2019	
Account Balances as of					
Money Market	\$60,744.39	\$60,744.39	\$70,037.68	\$70,037.68	
Now Checking	\$383.46	\$383.46	\$875.11	\$875.11	
Equipment Reserve CD	\$16,556.11	\$16,556.11	\$16,662.79	\$16,662.79	
	\$77,683.96	\$77,683.96	\$87,575.58	\$87,575.58	This money is our reserves. We need to consider that 50k of this should be considered as our self insurance policy.
REVENUE RECEIVED					
Town of Adams	\$11,921.00	\$11,921.00	\$22,423.25	\$22,423.25	**When the original proposed 2018 budget was created, it didn't take into account for the increase in the mill rate/special charges. There is a \$27k+ increase in the income because of the increase in special charges.
Town of Preston	\$10,626.00	\$10,626.00	\$18,676.50	\$18,676.50	
Village of Friendship	\$8,619.00	\$8,619.00	\$17,137.50	\$17,137.50	
TOTAL SPECIAL CHARGES	\$31,166.00	\$31,166.00	\$58,237.25	\$58,237.25	
Revenue remaining			\$8,418.71	\$0.00	
One Time Fees/Expenses					
Appraisal	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	**These totals are NOT added in the budget since these dollars will come out of the Line of Credit
Ayers Contract	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,700.00		
*Meetings & coorespondence			\$2,700.00		
*Inspection, Operations, & Maitenance, EAP			\$3,900.00		
*Dam Failure Analysis			\$15,500.00		
*Grant Assistance			\$800.00		
*Inspection			\$1,600.00		
			\$24,500.00		
Bi-Annual Expenses					
Dam Inspection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	**New Item - This will be due in 2020, need to budget for it next year.
Annual Expenses					
Chamber of Commerce Lake Alliance Membership	\$75.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	
Insurance (liability, linebacker, WC)	\$2,879.00	\$6,506.00	\$3,015.00	\$3,015.00	
Homestead Website renewal fee	\$218.00	\$218.00	\$218.00	\$220.00	
Property Taxes	\$290.00	357	\$1,190.32	\$0.00	**Received Assesment from Rigelmon - Property taxes are exempt now
Post Office Box Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	**New Item - not sure if this was lumped into postage category, but feel it's necessary to make it it's own category
Wisconsin payroll fee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	**New Item - don't know if this was lumped into another category on previous budgets
Dam Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		**New Item - not sure what this expense will be at this moment - may have to self insure, which means we have to pull 50K out of our hats
Quarterly Expenses					
Line of Credit Interest Payments (Dam Repairs - capped at 190,000)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	**New Item
Monthly Bills/Expenses					
MBE Accounting Firm	\$246.00	\$436.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	
ACEC Electricity (for lot)	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$420.00	
Alliant Energy (electricity for dam)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	**New Item
IT Services (licensing Office 365)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,091.90	\$600.00	**New Item
Alarm System for Dam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	**New Item - not sure of cost, assumed \$50/month can change once we know exacts
Unsecured Loan for Dam (starting balance 110,000)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,677.14	\$9,732.24	**New Item
Legal fees	\$32,567.41	\$10,000.00	\$31,295.73	\$10,000.00	\$21k+ of that 'extra' extra was spent on legal fees.

Harvest expenses					
Harvest equipment upkeep/repairs/supplies	\$50.00	\$4,364.00	\$246.55	\$5,000.00	
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.96	\$800.00	
Payroll	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	**Increase payroll - based on \$10/hr rate for seasonal employees
Rental of port-o-John (Sanitation)	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$215.00	This is for the worksite for the harvesters
Travel Reimbursement/mileage	\$90.00	\$315.00	\$0.00	\$218.00	\$.54.5/mile - this is the standard rate by IRS - with an assumption of 200 miles driven in a year
Ramp repair/permits	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	**harvesting permit for next 5 years-renew in 2023
Dam Expenses					
Dam Equipment upkeep/repairs/supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78.58	\$900.00	**New Item
Payroll	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	**New Item
Travel Reimbursement/mileage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$109.00	**New Item - \$.54.5/mile - this is the standard rate by IRS - with an assumption of 200 miles driven in a year
Office Incidentals					
Office Equipment/supplies	\$238.00	\$400.00	\$1,529.18	\$428.01	**Laptops were purchased in 2018, FOF donated \$500 towards them, which is reflected in this \$ amt
Postage	\$385.00	\$242.00	\$299.11	\$400.00	
Newsletters (printing)	\$571.00	\$443.00	\$130.00	\$400.00	
Advertising	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$452.92	\$500.00	**Increase to \$500, 2018 expenses were ad in Chamber book and banner for dam
Community Support/Presence					
Donations (BassMasters GC/Historical Society)	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	
Firework Donations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
District Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00	2381.15	\$350.00	**New Item - to allow for fundraising
Total Expenses	\$38,784.41	\$30,096.00	\$49,818.54	\$58,237.25	

If you have any questions or concerns about this budget, please feel free to contact Tina Meinen at FLDTreas@friendshiplake.org



BIG DAM PARTY

@ FRIENDSHIP LAKE BEACH

8/4/2018 12PM-6PM

Come celebrate with Friendship Lake District to commemorate the preservation of Friendship Lake and the acquisition of Friendship Lake Dam.



Vertical Illusions Adventure Center will offer 50% off zip line tours the day of the party and will offer the use of their kayaks with **FREE** guided kayak tours of Friendship Lake.



RAFFLES!!

Friends of Friendship Lake will have a basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle.

PLUS, your chance to win 2018 CFMOTO CFORCE 500CC ATV, including a \$500 gift card for Jay's Power, 2nd prize is a pair of Kayaks with paddles and life jackets, and 3rd prize is \$1000. 4-20th prizes will be \$50 gift cards for Kwik Trip. Contact Tina @ FLDTreas@friendshiplake.org for tickets. \$20/ticket or 3/\$50.



FOOD, SODA & WATER

Bratwursts, hotdogs, and hamburgers will be for sale hot off the grill!

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