



Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District

Meeting Minutes (**DRAFT**)

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Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Location: Brice Prairie EMS & Rescue, with Zoom remote option

1. Call to Order by Chair Marc Schultz at 4:52pm. Commissioners present: Marc Schultz, Luke Marcou, and Fritz Funk. Others present included: Ashley Kiley (USACE), Jeff Fimreite
2. Approve Minutes: Motion to approve by Luke Marcou, seconded by Fritz Funk passed unanimously (00:26)
3. Approve Treasurer Report: Treasurer was absent. No report. (1:07)
4. Public Comment: None (1:25)
5. Agency reports: Ashley Kiley (USACE) reported that forester Andy Meier will be arranging the dates sometime in the next 2 weeks for Rosebud Island invasive species work over the summer. Tim Miller will be scheduling another meeting about dredge projects (the Lake Onalaska Sediment Team), likely May 5. (9:10)
6. Appointment of Commissioner to fill vacant seat: Chair Schultz reported that French Island resident Mitch Lown had volunteered to fill the vacant seat. Luke Marcou moved to appoint Mitch Lown as a Commissioner, seconded by Fritz Funk. Motion passed unanimously. (10:00)
7. Update on North Shore Lane Dredging Project: Jeff Fimreite reported that the Northshore Lane dredging project was still \$33k short, and there will probably be a letter writing campaign to raise the balance. Dredging is planned to start June 15th. Material will be placed at Metallics. The field will not be planted this year. Planning to kick off fundraising for next project on June 16. Chair Schultz suggested rip rap on the island adjacent next to the dredge project, using existing rip rap process. Ms Kiley (USACE) commented that if it was less than 500 feet it would fall under the general permit process. (11:40)
8. Discussion, planning and possible action for fall Annual Meeting venue and date. Annual meeting must be before Sept 8. Will highlight the dredge project. Could explore USGS or go back to City of Onalaska. (25:00)
9. Discussion and action on planning for June 10 social at La Crosse Sailing Club. Start time will be around 5pm, expecting about 30 people. Brad Dinsmoor reported that the gates will be open, and attendees should walk down to the large shelter. Parking can be in the Nelson Park parking lot, or if full, along the uninhabited side of LakeShore Drive. (29:20)
10. Update on UW-L Dredge Channels Study Report: Latest mapping results have been distributed. Writeup for other parts of the grant are needed as well. Chair Schultz will see what else is needed for bathymetry study. (29:55)
11. Update on UW-L extension facilitated collaboration and funding of Lake Onalaska's future: Extension staff have been busy, so it will be end of May before they get back to planning the meeting. (31:05)
12. Schedule next meeting: May 27, 4:30pm. (40:05)

13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Fritz Funk, seconded by Luke Marcou. Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Submitted by Fritz Funk, Secretary

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