

## **Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting Notes**

May 27, 2026 • Town of Campbell Town Hall • La Crosse, WI

Commissioners in attendance: Rob Gonzales, Tom Ready, Jeff Femreite, Marc Schultz

Commissioners excused: Mitch Lown, Fritz Funk, Luke Marcou

### 1. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer reported that there had been no financial transactions since the previous meeting.
- Commissioners confirmed that the financial status remains unchanged from the last report.

### 2. New Commissioner Oath

- New commissioners Lonzo and Mitchell were reminded that they must report to the county clerk's office to be formally sworn in before serving.

### 3. Update on North Shore Lane Dredging Project

Commissioners reviewed progress on the dredging project and confirmed several operational details:

1. The dredged-material placement site has been prepared in the field across from Metallica on County Z.
2. A plastic liner has been installed to prevent infiltration into the groundwater table and to minimize the concentration of fine sediments during dewatering.
3. Dewatering will be managed through a swale at the south end of the property to route water back toward the lake/dry run area.
4. Baffles have been installed around the property to assist with the dewatering process.
5. After dewatering is complete, the material will be moved to an upland placement site.
6. The project team is targeting mid-June (approximately June 15) for the start of dredging, subject to scheduling and weather conditions.

### 4. Annual Meeting – September 16, 2026

The Board discussed planning for the annual meeting:

1. The annual meeting date of September 16, 2026 was reaffirmed.
2. Possible venues include the City Hall council chambers or the new community center north of City Hall.
3. The Chair has contacted the city administrator and will continue follow-up regarding venue availability.
4. A separate planning meeting will be held to develop the annual meeting agenda.

5. Potential presentations include:

- An update from LARC/LORC on ongoing lake rehabilitation efforts.
- A presentation from the University of Wisconsin–La Crosse regarding the final impacts and economic study of Lake Onalaska.

6. Commissioners expressed the importance of involving the refuge and other agencies earlier in future university or agency studies and discussed the possibility of holding a joint meeting to review study results collaboratively.

5. June 10 Social at La Crosse Sailing Club

The Board finalized plans for the upcoming social event:

1. The social will be held on June 10, 2026 at the La Crosse Sailing Club.
2. The event will be an informal gathering intended to encourage conversation and relationship-building between Sailing Club members and Lake District members.
3. No bar service or organized meal will be provided.
4. The District will likely provide water, soda, and light snacks such as chips.
5. Attendees were advised not to expect a dinner service.
6. Postcards announcing the event have been mailed, and some attendees have already confirmed receiving them.

Action Items

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
Complete oath of office with county clerk.	Jeff Fimreite, Mitch Lown, Chair
Continue coordination for annual meeting venue.	Chair
Schedule annual meeting agenda planning session.	Board/Chair
Prepare refreshments and logistics for June 10 social.	Lake District representatives
Proceed with North Shore Lane dredging preparations and target mid-June start.	

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Fimreite