



**Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2025 – 4:00 pm
Cravath Lakefront Room
312 W. Whitewater Street
Whitewater, WI 53190
Hybrid Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Geoff Hale, Kurt Zip, Orin Smith, and Ginny Coburn
Absent: Gayle Stettler, Elvira Kau and Carol McCormick
Staff: Kevin Boehm and Michelle Dujardin
Guests: Don Huntington and Mark Dorn

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

Geoff Hale moved to approve agenda seconded by Ginny Coburn: Ayes: Geoff Hale, Kurt Zip, Orin Smith, and Ginny Coburn . Absent: Gayle Stettler, Elvira Kau and Carol McCormick

3. Approval of Lakes Advisory Committee Minutes September 3, 2025

Geoff Hale moved to approve agenda seconded by Kurt Zipp: Ayes: Geoff Hale, Kurt Zip, Orin Smith, and Ginny Coburn . Absent: Gayle Stettler, Elvira Kau and Carol McCormick

4. Hearing of Citizen Comments

No Citizens Comments

5. Staff Report

Dujardin reported on cattail pictures of 2024 compared to 2025, Cattail removal video for citizens education, cattail pulling competition, and Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

6. Considerations/Discussions/Reports

- a. City Attorney's Memo on Advisory Committee Authority

City Attorney Steven Chesbro presented to the Lakes Advisory Committee Board that an advisory committee's authority is purely advisory, in that they can make recommendations and suggest certain actions be carried out. However, in order for City Staff to move forward with those actions it must align with the City's existing policies or be approved by Common Council or the City Manager.

7. Discussion and possible action consideration of prioritizing cattail management and eradication in response to the continued spread and adverse ecological impacts resulting from the lakes drawdown.

Board discussion took place on cattail management options.

8. Discussion of current and proposed lake capital improvement projects and related lake initiatives.

Board discussion on proposed budget for 2026 & 2027 budget of \$150,000 per year or total of \$300,000 for a two year cycle.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

- a. Motioned by Zipp to adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Adjournment at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Dujardin