

# **Lake Keesus Management District**

## **Commissioners Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

September 16, 2025

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lake Keesus Management District was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 2025, by LKMD Chairman Dan Willems.

### **Confirmation of Postings**

Commissioner Engelking confirmed that the Notice of the meeting and the Agenda were posted at Town Hall, the North Lake Library, and the Boat Launch on September 10, 2025, and an email was also sent on September 10, 2025.

The LKMD annual meeting will be moved to Thursday, October 9, 2025.

### **Present**

Dan Willems/Chair; Pete Schumacher/Treasurer; Cara Engelking/Secretary

Jim Flemming

### **Treasury Report**

- \$1,328.89 in Checking
- \$106,433.88 in the Money Market

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for 7/8/25

Motion to approve as submitted by Pete Schumacher and seconded by Jim Flemming. Carried.

### **Chemical Treatment**

- Residents noted that there has been a significant increase in algae growth on the lake this year. The last chemical treatment took place in 2018 and was directed at milfoil rather than algae. It was noted that there was a large presence of Chara in the lake. The last time algae was treated, spraying was limited to a small area, and in the following year, the approval process was delayed, which prevented timely treatment. It was noted that a plant study must be completed in the fall before any spraying in order to move forward with treatment the next year.
- The Marine Biochemist company previously used for plant studies is no longer in business. Dan is looking into other companies or individuals to complete the study, and an update will be provided at a later date.
- Chemical treatment was included in last year's budget, but it was not budgeted for this year. The budget for the current year has not yet been finalized.

### **Update Weed Harvesting and Equipment Replacement**

- The harvester operated from May 29th to September 9th, totaling 43 days of operation. During this period, 47.5 loads were collected, amounting to 238 cubic yards of weeds. The harvester logged 125.3 hours of run time, with 193.5 man-hours spent. There were 12 pier pickups during the season.
- The hydraulic cutter motor has been replaced twice. The shore conveyor was bumped and has been moved back into place. One cutter bar broke and will need to be replaced. The harvester will be winterized soon. Pier replacement will be evaluated once the new harvester is received. Replacing the cutter bar will not be expensive.
- The harvester must operate at least 30 feet from the shore and follow the designated map. The workers running the harvester received training from the DNR in the spring.
- Jeff will be unavailable for most of the summer next year, so we are looking for volunteers to assist with the weed harvester.
- Residents have noted that removing grass-like weeds, including the roots, has been popular this year when cleaning up their shoreline; these weeds are not invasive.
- The new harvester is nearly complete, with an estimated completion date in November. It will remain at Aquarius over the winter at no cost. Our current equipment will be evaluated soon. There has been some interest in purchasing it, but no sale has been finalized. A spring sale is possible, and Aquarius has expressed interest in buying the harvester. The grant check will be received after payment is made. The net cost for us for the new \$300,000 harvester will be \$75,000.

### **Adjournment**

Pete Schumacher moved, and Cara Engelking seconded the adjournment at 6:22 p.m. Carried.

Minutes submitted by: Cara Engelking, LKMD Secretary

Approved by: [Name]