

# Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2025

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Bill Lochte at 11:01 am at the Eagle River City Hall.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Verification of posting by Secretary Marc Groth, and verification of a quorum was confirmed by Bill Lochte along with the rest of the Commission representatives.

Motion by Dan Dumas for the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the chair. Motion seconded by Francine Gough. All voting ayes. Motion approved.

Bill Lochte asked for a roll call and introductions. Commission members in attendance - Francine Gough, Cloverland Township; Carole Linn, Washington Township; Bill Lochte, Lincoln Township; and Dan Dumas, City of Eagle River.

Also in attendance:

Dave Mueller, Commission Treasurer, the Commission/ERCLA AIS Coordinator and Otter Lake Captain; Marc Groth, Commission Secretary, ERCLA Shoreline Restoration Chair, and the Duck Lake Captain; Steve Skora, Catfish Lake Co-captain; Al Wirt, Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department; Chuck Berg, ERCLA President; George Katich, Yellow Birch Lake Captain; Bill Marshall, Catfish Lake Riparian.

## **Approval of the April 30, 2025, meeting minutes.**

Motion by Carole Linn to approve the April 30, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Francine Gough. All voting ayes. Motion approved.

Chair Bill Lochte requested we capture a list of action items that have been discussed during past meetings. Secretary Marc Groth will develop a list.

## **ULERCLC Commission Business:**

### **a. Treasurer report by Dave Mueller.**

The treasurer's report is very similar to last month's report. The only activity as of April 30 is our balance is \$15,309.84. Motion by Carole Linn to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Francine Gough. All voting ayes. Motion approved.

## **Cash Flow Issues.**

Dave presented a handout titled WDNR ACEI-368-25 (attached) which shows our cash flow. What's important is after paying the Onterra bill of \$4,510.00 and D. Mueller for incidentals of \$158.60 the Commission will have a balance of \$10,641.00 in the treasury. \$19,363.44 was received to close out the 2020 grant which will result in a balance of \$30,004.78. The Commission will have enough to pay Onterra's first 2025 invoice in July 2025 estimated to be

\$16,440.10 resulting in a balance of \$13,564.68 in the treasury. In September the municipalities and ERCLA will be invoiced a total of \$22,681.16 leaving \$36,245.84 in the treasury. The DASH bill is expected to be \$37,860.00 in September leaving a deficit of \$1,614.16 therefore the Commission will not have enough in the treasury to pay DASH. The board agreed to work with ERCLA for an advance of \$12,000.00 above the \$11,340.58 they have already budgeted to pay in 2025.

**Onterra Contract required per the DNR grant requirements.**

Term section states unpaid fees later than 30 days are subject to 1.5%/month penalty. In Section C, Onterra reserves the right to suspend and/or terminate this contract should any invoice not be paid in full within 60 days from the date of the invoice. Dave will follow up with Eddie regarding the Section C terms with the objective to remove this section from the contract.

**2025 AIS Program Overall Schedule of Events and Deliverables**

The April 30 meeting minutes show the timeline for the 2025 AIS program. Due to the lack of weeds at this time the hand harvesting may move out to July/August from late June.

**Local Dash Program Report.**

Carole presented the information she gathered from the Anvil Lake Association and Three Lakes Waterfront Association regarding their DASH unit programs. Carole offered to send the information to anyone who inquires. After hearing Carole's report, the Commission agreed to table the idea for now due to the many challenges required to start up our own DASH unit.

**Letters and Communication**

Marc reported that we received a reminder for Dave and Marc to attend the ceremony in Black River Falls for Dave to receive his Invasive Species Action Award. No other letters and communications received.

**Open Forum**

Carole reported she spoke with Eddie regarding a November date for Eddie's annual progress report presentation to the Commission and guests. The tentative date agreed upon is Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7pm in the Washington Township Hall. Carole will circle back with Eddie to confirm.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22 at 11:00am in the City of Eagle River City Hall.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:03pm by Dan Dumas. Motion seconded by Carole Linn. All voting ayes. Motion approved.