

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Rhineland Middle School
(in conjunction with 6-County Lakes & Rivers Meeting)
Friday, July 17, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by President Pam Schroeder who established a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Pam Schroeder, Vi Lamers, Lee Lamers, Kayla Littleton, Jim Zach, Clair Carty, Derek Thorn, and Kathy Babcock.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present on ZOOM: None.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Diane Smith, Mark Smith, Pat Schultz, and Greg Schmitz.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Absent: Mike Henderson, Mark Orlovsky, and Bob Ebben.

Guests: Lucas O'Brien (FC Land and Water Conservation Dept.)

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes from June 19, 2026 with one spelling correction was made by Kathy Babcock, seconded by Vi Lamers. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report at this time.

GRANT UPDATES: None.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Forest County Land and Water Conservation: Kayla is beginning to work on the Resource Advisory Committee for the Forest County Land & Water Plan. She will reach out to individuals if she needs their help.

Lumberjack RC & D: No report at this time.

Roots & Rivers Collaborative (previously known as WRISC): Check out the new R& RC website: roots-rivers.org. Consider signing up to be on their mailing list.

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FLOW/AIS: No report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Essay Contest (spring)— *Clair Carty* – No report at this time.

Newsletter (spring)— *Vi Lamers* – Kathy picked up the extra newsletters from Hahn Printing and will give them to Pam to deliver to our Kentuck Day booth.

Kentuck Day (July 25) – *Greg Schmitz and Mark Smith* – Pam brought samples of the hats we will be selling for \$20 each (paid \$14 (women's)/\$15 (men's) at Kentuck Day (Fall Forum and the Annual Dinner). She ordered 50 of each. Greg has the keychains, etc., which he will be bringing to the booth. Mike, Mark S., Diane, Greg, and Pam will help set up. Vi and Lee will work the booth (and we think Greg will, too, and maybe Derek) during the morning. Kathy will come shortly after noon to work the booth. Roots & Rivers Collaborative will be sending a representative, for the whole day too.

Fall Forum (August 14) – *Jim Zach* – Jim reported that everything is in place. Kathy distributed a draft of a flyer that will be available and posted at Kentuck Day. Board members will be able to take a few to post around town. Kathy will email the flyer/invitation to our full membership for whom we have email addresses. Lucas will write an article to promote the Fall Forum in the Conservation Corner which is published in the *Forest Republican* and on our website. Kathy is bringing coffee, tea, creamer, sugar and cups. Vi and Clair will bring some sort of breakfast food (e.g., donuts), Pam will bring a fruit plate and small paper plates. Kathy will contact Greg to make sure info on the website is accurate (change of date, etc.).

Environmental Day (September 17)— *Lee Lamers & Kayla Littleton* – No report at this time.

Annual Meeting (Saturday, October 24) – Pam reported that the caterer and the speaker fell through. She will contact the caterer we used last year to see if they are available. Lindsay Peterson of R&RC has agreed to present on pollinators if we do not find another speaker. Pam will contact Northwoods Wildlife Center and/or Karen Oberhauser (monarch butterflies) to see if one of them is available at this time. You can register and pay for the annual dinner on our website. Kathy will email an invitation to our membership once the details are set.

By-Laws Review – *Pam Schroeder* – No report at this time.

Website – *Greg Schmitz* – Send Greg photos and articles for posting.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Snap Shot Day is happening statewide Saturday August 8th this year from 8:30 am 12:30 pm. FLOW AIS will be hosting their local Snapshot Day location in Forest County at City Beach in Crandon this year. The event is open to all in the surrounding area.

50/50 Raffle – No report at this time.

Wake Boats – Per an email from Bob Ebben, Kathy reported that the Town of Nashville rescinded their wake boat ordinance.

NEXT MEETING – This will be held immediately preceding FCAL's Fall Forum on Friday, August 14 at the Lake Lucerne Advancement Pavilion. We will meet at 8:30 am to set up, followed by our board meeting from 9:00 am – 10 am. The Forum is scheduled from 10 am – noon. Please plan on staying for a few minutes afterwards to help clean up.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 10:05 am was made by Vi Lamers, seconded by Kathy Babcock. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock

