

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Lake Lucerne Pavilion
Friday, August 14, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:55 am by President Pam Schroeder who established a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Pam Schroeder, Lee Lamers, Kayla Littleton, Jim Zach, Derek Thorn, Diane Smith, Mark Smith, Pat Schultz, Mike Henderson, Bob Ebben, and Kathy Babcock.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present on ZOOM: None-not available.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Vi Lamers, Clair Carty, Mark Orlovsky, and Greg Schmitz.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Absent: none.

Guests: Lucas O'Brien

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes from July 17, 2026 was made by Mark Smith, seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bob noted that he called our insurance company about the bill he received (\$693). They reviewed the amount and sent back \$48.00. Jim Zach suggested that Bob look into Wisconsin Lakes. They sponsor a company that specifically offer insurance to lake associations. Bob will look into this and report back to us.

Bob noted that we are still behind a bit on membership dues, but we did have a good increase after he sent reminder letters. He will bring the actual count to next month's meeting.

Bob reviewed the register report, current budget, and net worth. Diane Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jim Zach. Motion carried unanimously.

GRANT UPDATES: None.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Forest County Land and Water Conservation: Kayla is building the Resource Advisory Committee for the Forest County Land & Water Plan. The committee will review the current 10-year plan and revise it for the next 10 years. There will be 22 people on the committee. Kathy Babcock will be one of them.

Kayla and Derek are working on a Surface Water Grant for Lake Metonga, focusing on what is currently being done and what needs to be done.

Lumberjack RC & D: No report at this time.

Roots & Rivers Collaborative (previously known as WRISC): No report at this time. Check out the new R& RC website: roots-rivers.org. Consider signing up to be on their mailing list.

FLOW/AIS: Derek indicated that one of the things the Surface Water Grant for Metonga will cover is shoreline evaluation of the whole shoreline, assessing where run-off is affecting the lake, etc.

Derek is also looking at Healthy Lakes Shore Tool like Oneida County has done in order to classify lakes. He is also doing field work on Bear and Otter Lakes. FLOW's Annual Meeting will be next Friday at the Seagull Bar in Marinette County

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Newsletter (spring)— *Vi Lamers* – Pam distributed extra newsletters for people to put in prominent places around their town/area.

Kentuck Day (July 25) – *Greg Schmitz and Mark Smith* – It was a successful day. We had many visitors to our booth. Kathy will check to see if we have many pamphlets left. If so, she will bring them to Kayla at the next meeting.

Fall Forum (August 14) – *Jim Zach* – This will occur immediately following our board meeting. Many thanks to Jim Zach for organizing the event and to Lake Lucerne Improvement Association for hosting at their pavilion.

Environmental Day (September 17)— *Lee Lamers & Kayla Littleton* – Kayla and Lee have this event under control. Lee will bring the signs for the stations. Diane and Mark Smith will be there. Pam and her daughter, Dana, will also be present to

help. They have people for the stations lined up. Austin Babitch, DNR Warden, will be there unless an emergency arises.

Annual Meeting (Saturday, October 24) – Pam reported that the caterer will be Smokin' J's (ribs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dessert) Lindsay Peterson of R&RC has agreed to present on pollinators and native plants. People can register and pay for the annual dinner on our website or via mail. Kathy will email an invitation to our membership once the details are set. We have already received one reservation (3 people) from an essay contest winner. The venue is the Wolf River Rendezvous.

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Fishing Line Receptacle – Barb Charlton of Trump Lake is installing one of our receptacles.

50/50 Raffle – No report at this time.

Wake Boats – Kathy will look for a venue – perhaps the Court House, the Town of Nashville, the City of Crandon, etc. The event will take place on Saturday morning toward the end of September or beginning of October. She has lined up speakers from Last Wilderness Alliance and is in the process of doing so from Wisconsin Watersports Coalition.

NEXT MEETING – This will be at 9:30 am on Friday, September 18 at the Associated Bank, Crandon. Attend in person or via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 9:45 am was made by Mike Henderson, seconded by Mark Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Babcock