

**Little Muskego Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District**  
**Chairman's Message**  
**September 2024**

Dear Little Muskego Lake District Residents,

I hope you're all well and had a pleasant summer. I'm Patrick Moore, Chairperson of the Little Muskego Lake District (LMLD) Board of Commissioners. I'm one of three volunteer resident Commissioners working with you and the City of Muskego to manage the aquatic plant harvesting program and other lake protection issues on the lake and administer the budget to implement those programs.



The aquatic plant harvesting team has done an amazing job this year. They've successfully trained new, talented workers that we believe will return to the team in 2025 and beyond. Like all of our summer seasons there are challenges to the harvesting program. The maintenance and repair teams have done a commendable job keeping all of the District's equipment on the water for most of the season, with the exception of the smaller harvester that was out of rotation and use for most of July.

Similar to last year, the spring began very early again in 2024. Fortunately, the LMLD Commissioners anticipated that this could happen again and we were prepared with the chemical treatment vendor to treat three weeks earlier than we have over the past decade. That chemical treatment was applied in early May and was imperative to knock down the growth of invasive weed species, specifically Curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil.

The good news is that treatment helped lower our cutter and manpower use for several weeks until normal plant growth of nuisance aquatic plants took bloom in late July and certainly in the month of August. Our board is aware and has heard from our residents that they are seeking more weed pickups in August and more harvesting of aquatic plants for navigation in the month of August. This is something we are looking into with our aquatic plant management team and for the 2025 budget.

We are also meeting with the chemical treatment vendor this late fall to review their assessment of an annual aquatic plant survey they conduct to provide us with granular details of the types, density and distribution of invasive and native aquatic plants in Little Muskego Lake and their treatment recommendations. This will help us map out and execute our chemical treatment before the 2025 summer season.

Thank you again to my fellow board members who are passionate, articulate and have spent a vast number of hours together reviewing past and current harvesting and maintenance processes, reviewing the future budget, future purchase of harvesting and maintenance equipment for our teams and the permitting processes for the chemical treatments and mechanical harvesting.

Hope to see you at the LMLD Annual Meeting on October 3, 2024, at City Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM. Annual meeting information is posted in this newsletter.

**One last kind reminder, the lake drawdown is October 7, 2024.** The City will open the dam earlier this year as they need to do a concrete project at the main launch of Idle Isle Park. The drawdown again will be a minimum of 24 inches. Enjoy your winter and hopefully we have more ice this winter to enjoy fishing and whatever recreation you enjoy. Thank you again for your love and care of this amazing resource we all get to enjoy together.



*Patrick Moore*

Chairman, Board of Commissioners  
Little Muskego Lake District



**Little Muskego Lake  
Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Notice of Annual Meeting**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 AT 7 PM**

*Muskego City Hall: W182 S8200 Racine Ave.*

**Agenda**

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Patrick Moore, Chairman,  
Board of Commissioners, LMLD
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Approval of the 2023 LMLD Annual Meeting Minutes.**  
The minutes are posted on the City of Muskego Web Site:  
[www.cityofmuskego.org](http://www.cityofmuskego.org) *Boards and Commissions.*
4. **Chairperson's Report.** Patrick Moore, Chairman LMLD
5. **Presentation of the 2023 Audit.**
6. **Election. LMLD District Commissioner for a 3-year term.**  
**Patrick Moore: Nominated**
7. **Resolution #1.**  
*Approval of the 2025 Annual LMLD Meeting Date:  
October 2, 2025.*
8. **Presentation of the Proposed 2025 LMD Budget**
9. **Resolution #2.** *Approval of 2025 LMLD Budget /Assessment*
10. **Old Business.** *No action can be taken*
11. **New Business.** *No action can be taken*
12. **Public Comment.** *No action can be taken*

Resolution #1

**Date of the 2025 LMLD Annual Meeting**

**October 2, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires a majority vote at the LMLD annual meeting to schedule the LMLD annual meeting after September 8; and

**WHEREAS**, the eligible voters of the LMLD are primarily full-time residents and desire to schedule the LMLD annual meeting in October, following the conclusion of the boating and harvesting season and back-to-school events.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the LMLD authorizes the LMLD Board of Commissioners to schedule the 2025 LMLD annual meeting on October 2, 2025.

**Election**

**Little Muskego Lake District Commissioner**

The election of one Lake District Commissioner will be conducted at the Little Muskego Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting on October 3, 2024.

**Patrick Moore has been nominated to continue to serve as a Lake District Commissioner for a 3-year term.**

**Exhibit #1 Proposed LMLD 2025 Annual Budget**

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Lake District assessment	\$ 350,693.00
DNR Grant: Clean Boats, Clean Waters, Launch Inspection	\$ 2,500.00
DNR Grant :Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update	\$ 3,350.00
Interest income	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 356,743.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>REDUCTION OF DEBT</b>	
Principal	\$ -
Interest	\$ -
<b>GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	
Accounting Fees	\$ 3,300.00
Annual Filing Fees	\$ 10.00
Audit Fees	\$ 4,500.00
Building supplies & maint	\$ -
Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 400.00
Insurance	\$ 12,000.00
Postage and Billing Costs	\$ 2,500.00
Newsletter Cost	\$ 2,500.00
Utilities	\$ 500.00
Property Tax	\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 25,770.00</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	
Fireworks	\$ 15,000.00
Aquatic Plant Management Plan: Update (SEWRPC)	\$ 5,000.00
Harvester Acquisition / Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>
<b>AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT</b>	
Boat Inspection Wages	\$ 3,500.00
Wages	\$ 90,000.00
Employee Benefit	\$ 500.00
Employer Taxes-Wages	\$ 6,750.00
Subcontract Labor and Temporary Help	\$ 6,000.00
Worker's comp ins	\$ 3,000.00
Gasoline & oil	\$ 15,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30,000.00
Permit Application Fee	\$ 1,500.00
Truck Maintenance & Lease Payments	\$ 22,000.00
Weed control Chemicals	\$ 75,000.00
<b>TOTAL AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 253,250.00</b>
<b>Total operating expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 329,020.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 27,723.00</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT REVENUE FORMULA</b>	
City of Muskego (15% of Total)	\$ 45,743.00
473 on lake units	\$ 224,675.00
845 off lake units	\$ 80,275.00
(1/5 value of on lake units)	\$ 350,693.00
<b>On Lake Residents Fees</b>	<b>\$ 475.00</b>
<b>Off-lake Residents Fees</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>

Resolution #2

**Approval of the 2025 Annual Budget and  
Corresponding Special Assessments**

**WHEREAS**, the LMLD Board of Commissioners, prepared a Budget (Exhibit #1) to fund management activities for Little Muskego Lake in 2025;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the LMLD Board of Commissioners is authorized to expend the funds identified in the 2025 LMLD Budget (Exhibit #1) and is authorized to collect the following special assessments for on-lake and off-lake properties within the LMLD for 2025.

**On-lake (riparians): \$475.00  
Off-lake (non-riparians): \$95.00**

# Little Muskego Lake Aquatic Plant Management Program Summary 2024

**Workforce Summary:** In 2024, the Lake District employed a team of 22 members to manage weed growth on Little Muskego Lake. Seven cutter drivers returned this year and 9 new team members were recruited and trained. Six employees returned to conduct maintenance on the harvesting equipment fleet and serve as invasive aquatic plant educators, stationed at the launch to greet and inspect boats entering and leaving Little Muskego Lake.



**Chemical Treatment:** The Lake District chemically treated targeted areas on Little Muskego Lake on May 14th. The treatment occurred earlier this season which helped control spring nuisance plant growth. The targeted species were Curley-leaf pondweed and Eurasian water milfoil, invasive and aggressive aquatic plants.

**Clean Boats, Clean Waters:** The LMLD continues to support a boat inspection and aquatic invasive species education program at the Idle Isle Park boat launch. The Aquatic Plant Management Team met the LMLD goal of 200 hours of launch monitoring. Boater interview data was entered into the WDNR's data base. This Clean Boats, Clean Waters program is partially funded by a WDNR grant.



## 2024 Little Muskego Lake Harvesting Summary

Prepared by

Joanie Hoppe, LMLD Harvesting Manager

DATES	2024 Loads	2023 Loads	2022 Loads
May 31st	67	74	94
June 1 - June 30	282	257	207
July 1 - July 31	273	302	383
August 1 - August 31	307	244	305
Sept. 1 - Sept. 30		133	87
<b>Total Loads May 31- August 31</b>	<b>929</b>	1010	1076

## Update of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Little Muskego Lake Planned in 2025

The LMLD Board of Commissioners will retain the consulting services of the Southeastern Wisconsin Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to prepare an update to the *Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Little Muskego Lake* in 2025. The last APM Plan was published in 2019. In order to continue its harvesting program, the LMLD must have a WDNR-



approved updated APM plan. The APM Plan Update will assess the current and historic composition, density and distribution of the Lake's plant community. The Plan will consider management methods, measures and techniques to improve the management of aquatic plants that interfere with navigation, swimming, fishing and the scenic beauty of Little Muskego Lake. The Board of Commissioners will provide updates on this planning effort.

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**Little Muskego Lake Protection and  
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Annual Meeting  
**October 3, 2024 @ 7PM**  
**Muskego City Hall: W182 S8200 Racine Ave.**  
Annual Meeting Information Enclosed

**Little Muskego Lake Level  
Winter Drawdown**  
Begins  
**Monday, October 7, 2024**

**Little Muskego Lake  
Protection and Rehabilitation District**

The Little Muskego Lake District was formed under the authority granted in Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and operates as a special purpose unit of government with the authority to plan and advance programs to protect and improve the water quality and recreational use of Little Muskego Lake. The Little Muskego Lake District includes a geographical area of 473 on-lake properties, 845 off-lake properties, and numerous public lake access sites owned by the City of Muskego, including Idle Isle Park. The Board of Commissioners of the Little Muskego Lake District includes five elected members. Three commissioners are elected by the qualified electors and property owners in the Lake District. One Commissioner is a City of Muskego Alderman, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The fifth Commissioner is appointed by the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors.

**2024 Little Muskego Lake District  
Board of Commissioners**  
**Patrick Moore**, Chairman  
**Jared Stawicki**, Secretary  
**Chris Strzok**, Treasurer  
**Jake Schwer**, Alderman, City of Muskego  
**Keith Hammitt**, Supervisor, Waukesha Co. Board

**Final Clean-up**  
**The lake shoreline clean-up will end October 4, 2024**  
Please have piles raked and ready for pick-up on September 28, 2024. At the end of the season, weather and equipment conditions can alter the pick-up plans.



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