

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

April 2026 Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2026

Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order: Tom Johansen brought the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The meeting was posted appropriately and a quorum was present
2. Roll Call: Tom Johansen, Peggy Jensen, Jack Bertram, Dan Butkus, Marj Mehring present. Linnea Newman arrived shortly after.
3. Approval of Agenda: Peggy Jensen made motion to approve, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, motion carried.
4. Hearing of Delegations: no delegates present.
5. Approval of January 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes: Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve, Jack Bertram seconded. All approved, motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report:
 - Woodboro Township made an overpayment of \$1 on the January tax levy payment to the District. The County will adjust the final August tax levy payment with a reduction of \$1 to ensure that collected taxes exactly match the statement.
 - ACH payment system is working well. All divers information is entered into the system and we are ready to pay the divers when the season starts. Dan Butkus set up authentication to use text/email codes rather than an authentication app
 - All first quarter activities have been routine and consistent with year-to-year patterns.
 - The Treasurer's Report is archived for viewing upon request
7. Discussion/approval of the procedure to establish a proposed budget to present at the annual meeting: Tom Johansen asked for a motion to approve the procedure for Peggy Jensen and Dan Butkus to develop a proposed budget that will seek approval by the Board to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Linnea Newman made the motion, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, motion carried.
8. Review/Approval of the letter to Squash Lake Electors: Letter to Squash Lake Residents will be sent out containing general information and financial information. This will be the first notification of the Annual upcoming meeting. Tom Johansen asked for a motion to approve the draft letter. Linnea Newman made the motion, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, none opposed.
9. Review/approval of diver contracts:
 - Tom Johansen asked for a motion to approve 8 experienced diver contracts at \$42/hr., 6 inexperienced diver contracts at \$40/hr. and 1 diver contract for donated time. Linnea Newman made the motion, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, none opposed, motion carried.

- Tom Johansen asked for a motion to be able to use his discretion/approval to add diver contracts if needed later in the summer. Linnaea Newman made the motion, Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, none opposed. Motion carried.

10. Status of Boat Mooring and Buoy Contracts: Tom Johansen explained that if contracts have no changes for the upcoming year, we do not need Board approval. These contracts have not changed. Contracts will be issued to Russ Tennessen at \$15/week for mooring the boat and to Tom Johansen for buoy placement and removal at \$25/ small, \$40/ large buoy.

11. President's Report:

- Permits for the fix of the boat landing were received and a contractor was chosen to do the work. The Township is waiting for the road weight limits to be lifted to begin work.
- We are in the third year of the EWM Removal Grant, and Onterra will be completing a Point Intercept Survey as part of the Grant. Divers would like the lake survey done early so they can use the survey for locating EWM. Onterra has agreed to do this survey as early as possible.
- We are set for the dive season, milfoil dump site has been secured, docking set with Russ Tennessen, and all boat equipment is ready.
- The Town Hall has been reserved for the July Board meeting and the August Annual Meeting.

12. Reports and Considerations:

- Oneida County Board Delegate: Linnaea Newman reported that there may be changes for County Lake District Supervisors because of the recent election. Linnaea requested to remain as a supervisor for Squash Lake.
- Wisconsin Lakes Committee: Dan Butkus is now Director Emeritus and is continuing his work to have revisions approved to Chapter 33 Lake District Law Statues. Director of Extension Lakes Eric Olsen was elected to become County Executive of Portage County, necessitating his resignation from the Wisconsin Lakes.

13. Petitions and Communications:

- The Zoom budget has increased by \$10/year, we have budgeted for that increase.
- LGIP has a new web site to log into
- Tom Johansen received an email from the Lake Association (Marj Mehring) asking for a buoy placed by the Big Island for a Slow/No Wake notification. This buoy was requested of the DNR previously and denied because the narrow area is a legislated Slow/No Wake area and the DNR felt it was redundant to post it. Tom Johansen will follow up with the Lake Association.

14. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting 7-12-2026 To be held at Crescent Town Hall.

15. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn by Peggy Jensen, seconded by Jack Bertram. All approved, none opposed. Adjourned at 1:57 pm.