Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026
Town of Belle Plaine Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Gary Schumacher. Directors present were Kevin Goodman, Jeff Casperson, Wendy Lechusz, and Rick Schultz. Directors not present were Jessica Meier and Andy Hines.

Approval of May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve by Rick, second by Wendy, all in favor.

Election of Officers for the Upcoming Year
President – motion to re-elect Gary made by Kevin, second by Jeff, all in favor.
Vice President – motion to re-elect Kevin made by Jeff, second by Wendy, all in favor.
Treasurer – motion to re-elect Jessica made by Jeff, second by Wendy, all in favor.
Secretary – motion to elect Rick by Jeff, second by Wendy, all in favor. A big thank you to Jeff for serving as Secretary for the past five years!

Financial Report
The monthly financial report (balance sheet and profit & loss statement) was provided by Jessica via e-mail. Motion to approve by Wendy, second by Jeff, all in favor.

Payments requiring approval:
- To UW-Stevens Point water lab $931 for samples from the 3 lakes. The 2026 billing includes advanced testing with digested metals. Motion to pay by Kevin, second by Jeff, all in favor.
- To spend up to $300 for CLPA Independence Day kids parade items to hand out to children, as has been done in recent years. Motion to pay by Kevin, second by Wendy, all in favor.
- To Cloverleaf Lakes Fireworks for CLPA to donate pontoon parade gift card prizes, in the same amounts as last year ($100 for 1st place, $75 for 2nd second, and $50 for 3rd). Motion to pay by Kevin, second by Wendy, all in favor. Kevin will obtain the gift cards and provide them to CLF.

2026 Annual Member Meeting Recap
- 50+ people were in attendance, somewhat fewer people than recent years, even though advertising through yard signs and a Facebook post were done.
- Having each Board member present information seemed to go well.
- Ideas for next year's meeting include: have the members identify themselves when speaking, name tags for attendees, remind attendees to sign in, do sign-in directly into an up-to-date roster spreadsheet on a laptop/tablet computer vs. a paper printout. (Wendy may have a spare computer that she could donate to CLPA for this and other purposes). Wendy will put these ideas in a Google Docs document for next year's reference.
- We will stay with the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend for the 2027 annual meeting.
- Members seem to appreciate the coffee and bakery.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters
- There is still only one hired monitor, we are still seeking to fill at least two more paid part-time positions.
- Gary has contacted the Shawano County Sheriff's Dept. to see if inmates in the work release program could be utilized; the Sheriff's Dept. indicated some interest in pursuing this option.

- We discussed increasing the hourly wage rate from $14.00 to $16.00, to hopefully attract more workers. This increase would be retroactive to the beginning the 2026 season. Motion to approve this change by Jeff, second by Kevin, all in favor.
- Wendy will post an opening for 2 part-time positions on some free online job sites.
- Kevin reported that he contacted an employment agency, but the agency was not interested since there would be no on-site supervision of the boat monitors.
- Gary reported that Mike Nelson is looking for a replacement for the current boat monitors' hut.
- Gary suggested seeing if Butch's Archery would be interested in lending one of their hunting blinds for use as a hut; it could be attractive for Butch's as a way to advertise their business. Jeff will talk with Butch's to see if there is any interest.

Independence Day Activities

- See the Financial Report section above regarding the approval of CLPA expenses in support of the kiddie parade and the pontoon parade.
- Kevin will coordinate posting of requests for keeping an open lane for the pontoon parade on the sandbar.

Summer Season E-newsletters and Other Communication

- Wendy reported that there are now 169 subscribers to the new Constant Contact e-mail system, including 12 new subscribers since the Annual Member Meeting. Also noted were no un-subscribers.
- Wendy has been working on a draft of a new e-mail newsletter, that she recommends sending out within the next week. The newsletter will contain: an aquatic invasive species update, boating and water recreation hours, being a good lake steward, Independence Day events, and spring water testing results. The draft will be available in Google Docs for our review and edits.
- Wendy is also working on a July e-mail newsletter that will include any new information or updates that would be good for CLPA members to see.
- "Posters" for various topics have been created for CLPA to post on Facebook. The "posters" will also be exported as .jpg files for repeat use, such as on the CLPA website.
- Rick asked how we reach people who aren't using email or social media. No alternatives were arrived at.
- The e-newsletters and will be added to the website.

Water Quality & Invasives

- Kevin shared some data and observations from the spring water testing analyzed by UW-Stevens Point. This round of testing included more advanced testing for digested metals. Phosphorus was higher in Grass Lake than the other two lakes, while nitrogen and sodium were higher in Round Lake. Professional review of these results would be useful. Potential reviewers include Onterra (Eddie Heath) and a local person who is a water specialist who Kevin will check into.
- Algae growth has been already observed in some areas, including on shoreline rocks, covering the lake bed in shallow areas, and strands rising up and spreading out on the water surface. The algae presence seems to be higher in the last 2-3 years than years prior.
- It may be time to have Eddie Heath from Onterra sit down with the Board for a discussion, as it has been a few years since we have done this.

Water Levels

- Since the May 23 annual member meeting, lake outflow into Matteson Creek and the marsh had slowed to almost nothing. A check of the beaver dam closet to Rustic Drive found it to be rebuilt. Opening a section of the beaver dam across the creek channel provided some short-term reduction in the lakes' water level.

Other Business / Open Discussion

- Gary reported that the public's viewing of CLPA Facebook posts has risen considerably. Rick reported that CLPA website visits have remained low.
- A discussion regarding how CLPA could support the Town of Belle Plaine in enforcing its ordinances will be tabled until the full CLPA Board can be present for the discussion.

Next CLPA Board Meeting

The Next CLPA Board meeting will be Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM at the Belle Plaine Community Center.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jeff, second by Wendy, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Schultz, CLPA Secretary