

# TLIPA Board Minutes - APPROVED

**Location:** Richmond Town Hall, W9046 County Road A and Google Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, September 27th, 2025

**Time:** 12 - 1 PM

## Board Present:

- Frank Palomo - President
- Jamie Brockmeyer - VP
- Peggy Chambers - Secretary
- Katy Palomo - Treasurer
- Scott Nowicki, Tom Welsh, Jimmy Schirott, Tracy Brooker – Directors
- Linda Szramiak – Past President

**Absent:** Jack Foucault

**Member Attendees:** M. Scott Nowicki, Kyle & Olivia Brockmeyer, Dan & Rachel Grining, Linda Cuellar, Elaine Gronert, Richard Dickinson, Michelle & Jack DiFiore, Gerd Gerdes, Beth Auer

## Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to order - Frank called the meeting to order at 12:08 PM.
2. Katy reviewed the September Financial Report – Richmond Town Board will be sending \$2,500 to be used toward the DASH program and buoy repair/replacement.  
**MOTION:** Approve Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes-1st Peggy / 2nd Scott / none opposed. Adopted – attached and will be posted on the [TurtleLakers.org](http://TurtleLakers.org) website
3. Project Status:
  - a. Frank described the NEW **TLIPA Project Request Form**. The form will be posted on the website. The purpose is to provide a way for membership to suggest / request lake projects for board consideration.
  - b. Michelle DiFiore contacted the Sheriff Dave Gerber and Korie Merten about scheduling a Boater Safety Course at the Richmond Town Hall for Turtle Lake and Lorraine Lake in April/May 2026. The timing will allow new boaters, young and old, to be prepared before the season gets under way. Sean Blanton and Jake Hintz agreed to do the course.

Participants will earn a certification. Boaters Safety is required, by law, to operate any motor craft in WI for those born after January 1, 1989. Many adults are not aware of this law, so they get fined by the DNR when they are not certified.

WDNR site: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/registrations/boat/BeforeYouOperate.html>

- c. Enhanced Wake Ordinance –The Richmond Town ordinance to restrict artificial wake enhancement activity on Turtle Lake was unanimously approved on September 16th, 2025. This Ordinance bans the use of ballasts on wake boats, which threatens the water quality, aquatic vegetation, and fish spawning of Turtle Lake.
- d. Turtle Lake will continue to use DASH as the primary method to control invasive plants in the lake. The same level of funding is approved for 2025-26 as 2024-25. Information about where DASH will take place is still TBD and will be communicated in the spring.

- e. Jimmy is investigating taking channel core samples with the DNR. The intent is to find out what is in the sediment in the channel to identify options for invasive plant removal.
- f. Mark Alba currently manually takes lake level measurements. Scott explained that an effort to implement automatic lake level monitoring is being researched. Jimmy explained that the high-water level of 900.35" was recommended by George Lawrence, based on lake history, and input from waterfront members around the lake. Scott reiterated that this year's high-water lake closures were due to unusually high amounts of rain over a short period of time. We also had a beaver dam slowing the drainage.
- g. Jimmy reported the September 16, 2025 Fish Stocking- 1700 Walleyes, 400 small mouth bass and 200 channel catfish were dropped into Turtle Lake. TLIPA contributed 50% of the \$6,270 cost and the 50% balance was paid by the fish donation fund.
- h. Jimmy described fish crib structures for the underwater shelter and fish spawning. This project is currently being researched and may be implemented in spring 2026.
- i. Jamie introduced her daughter, Olivia. Olivia has submitted a boat launch cleaning station project as part of her Eagle Scout attainment. The station will provide cleaning supplies for public launch boaters to use to reduce the transport of invasive species into Turtle Lake.
- j. Jamie asked for volunteers for a Bylaws subcommittee to review the current Bylaws and recommend modifications at the Annual Meeting. Please let Jamie know if you are interested, [thebrockmeyerbunch@gmail.com](mailto:thebrockmeyerbunch@gmail.com)
- k. Scott reported that the buoys were successfully pulled from the lake this morning. TLIPA appreciates the members who volunteered to help with this long-standing tradition at Turtle Lake. Scott plans to review the condition of the current buoys this fall. The buoys need to be ordered this winter for replacement in the spring. Buoys are stored on Beth Auer's property.

**Thank you to the buoy removal crew:**

Frank Palormo	Dave Hourigan	Olivia Brockmeyer
Scott Nowicki Sr	Connor Hourigan	Chris Teslika
Scottie Nowicki	Jack DiFiore	Michelle DiFiore
Gerd Gerdes	Frank DiFiore	
Jack Foucault	Kyle Brockmeyer	

- I. Peggy will survey members to understand if they want access to a membership directory. Members will be able to opt-out. Michelle requested that it be emailed to members, for security reasons, instead of posting on the website.
- m. Frank reviewed several accomplishments since July 1<sup>st</sup>, including record-high membership, monthly member meetings, Richmond Ordinance and TLIPA Newsletter.

Frank mentioned that members need to be alert to strange happenings during off-season to ensure safety around the lake. Although, there is not an immediate concern, he will contact the Richmond Town Board to understand if the Neighborhood Watch Program is still supported.

4. Frank adjourned the meeting at 12:49 PM.



**2025-26 TURTLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION**

**Financial Report (cash basis)**

Money Market Checking	Starting bank balance as of July 1, 2025:	\$ 55,353.32	
	Revenue received since July 1:	\$ 11,923.72	
	2026-27 Membership Revenue received this FY:	\$ -	
	Less expenses since July 1, 2025:	\$ (16,031.03)	
	Current bank balance as of:	9/26/2025 \$ 51,246.01	
	Actual-current year membership:	248	
REVENUE	2025-26 Annual Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Variance +/-
Interest	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 333.47	\$ (1,346.53)
Richmond Township Funding	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ (2,500.00)
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2025-26 Membership Dues	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 8,680.00	\$ 2,730.00
General Fundraising- Turtle Tap	\$ 3,414.00	\$ 505.00	\$ (2,909.00)
General Donations	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,210.25	\$ 810.25
Memorials	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
Fish Mgmt Donations- membership & SNUG fundraiser	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,765.00	\$ 1,265.00
Goose Management Donations	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$ 23,444.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,493.72</b>	<b>\$ (2,450.28)</b>
Fish Mgmt. carryovers:	2024-25 balance:	\$ 4,408.55	2025-26 avail. bal \$ 8,038.55
EXPENSES			
Annual Report - WI Dept of Finance	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Federal 990N -epostcard	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Aquatic Plant Management Plan	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ (500.00)
Bank Account Expenses (Checks/fees)	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00	\$ (15.00)
Boat Launch Cleaning Stations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buoy Management	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
Continuing Education	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
DASH Additional Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
DASH- Invasive Species Management	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,535.00	\$ (1,465.00)
DNR permits & fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fish Management	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 70.00
Gen'l Fundraising Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,075.43	\$ 975.43
Goose Management	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ (3,500.00)
Insurance Horton D&O	\$ 580.00	\$ 580.00	\$ -
Insurance EMC	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -
Lake Level Monitoring Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)
Meeting / Membership Expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Postage/Shipping	\$ 150.00	\$ 44.00	\$ (106.00)
Raffle Permits (A&B)	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ (60.00)
Signage (launch and yard)	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Venmo/PayPal Service Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 47.28	\$ (2.72)
Walworth County Lakes Assoc. Dues	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Weather Station	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Web Domain Annual Fees (Go Daddy)	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Web Hosting Service	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ (350.00)
Web Maintenance	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 666.60	\$ (883.40)
Wisconsin Lakes Assoc. Dues	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ (450.00)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 25,915.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,878.31</b>	<b>\$ (9,036.69)</b>