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## WHO CAN VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

The following persons are eligible to vote at District annual and special meetings pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 33.01(9)(ar):

- (1) U.S. citizens whose permanent residence is located in the District, including renters and children over the age of 18, provided that they certify their status on the District's Voter Self-Certification Form;
- (2) U.S. citizens age 18 or older who are owners of property located within the District, if the person's name appears as an owner of real property on the tax roll that was delivered on or before the 3rd Monday in December of the previous year.
- (3) U.S. citizens age 18 or older who own title to real property but whose name does not appear as an owner of real property on the tax roll specified in sub. (2), and who self-certify to such status.
- (4) A representative, officer or employee authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or organization that owns real property in the District.

The District maintains a voter list compiled from the tax roll of properties within the District. All eligible voters need proof of identity in the form of a government-issued photo ID to register to vote. Eligible voters may only vote once, as either an elector or property owner, but may also vote as the authorized representative, officer or employee of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or organization that owns real property in the District. Each co-owner of real property located in the District is entitled to vote, provided that any owner whose name does not appear on the voter list shall self-certify his or her status on the District's Voter Self-Certification Form. Each property owner (whether individual or entity) is allowed one vote regardless of the number of properties owned within the District. Properties held in trust are entitled to vote by a person named as trustee, upon furnishing the trust document naming them as trustee. Only one trustee of a trust may vote on behalf of the trust. Renters may vote provided that they bring proof of residence in the form of a utility bill or rental agreement and self-certify. An authorized representative, officer or employee of an entity that owns property within the District may vote on behalf of the entity provided they bring a letter on company letterhead or resolution of the Board of the entity authorizing them to vote on the entity's behalf, and self-certify. The voter's signature on the voter list or on a self-certification form is required for each ballot issued. Per Wisconsin Chapters 33.30(2)(b) and 33.305(4), No absentee ballots or proxies are permitted.

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## FIX the FOX

### CHAIRWOMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello to all,

Hope everyone is enjoying our summer in spite of the recent hot streak. First I want to personally thank Mike Waghorn for his dedicated service. Mike has been a WWMD commissioner for nine years and is retiring. We have been truly fortunate to have had Mike as a board member and are in a much better place due to his service and dedication. I would also like to thank Stephanie, his wife for her many contributions in many areas. We have all benefited tremendously from both Mike and Stephanie being a part of our WWMD family and wish them all the best in the future...we will miss them both.

Our work continues on our Ecosystem Restoration and Rehabilitation Program (ESR) with bids going out in early August. Be sure to catch our status and plans update below and on our website ([waterfordwwmd.com](http://waterfordwwmd.com)).

We certainly have had our share of battles with weeds and algae this year...Ugh! Be sure to read more about our progress, plans and the results of our recent weed cutting efforts below and on our website ([waterfordwwmd.com](http://waterfordwwmd.com)).

If you have not done so, PLEASE sign up for email blasts on our WWMD website ([waterfordwwmd.com](http://waterfordwwmd.com)). This is our "real time" method of keeping all riparian owners up to date on key projects, status and activities taking place on your waterway system! So go to our website ([waterfordwwmd.com](http://waterfordwwmd.com)) and follow the instructions on the home page.

I want to wish everyone a safe and wonderful rest of the summer and encourage everyone to attend our monthly meetings. If you are interested in being a volunteer please call me.

### AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT (APM)

AKA – 'What about the Weeds'

This is a busy time of year for the APM Committee. Here are some of the highlights of our accomplishments and activities thus far this season:

**Updated the APM page of the WWMD Website** to include all our maps for APM on our waterways.

**Herbicidal Treatments** began in May with the treatment of invasive species plants, followed by two of possibly four Navigational Lane treatments in June and July, with a third application in early August;

**DASH** (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) for our shallower bays is well underway and nearing completion;

**Mechanical Harvesting** was done for the first time in our recent history on Tichigan Lake proper clearing navigational lanes along both north and south shores with good success, replacing the possible need for using herbicides for the same purpose. We will continue to monitor results, and are planning one more cutting in mid-August;

**Water Quality** We added a new program, **Water Quality Monitoring**. According to our Lake Management Plan proposal, we will test water quality in four specific areas at four different times of the season, recording information that will be helpful in understanding nutrient content, algae and other possible "contaminants" affect our waterway

system. In addition, we will also have the capability to test contamination issues when necessary as they appear;

**Watershed Improvements** Last fall, Frost Farms converted its leased land at the corner of N Lake Dr and N Tichigan Rd from row crops to hay, creating a natural filtration of “grasses” that will benefit the Waterford Watershed, especially the lake. The results of this are hay holds the soil (reducing erosion), is not fertilized with phosphorus, and helps absorb moisture. In addition a 48 ft. wide filter strip of grasses was planted along the east side along N Tichigan Rd as an added barrier to runoff contaminants and was replanted when some areas were drowned out with excessive rains. To protect these improvements we request that no one place grass clippings or other yard debris in the field and report anyone seen doing it to the Waterford Police Department. Help us keep our watershed clean.

**Lake Management Plan** As we reported in our last newsletter we have been working diligently to update our lake management plan (LMP) as required every 10 years by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). This is necessary in order for the WWMD to receive permitting for weed control as well as for other projects such as dredging and/or drawdowns.

Our committee, made up of a representative group of riparian owners and current board members, and with the guidance of Onterra professionals, are working to complete this plan. Once completed, it will contain actual goals and action plans to address the issues of our waterways in a holistic approach both now and into the future. The draft plan will be available on our website later in the summer and we will hold an informational meeting for everyone later in August, led by Onterra representatives...Details to follow.

### THE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM (ESR)

The bid package for the Ecosystem Restoration Phase 1 – dredging (ESR-P1) work is scheduled to be released on 8/8/19, with the bid opening 9/17/19. It will take several weeks to pull the entire project’s cost together to come up with a budget for the project. Pending financing and approval by the district’s riparian owners, dredging is scheduled to start around June 1, 2020. Dredging will begin in Conservancy Bay by late summer. Work will conclude for the winter in October and resume in the spring of 2021 with the farm field spreading of the silt. Results of this first part of the project will determine the scope, timing and financing needed for the main body of work to remove 500,000 cubic yards of material from the rivers bottom. As we have said before, it is our intent not to burden the riparian owners of the district with the cost of the project. We need help with the construction management of the ESR project starting this winter. Contact anyone on the board if you’re Interested in helping.

The Committee is working with the Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County and Racine County to decrease runoff into the Waterway. We will give an ESR project update to the Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County at their 9/11 meeting.

We are watching the muddy inflows into the waterway, especially the northeast corner of Tichigan Lake. Numerous projects have been implemented by the District, Racine County and the Wisconsin DOT, but unfortunately, soil from farm fields is still finding its way into the lake. We want to dig deeper into these problems but are impeded by the lack of volunteers to lead this effort.

The committee needs help with:

- Project management of the ESR project starting this winter.
- Inflows into the impoundment

Contact anyone on the board if you’re Interested in helping.

### 2019 WATERWAY BUOY PROGRAM

On behalf of the WWMD we wanted to again thank the Waterford Police Department and all the riparian owners for their help and assistance in maintaining the buoy program for our waterways. Throughout the season we know that the buoys are subject to changes as a result of weather, currents, lighting breakdowns, vandalism and many other factors that alter their positioning and operation. With the assistance of the WPD and the riparian owners we have been able to make corrections and adjustments as needed to keep our waterways safe.

Through the help of our ownership we have also been able to successfully catch some individuals that were damaging buoys thus permitting the WPD to apprehend these individuals and issue proper citations for costs to repair damage that occurred. **A reminder to all owners, there is an opportunity for a financial reward to be earned if you report seeing damage to buoys and the WPD is able to apprehend the individuals and verify they in fact caused or created the damage.**

We have also received a number of calls from owners about having buoys added to the waterway. These requests are not decided on by the WWMD but are addressed by both the Town of Waterford and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) through a request process that is reviewed once or twice a year during permit approvals. If you would like more information on this, please contact Greg Horeth at email address, [gjhoreth@aol.com](mailto:gjhoreth@aol.com), or call 847-652-2759.

Again our thanks for all the support in making our waterways safe for all to enjoy!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of help as we move forward with “Fixing the Fox and Keeping It Fixed”

Specifically we need several committee volunteers with the following areas of expertise:

- Marketing
- Fundraising
- Social media
- Writing
- Limnology
- Environmental – state & federal EPA,
- Legal
- Project management (ESR, Lake Management Plan, Special Projects (e.g. run-off tracking)



These are volunteer positions with no compensation other than the satisfaction of making a contribution to “Fixing the Fox”.

If interested please contact Barbara Baron at 847-921-9087 or at [bbaron@agencypromogroup.com](mailto:bbaron@agencypromogroup.com)

### CALL FOR WWMD COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES

- We will have an open Commissioner seat to fill this year at our annual meeting
- Commission Mike Waghorn is not standing for re-election
- Please call me, email me or text me if you are interested in running for Commissioner (“Barbara Baron” [bbaron@agencypromogroup.com](mailto:bbaron@agencypromogroup.com), 847-921-9087)
- You may also contact any of the other Commissioners if you are interested
- Need to be at least 18 years old and a riparian owner

### WOMEN ON THE WATER

The Tichigan Lake Yakers have been paddling local waters since 2015.

What began as a dozen close-knit friends hitting the water weekly has blossomed into a variety of 80 enthusiastic women whose time on the water has been a therapeutic escape from the demands of the home and office.

Though the Yakers is primarily a social club, from its beginning the group has been diligent about keeping the waters clean by pulling out any trash spotted along the water route.

“Being in kayaks, we have better access than boaters to retrieve debris that might end up stuck in Lilly pads or cattails,” said Club President Maureen

Vander Sanden. “Thankfully these incidents are few and far between. We mainly see things like Styrofoam containers for night crawlers that likely flew off a fishing boat.”

With a surge in membership, club leaders are now challenged with resolving some growing pains, which is a good problem to have, according to Vander Sanden.

“With a large group, safety as well as accommodating 80-plus kayaks on our shores is an issue,” she said.

The Yakers season begins in May and ends in mid-September. The group does most it’s paddling around the lake on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Special outings include a moonlight paddle, a River Rhythms run, a village run, two round robins and a stretch of the Fox River from Big Bend into the Tichigan Lake.

For more information, email [tichiganlakeyakers@gmail.com](mailto:tichiganlakeyakers@gmail.com).

