

April 26, 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

unapproved notes

of the Lake Poinsett Water Project District

10:00am Lake Poinsett's Methodist Camp Living Waters Retreat Center

Chairman John Pantzke called the meeting to order at 10AM.

Board Members: John Pantzke (Chairman), Dave Meyer (Vice Chairman), Scott Ross, Joel Mohlenhoff, Drake Mohr & Doug Biersbach were in attendance. Bob Westall was not present.

Guests in attendance: James Skrolh, Tom Dempster, David Chicoine & Vicki Bierschbach

Minutes and financials of the April 29, 2024 annual meeting were reviewed and approved following a motion by Scott and second by Joel.

Old Business:

Sandbar / outlet status: The outlet is filled in and sand is approximately 18" above lake level. The lake is approx 6-8" above the outlet level and was last cleaned out the fall of 2023. The outlet was first cleaned out in 2020 and has had 2 followup cleanouts since. The cleanouts are a temporary measure and permanent solutions need to be considered. This would need to be approved by the state and federal . We have had discussion with Game Fish & Parks but are still on a waiting list for a more permanent solution.

New Business:

There were three shoreline incentives totaling \$4,950.00 paid out in calendar year 2024.

John Pantzke discussed the new online form for shoreline stabilization incentives which has been posted to our website at lakepoinsettwaterdistrict.org. Anyone considering shoreline stabilization work should contact the Board prior to beginning work to assist with planning and incentive suggestions. Visit our website for email or contact one of the boardmembers.

Drake Mohr & Doug Biersbach joined the Lake Poinsett Water Project District board in 2024. Dave Meyer & Joel Mohlenhoff's terms are up this year and both have agreed to continue their service for another term.

Reports by guest speakers

Lake Poinsett Management Plan Chairman, Tom Dempster

The Lake Poinsett Management Plan was funded in part by the Lake Poinsett Association, Lake Poinsett Sanitary District & Lake Poinsett Water Project District. The Plan will wrap up this year and conclude with suggestions, recommendations and potential funding resources to pursue efforts as identified through their surveys. There will be a public meeting on July 19th at the Lake Poinsett Methodist Church Chapel beginning at 10am. The public is reminding that Lake Poinsett is a prairie lake, as such it is not spring fed and will never be crystal clear water. The Prairie Coteau Water Plan is a state funded program working on issues north of Lake Poinsett area. Non-phosphorus fertilizer is available for fertilizing yard area near water sources and is available at many local shopping stores.

Sanitary District update

June 16th is lake-wide spring cleanup sponsored by the Lake Poinsett Sanitary District. Repairs are being made on the south east area and west on Hwy 81. There is a north main planned to be replaced this fall. Lift stations are being refurbished, 3-phase pumps, cleaning and replacement of electrical panels are additional projects from 2024. Funding has not been available to extend the sanitary service. Grant funding is necessary to proceed. Land for the new lagoon has been purchased.

Lake Poinsett Association President, Scott Ross:

The LPA is implementing a “See Something-Say Something” initiative for reporting theft / vandalism. The LPA newsletter will contain more information.

- LPA Open House May 17^h 9-11 am at the Arlington Beach Resort. Be sure to get your “See Something-Say Something” window decal along with your member directory!
- June 7th: Coffee Chat at 9am at Alsville, Maddie Hayden, Research Outreach Specialist with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) will meet to discuss work they are doing to mitigate the spread of Zebra Mussels. Mussels were discovered at Lake Poinsett in November of 2024.
- June 20-21: Garage Sales
- June 23rd week: Lake-wide cleanup
- July 12th: Beach cleanup – more details will be available on LPA’s website.
- Aug 2nd: Annual Meeting – Lake Poinsett Methodist Camp
- Aug 16th: 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Lake Region Golf Course, contact the golf course to sign up!!! (605)983-5437

Motion to adjourn meeting

The next scheduled monthly meeting will be rescheduled to May 24th, 2025 at 9:00am at Lake Region Golf Course.

Financial report Lake Poinsett Water Project District

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Credits received in 2024:

Hamlin County tax credits	\$70,612.23
Brookings County tax credits	\$7,152.11
Accrued Interest payments	\$237.49
total credits:	\$78,001.83

Debits paid in 2024:

Lake Poinsett Management Plan	\$30,262.91
Operating expenses:	\$11,270.75
Incentives for shoreline stabilization: (3 property owners)	\$4,950.00
total expenses	\$46,883.66

CD1	\$102,476.77
CD2	\$ 19,658.18
CD3	\$ 39,556.74
H-D Electric credit as of 03/01/25	\$ 442.86
Checking account balance as of 4/01/2025	\$ 98,321.05