

# Notice of Annual Meeting of the Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District

10:00 a.m. August 3, 2024

## Menomonie High School Auditorium

1715 5<sup>th</sup> Street West  
Menomonie, WI. 54751

### Things you need to know before attending the meeting:

- Registration begins at 9:00a.m. (please plan to arrive prior to the start of the meeting and allow time for registration).
- Who can vote:
  - All eligible electors residing in the lake district
  - An owner of property within the district
  - A person whose name appears as an owner of real property on the tax roll
  - A person who owns title to real property even though the person's name does not appear on the tax roll (i.e. a spouse)
  - A person who is the official representative, officer or employee authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or other organization owning real property in the district.
- Proof of eligibility will be verified at registration prior to the meeting. (i.e., WI Photo ID)
- Those persons not appearing on the tax roll but are owners of real property should bring a copy of the title or deed showing their names.

Contact a commissioner if there are any questions

***Please share this notice with your neighbors***

## Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda

**10:00 a.m. (registration to begin at 9:00 a.m.)**

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Call meeting to order

Introductions

Approve minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting

Chairperson and committee reports

Treasurer's Report

Audit of 2023-24 revenues and expenditures

Consider approval of by-law revisions

Consideration of projects

No-Wake buoys and maintenance

Carp removal and fish stocking

Aquatic vegetation harvesting

Review and consider approval of proposed budget

a. Establish a Non-Lapsable Fund

b. Proposed/Published budget

Consider approval of corresponding tax levy

Election of commissioners

2025 Annual Meeting date: August 2, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Adjourn meeting

The TLRD has one vacancy on the Board of Commissioners.

There are two residents seeking election to this position. The candidates seeking to fill this vacancy are:

Adam Mucks

Tim Maves.

Commissioner candidate information can be found on the TLRD website-

[www.tainterlakedistrict.org](http://www.tainterlakedistrict.org)

**The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to vote on the 2024-25 projects, budget and tax levy.**

**Proposed 24-25 Budget**

	<b>2023-2024 Year Budget</b>	<b>Current Year Aug - May Actual</b>	<b>2024-2025 Proposed</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Tax Levy	\$15,731.28	\$11,089.78	\$60,734.00
Special Charges	\$0.00		\$0.00
Special Assessments	\$0.00		\$0.00
Donations/Contributions	\$0.00	\$1,125.00	\$0.00
Grant Reimbursement	\$0.00		\$0.00
Carryover/Cash Balance	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest		\$4.95	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$15,731.28</b>	<b>\$12,219.73</b>	<b>\$60,734.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Capital Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Costs of Operations</b>			
Copying/Postage/Supplies/Technology	\$4,300.00	\$993.46	\$4,300.00
Conferences (Mileage/Expenses)	\$1,731.28	\$619.19	\$1,734.00
Dues/Fees	\$1,000.00	\$180.00	\$1,000.00
Legal	\$1,200.00	\$159.56	\$1,200.00
Insurance	\$2,500.00	\$2,119.00	\$2,500.00
Project - Strategic Planning Grant	\$5,000.00		\$0.00
Project - Weed Harvesting	\$0.00		\$39,000.00
Project - Lake Clarity	\$0.00		\$7,000.00
Project - Slow No Wake	\$0.00		\$4,000.00
Grant		\$920.91	
Insurance			
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$15,731.28</b>	<b>\$4,992.12</b>	<b>\$60,734.00</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,227.61</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

The Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District is recommending three projects for 2025 to improve water quality and safety. These projects have been included on the agenda for the 2024 Annual Meeting. A brief description of each project is as follows:

### Project #1 Aquatic Vegetation Harvesting



Upper Tainter Lake Summer 2023 - Curly Leaf Pondweed with Duckweed and Algae

Tainter Lake is saturated with the invasive species Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP). CLP has no natural predators or enemies. CLP crowds out beneficial aquatic plants that can't compete. CLP is aggressive, prolific and spreads fast.

Our committee is recommending hiring Wisconsin based Aquatic Plant Management (APM) to provide equipment and personnel to mechanically harvest and dispose of CLP and other spreading weeds in Tainter Lake Following DNR guidelines; this would happen in the summer of 2025, and cost \$39,000.

If we do nothing, CLP will continue to grow and spread. If we do nothing, CLP will be coming soon to a neighborhood near you.

## Project #2 Water Clarity Project

This project is meant to reduce our rough fish population and is made up of two parts.

1. Rough fish harvesting via a "Carp" tournament.

Our local DNR fish biologist suggested reducing the number of rough fish by hosting a Carp tournament. A bounty for each rough fish legally harvested from Tainter Lake would be paid. The budget for this part of the plan is \$3000, with a bounty of \$2 per fish. There would be some small costs for the project like obtaining a permit, and promotion, but the majority of the money would be used to provide a bounty. The tournament would take place in the spring with rules to be determined.

2. Stock predator fish.

Another effective method to reduce rough fish is to add predator fish to the lake. Bluegill, Walleye, and Northern were recommended as the best predators for our money. Price, size, and service from state fisheries vary but Bluegill cost about \$2.85, Walleye about \$3.50, and Northern Pike about \$10 (per fish). Several fisheries were contacted and they all agreed that these costs should stay stable through next year.

Adjustments can be made to the fish we stock in the future, but for now Walleye and Northern are recommended because of their size and ability to immediately begin eating carp fry. Recommendations are to start with \$3000 worth of Walleye and \$1000 worth of Northern. Stocking would take place in the fall. Costs associated with this project would be obtaining a permit. Volunteers would stock the fish.

Both parts of the projects may need to be repeated for the foreseeable future.

Benefits: This project benefits water quality by:

1. Removing bottom feeding rough fish that destroy fish habitat.
2. Bottom feeders stir up the phosphorus that sits on the lake bottom (where it is fairly harmless) and sends it up into the water where it adds to the cyanobacteria problem, and reduces water clarity.
3. Bottom feeders eat zooplankton that would otherwise help reduce cyanobacteria.

This project meets our Strategic Plan for the Lake District by improving water quality issues that were identified as the number one priority in our survey.

Costs: \$7000

Implementation timeline: This project would begin in the spring, and end in the early fall of 2025.

*"Carp" is used as a generic term and includes all rough fish.*

## Project #3 No Wake Zone

The Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District is proposing a new slow no-wake zone ordinance for Tainter Lake that would replace the existing ordinance that was originally passed by the Town

of Tainter in 2007. This would give the Lake District the ability to replace and improve the current buoys and potentially adjust the location of the slow no-wake zones in the future. Enforcement of the ordinance would be carried out by the DNR and Dunn County Sheriff's Department. Adopting a new slow no-wake ordinance fits into the TLRD's overall mission of improving the quality and safety of Tainter Lake.

We are proposing an initial budget of \$4,000 for creating the ordinance along with installation, removal, and storage of the existing buoys, and purchase of replacement buoys for 2025. If approved, the anticipated annual cost of maintaining the ordinance (installation, removal, and storage of the existing buoys, purchase of replacement buoys, signage, insurance, etc.) would be \$2,500 per year.