

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District

9:00 a.m. August 2, 2025

Menomonie High School Auditorium

1715 5th Street West

Menomonie, WI. 54751

Things you need to know before attending the meeting:

- Registration begins at 8:00a.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 property 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

The Annual Meeting is your opportunity to vote on the 2025-26 projects, budget and tax levy.

TLRD Mission: To Revitalize and Protect Tainter Lake

Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District
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Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda

9:00 a.m. (registration to begin at 8:00 a.m.)

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- Call meeting to order
- Introductions
- Approve minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting
- Chairperson and committee reports
- Treasurer’s Report
- Presentation and submission of the annual audit
- Election of commissioners
- Consideration of projects:
 - Carp abatement and fish stocking
 - Aquatic vegetation harvesting
 - Erosion intervention
- Review and consider approval of proposed budget
 - Proposed/Published budget
- Consider approval of corresponding tax levy
- 2026 Annual Meeting date: August 1, 2026 @ 9:00 am
- Adjourn meeting

The TLRD has two commissioners seeking re-election:
Grant Peissig
Chuck Tack.
Commissioner candidate information can be found on the TLRD website-
www.tainterlakedistrict.org

Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District						
	Proceeding Year 2023-24 Actual	2024-25 August-April Actual	2024-25 Aug- July Estimated	2024-25 Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget	
Revenues						
Tax Levy	\$15,731.28	\$45,680.62	\$60,734.00	\$60,734.00	\$66,343.20	
Special Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Special Assessments	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Donations/Contributions	\$1,175.00	\$2,425.00	\$12,925.00	\$12,925.00	\$6,000.00	
Grant/General Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$333.49	\$349.49	\$0.00		
Carryover/Cash Balance	\$0.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00	\$0.00	\$13,254.61	
Total Revenues	\$16,906.28	\$49,614.11	\$75,183.49	\$73,659.00	\$85,597.81	
Expenditures/Appropriations						
Capital Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Costs of Operations						
Copying/Postage/Supplies	\$4,300.00	\$2,831.01	\$3,840.01	\$4,300.00	\$2,900.00	
Conferences (Mileage/Expenses)	\$1,731.28	\$0.00	\$581.46	\$1,734.00	\$1,643.20	
Dues/Fees	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$25.50	\$1,000.00	\$300.00	
Legal/Audit	\$1,200.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,700.00	
Insurance	\$2,500.00	\$2,161.00	\$2,161.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00	
Slow No Wake Maint	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00	
Project (Vegetation Harvesting)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	
Project (No Wake Buoy)	\$0.00	\$443.10	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
Project (Carp Abaitment and Stocking)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Grant (Strategic Plan)	\$5,000.00	\$3,996.42	\$3,996.42	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
Erosion Intervention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Total Expenditures:	\$15,731.28	\$9,931.53	\$60,404.39	\$64,734.00	\$66,343.20	

The Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District is recommending three projects for 2025-26 to improve water quality and safety. These projects have been included on the agenda for the 2025 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 Aquatic Vegetation Committee recommends, once again, to hire 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 2026 (harvesting dates determined by the WDNR), and at a cost of \$39,000. This is the same contract as 2025.

Project #2 Water Clarity Project

This project is meant to reduce our carp population and is made up of two parts:

1. Carp harvesting via a bounty reward for each carp turned in over a two-week period.

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 \$5000, 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 program would take place in the spring with rules to be determined. TLRD will also investigate other means of removal. 178 Carp were removed in May/June of 2025 and we are off to a good start to the annual removal of carp.

2. Stock predator fish.

Another effective method to reduce rough fish is to add predator fish to the lake. TLRD is currently supporting Muskie reproduction through stocking. The type of fish stocked in the future will be based on WDNR guidance and permitting in an effort to support a healthy and balance ecosystem. TLRD has also been the beneficiary of contributions from local and regional sportsman's clubs to support this effort. The budget proposal is to commit \$5000 towards this project.

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.

Total Costs: \$10,000

Implementation timeline: This project would begin in the spring (Carp bounty), and end in the early fall of 2026 (stocking).

Erosion Intervention

Sedimentation is a significant challenge impacting Tainter Lake. The Red Cedar and Hay Rivers entering Tainter Lake are transporting sand and soil from upstream. When the river water hits the relatively stationary water of Tainter Lake, the sediment settles out. This settling of sediment is decreasing water depths (encouraging vegetation growth) and filling in their entrance into the lake and adding nutrients to the lake.

There are several “erosion sites” that have been identified on the rivers from upstream. The TLRD is working with private land owners, and state/county agencies to prevent and minimize the erosion process. While the erosion sites are not on Tainter Lake, lake residents are dramatically affected by this erosion.

The Sedimentation Committee is recommending the budget of \$3000 to contribute to funding of studies and interventions needed to reduce erosion.



Picture by Jeff Corley