

CIRCLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm
Forest Town Hall

Board members present: Dean Sunderlin, Denise Klokow, Stefanie Johnson, Cheryl Bahnsen, Carl Bahnsen, Bill Houston, and Ryan Nugent

	Sept 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Annual
Bahnsen, Cheryl	x	x	x	x		x						
Bahnsen, Carl	x	x	x	x		x						
Houston, William		x	x	x	x	x						
Jirik, Jeff	x	x	x	x	x							
Klokow, Denise	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Sunderlin, Dean	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Johnson, Stefanie	x	x	x	x	x	x						
Nugent, Ryan	x		x	x	x	x						

Call to Order

Dean called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Attendance

Dean conducted roll call. Dean, Denise, Ryan, Stefanie, Carl, Cheryl, and Bill were present.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was provided ahead of the meeting. Bill motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Cheryl 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The January meeting minutes were provided ahead of this meeting. Bill motioned to approve the minutes. Ryan 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

Treasurer Report

Cheryl walked through the treasurer's report, which was provided ahead of the meeting.

Approval to pay Bills

Dean motioned to pay the 2 bills below. Denise 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

- \$54.75 to Rice County for publication regarding increasing the number of board members
- \$513.00 to Rice County for annual maintenance costs

Committee Reports

Administration

Dean motioned to move the date of the annual meeting to August 17, 2026. Bill 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

On Jan 27, rice county approved increasing our board members from 7 to 9. With the addition of Ryan to the board, we now have 1 remaining open board seat. Carl motioned to appoint Dawn Cherwinka to the open board seat. Cheryl 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries. This is a temporary board seat until our Aug meeting where this position becomes an open seat again.

Dean motioned that Bill draft a letter to respond to the DNR's proposed regulations on handling carp. Carl 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

Finance

No update on AIS grant application

Lake Management/Projects

Aeration

The board reviewed Jeff's Operations Committee report. To save cost on a bathymetry study of the entire lake, the thought is to get a bathymetry study for the 50 acres around each of the 3 aerators. We are getting a quote for this.

Ryan is keeping the aeration inspection log up to date. He frequently checks to make sure the aerators are still working.

The board discussed purchasing a pontoon boat for the purpose of performing the dirty, mucky lake work which includes cleaning aerators among other things. Carl found a pontoon with an open front deck and no furniture that could be used as a utility boat for our purposes. We would need to also buy an inexpensive trailer.

Carl motioned to spend up to \$4000 towards the purchase of a boat and (if needed) a trailer. Dean 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

The addition of a boat will add \$19 to our insurance premium.

Weeds

No update this week

Publications/Communications

Bill is continuing to add content to the newsletter, sharing recent accomplishments and upcoming work of the LID.

Dean will send an email to LID members with info on Aquatic Invasive Species.

Unfinished Business

Denise continues to organize CLID files to prepare them for uploading to the cloud.

Stefanie got the lake stocking report for the last 10 years from the fisheries. They invited us to the fisheries in April when they have the fry. The fisheries does a net assessment (survey) to count species in Circle Lake every 6 years.

New Business

No new business.

Announcements

Several board members plan to attend the ISG convention on March 6 and 7.

Adjournment

Dean motioned to adjourn. Carl 2nd. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM