

Powers

The board of commissioners has the specific power to:

- Initiate and coordinate research and surveys for the lake
- Plan lake protection and rehabilitation projects
- Cooperate with other units of government in enacting ordinances as needed.
- Adopt and carry out lake protection and rehabilitation plans
- Maintain liaisons with state government officials involved in lake protection and rehabilitation and provide the Department of Natural Resources with the names and addresses of current commissioners
- Control the fiscal matters of the district, subject to the powers and directives of the electors and property owners at the annual meeting

Wis. Stat. § 33.29(1)
Wis. Stat. § 33.29(2)

If the district has been authorized to exercise sanitary district powers or adopt boating ordinances, these powers are generally exercised by the board of commissioners.

Duties

The board of commissioners is legally required to carry out specific duties:

- Schedule the annual meeting of the lake district between May 22 and September 8 (unless a majority vote at the previous meeting scheduled a time outside those dates)
- Prepare an agenda and proposed budget for the annual meeting
- Have an audit prepared at the end of each fiscal year for the annual meeting. *For more information see Audit, page 75.*
- Mail a written notice (including the agenda and proposed budget) of the annual meeting (and any special meetings) at least 14 days in advance to:
 - each owner of property (as listed on the tax roll)
 - each elector whose address can be ascertained with reasonable diligence⁴
 - the Department of Natural Resources⁵
- Conduct the annual meeting (and any special meetings or public hearings). This is the responsibility of the chairperson
- Immediately following the annual meeting, select a chairperson, secretary and treasurer from among the commissioners
- Take charge of the finances of the district, including delivering certified statements by November 1st of any tax levied at the annual meeting to the clerk of each municipality in the district for collection (responsibility of the treasurer)
- Schedule special meetings, if needed
- Appoint persons to fill vacancies in the board as needed (responsibility of the chairperson)
- Meet at least quarterly as a board. The secretary is responsible for posting notices and keeping minutes of board meetings and any hearings held by the board. The chairperson is responsible for presiding at board meetings

Wis. Stat. § 33.29(1)(f)
Wis. Stat. § 33.30(1)
Wis. Stat. § 33.29(1)(g)

Wis. Stat. § 33.29(2)

Wis. Stat. § 33.30(2)(a)

Wis. Stat. § 33.29(3)

Wis. Stat. § 33.29(3)(c)
Wis. Stat. § 33.30(4)(a)

Wis. Stat. § 33.305(1)

Wis. Stat. § 33.28(7)

Wis. Stat. § 33.28(6)
Wis. Stat. § 33.29(3)