

STATE STATUTE 33.24- 33.26 STATE LAW IN ESTABLISHING LAKE DISTRICTS
(Presented by CUW Committee Chairman)

33.24 County Board may establish a district

(2) The county board of any county may establish districts within the county if the conditions stated in (s 33.26) are found to exist.

33.25 Petition

(1) Who to make

(a) Before a county board may establish a district under 33.235 or 33.24 a petition on requesting establishment shall be filed with the county clerk **[YES December 14, 2020]**

Addressed to the board **[YES]**

Signed by persons constituting 51% of the landowners **[YES 55.9%] (192 of 343)**

Or owners of 51% of the lands within the district **NO 50.65% [Need one or the other]**

(2) Contents The petition shall set forth:

(a) The proposed name of the district **[YES – Crescent Lake District]**

(b) The necessity for the proposed district **[YES – The district is necessary to assume responsibility over invasive species control in and around Crescent Lake. In support of the responsibilities, the Districts activities shall include , but not be limited to, invasive species prevention and control, habitat preservation and restoration, promote fisheries and wildlife populations, as well as activities deemed appropriate by the property owners within the District in support of these responsibilities.]**

(c) That the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the district and that the lands to be included therein will be benefited by such establishment. **[YES stated]**

(d) The boundaries of the territory to be included in the proposed district **[YES]**

(3) Verification, Plat – The petition shall be verified by one of the petitioners [YES – Ryan Petersen] and shall be accompanied by a plat or sketch indicating the approximate area and boundaries of the district [**YES – exhibit 1 and 2**]

(4) Presumption – Every petition is presumed to have been signed by the persons whose signature appears thereon, until proved otherwise.

(5) Withdrawing from the petition – landowner who signed can withdraw signature by filing a written notice with the county clerk at least 10 days before the public hearing. Needs to be under oath and notarized. (Note one tried but not verified)

(6) Hearing to be held within 30 days of the date of the presentation of the petition [YES]
[[12/14/2020] Hearing held [1/9/2021] committee appointed by the county board [YES - UW

Extension/Conservation] At the hearing all interested persons may offer objections, criticisms, or suggestions as to the necessity of the proposed district as outlined and to the question of whether their property will be benefited by the establishment of such a district. Any person wishing to object to the organization of such a district may before the date set for the hearing, file objections to the formation of such a district with the county clerk.

37 people registered to speak or go on record

For the formation of the district - 29

Against the formation of the district – 6

Requesting more information – 2

Correspondence

For formation – 8

Against formation – 1

(2) Notice announcing the hearing and stating the boundaries of the proposed district shall be published in a paper of general circulation in the county in which the proposed district is located as a Class I notice under chg. 285 **[YES= Exhibit 4]** and shall be **mailed by the county board to the last known address of each landowner within the proposed district [YES – 278 1st class letters mailed – 8 returned and remailed 1 returned again.]**

(3) The committee shall report to the county board within 3 months [YES - Final report March 2021 with discussion at the April 2021 county board