

Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation District
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2025

Attendees: Dan Truax, Paul Halderson, Terry Wagner, Jim Spencer, Tom Goller, Bruce Reedy (Financing Committee) and Sheryl Reedy (Website/Fundraising Committee)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dan Truax
2. Open Meeting laws have been met by 24 hour notice posted at City Hall, Lake Marinuka Facebook site and Lake Marinuka Email chain
3. **June Meeting Minutes:** Dan T made correction of meeting opening time from 6:00 to 7:00. Motion to approve by Paul H, seconded by Jim S, motion carried
4. **Davy Engineering Update:** Dan Cook, Davy Engineering, passed out revised cost estimates and permit status for the lake dredging and sedimentation basin project, with detailed discussion of unit prices.

Revised project cost estimates were presented: The previous estimate was \$18+ million, but the current estimate is about \$8.5 million, with a detailed breakdown including a \$250,000 line item for a 20 foot deep hole, \$11 per cubic yard for excavation, and a \$2 per unit for topsoil replacement. The total estimate is now around \$5.8 million if topsoil is included.

Discussion covered construction logistics, including spoil site grading, trail relocation, erosion control, and de-watering methods. The spoil site elevation ranges from 705 to 715 feet. The current trail would need adjustment.

Questions were raised about the bidding process, whether a single contractor or multiple would be used and the need for permit approval before proceeding. The board discussed the need for more refined estimates and comparison with the original \$18 million estimate.

Budget constraints were noted: The annual design budget is \$40,000 and the current checkbook balance cannot cover the cost to build the plans. The City's budgeting process starts in August and finalizes at the end of October.

5. **Website Preparation Update:** Website development is ongoing with Sheryl and Terry co-ordinating with Vision Design Group. Our web site will include Lake Marinuka history, board info, news, and contact details (savelakemaranuka@gmail.com, 608-738-1469). Board is to review and send corrections. Video and photos for the site are being finalized with copyright considerations for edits. A QR code and events section are planned. The goal is to finalize drone content and pay drone provider soon.
6. **Apple Affair Participation:** Discussion was postponed to the August meeting.
7. **Enter Closed Session Re: Purchases and Competitive Bargaining – Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e)** This session included a closed discussion about Janita Larson's land offer with no vote taken. The board decided to investigate other options and continue discussions with relevant parties.
8. Motion Made To Adjourn by Paul H and seconded by Jim S, motion carried.

