

Description of Discussion

1. **Agenda & Headcount:** The 2025 MLA Annual Meeting held at Primal Eats started at 9:106 am. The sign-in sheets listed 66 attendees representing 47 Moshawquit Lake properties. Based on a manual count, the actual headcount was about 71. The presentation deck is attached as Exhibit #1. The agenda topics are below:

- Introductions
- Approval of 2024 MLA Annual Meeting minutes
- New property owners
- Neighbors that we've lost
- Financial update
- MLA website
- Curley leaf pondweed (CLP), Eurasian Milfoil (EWM) & DASH Program
- Fish stocking
- Dam update
- Property Tax Issue & Menominee County Taxpayer Association (MCTA)
- Fun at the lake
- July 4th boat parade
- Compost sites
- Safe boating and lake rules
- Lights and aerators
- Boat launch rules
- Board positions available
- WAMSCO

See the deck for further information about each subject.

2. **Introductions:** Nick Romenesko #140, the MLA president, led the meeting which started with the introductions of the MLA board members.

Name	Property	Title	Status
Corbin Keller	103	Member at Large	Present
Glen Weyenberg	57	Treasurer	Present
Steve O'Shea	114	Vice President	Present
Nick Romenesko	140	President	Present
Gary Sturtevant	126	Secretary	Present
Michael McDowell	127	Member at Large	Not available
Gene Finn	145	Member at Large	Present

3. **2024 MLA Annual Meeting Minutes:** Corbin Keller #103 moved to accept the minutes for the 2024 annual meeting. Jane Sturtevant #126 seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes are available on the MLA website.

4. **Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP)**: The DASH program to attack the CLP patch is underway. The original plan was to work on CLP from early May until May 19. However, we must continue because we started late and found more CLP than expected. The SignUpGenius DASH volunteer website does not contain any scheduled dates from now until June 20 so we will schedule CLP work manually by email. We will work Mondays & Fridays when DASH volunteers and the diver are available. We might also work some Wednesdays. Gary Sturtevant will send more information soon.

Action: Gary Sturtevant #126.

5. **Property Tax Issue and Menominee County Taxpayer Association (MCTA)**: Gary Sturtevant #126 discussed the property tax subject and the MCTA. The MCTA needs donations to help with legal expenses and volunteers to help with the work. We won't be successful without such support. One crucial ingredient is to develop Neighborhood Ambassadors who are willing to learn about this subject and spread the word to their neighbors. The Legend Lake Property Association has a Neighborhood Association program underway and recommends that Moshawquit Lake do the same. The MCTA will train neighborhood ambassadors. Any MLA member willing to become a neighborhood ambassador should contact Gary Sturtevant or Kathy Bahr from the MCTA. Kathy's email address is shown on Exhibit 2.

Exhibit 2 is a list of the skills the MCTA needs and Exhibit 3 is the form to join the MCTA.

6. **Buoy Color**: A suggestion was made to change the color of the buoys used to mark invasive species locations because the green buoys are difficult to see. Steve O'Shea will investigate this idea.

Action: Steve O'Shea #114.

7. **Moshawquit Lake Boat Stickers**: A suggestion was made to issue Moshawquit Lake stickers to all property owners to put onto their boats. The goal is to make it easier to identify boats that might not belong on our lake. Kristi Kirk #54 will give an old sticker to Jennifer Hurley #136 who will investigate getting copies made. **Action: Kristi Kirk #54 and Jennifer Hurley #136.**

8. **Storm Damage Cleanup**: Irv Polenz # 77 asked if any work is scheduled to clean up the storm damaged trees near Emile Court. No one was aware of any plans. Since the land is owned by the tribe, they are probably responsible for the cleanup. Mark Emerick #117 contacted Jeremy Johnson to ask about this issue but has not received a response yet. Mark will follow up with Jeremy.

Action: Mark Emerick #117.

9. **Wake Boats**: The group discussed the wake boat issue for several minutes. Some groups want to limit the use of wake boats to lakes of a certain size and depth. Nick Romenesko #140 has wake boat information that Gary Sturtevant will distribute to the MLA membership. If anyone has any further information or comments about wake boats, please send it to Nick or Gary.

Action: Nick Romenesko #140 and Gary Sturtevant #126.

10. **Boat Launch Ramp**: The group discussed the idea of adding additional concrete pad(s) to the boat launch. The original project cost \$4800. Permission from the tribe & county was required for that work. The hole near the ramp would probably have to be filled as part of a new project. The MLA board will investigate this issue. The first step is to contact Jeremy Johnson. **Action: MLA Board.**

11. **If you plan to sell your property:** Corbin Keller #103 asked anyone who is thinking about selling their property to contact him. He has 2 leads on people who want to buy property on Moshawquit Lake.
12. **WAMSCO:** Mark Emerick (#117) is Secretary of WAMSCO, the Waterway Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties. He provided a brief overview of WAMSCO's history and recent grant awards and projects. He also mentioned work being done by WAMSCO and potential services available to MLA members and showed a brochure with contact information for those interested in working with WAMSCO. The brochure is attached as Exhibit 4.

Finally, he mentioned a WAMSCO fundraiser. The WAMSCO meat raffle which will award 10 baskets valued at \$150 each from Charlie's County market. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Mark. Details for the raffle are attached, as Exhibit 5.

13. **Meeting Adjournment:** Mark Emerick #117 moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am. Steve O'Shea # 114 seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Gary C. Sturtevant
May 27, 2025

Attached Exhibits:

1. Moshawquit Lake Association 2025 Annual Meeting presentation deck
2. Volunteer Skills needed by the MCTA
3. MCTA application form
4. WAMSCO brochure
5. WAMSCO Meat Raffle Poster

Exhibit 1

Moshawquit Lake Annual Meeting 2024

May 24, 2025

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Introductions

- Nick Romenesko – President
- Steve O’Shea – Vice President
- Gary Sturtevant – Secretary
- Glen Weyenberg – Treasurer
- Corbin Keller – Member
- Gene Finn – Member
- Michael McDowell - Member

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Past year's meeting

- Meeting minutes from last year are available on our website

<https://moshawquitlakeassociation.org/meeting-notes/>

- Motion to approve

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We have new neighbors!

- Fischers (131) sold to Humberto & Erin Martinez-Suarez

- ▶ *If you are looking to sell your cottage, feel free to contact the board or Gary and we will inform our members. If someone knows of a potential buyer, we can help grow our community and save on costly realtor fees.



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Neighbors we've lost

- Larry Casey (137) – Joyce Casey's husband
- Pat Romenesko (140) – owner since 1969, sold to Nick Romenesko in 2012. Gerry Romenesko is her husband

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Security issues

- In the past year we had one report of security issues arise
- On the North shore (#24) at Palesse's (I believe).
- *Cameras and video doorbells work and help deter crime*

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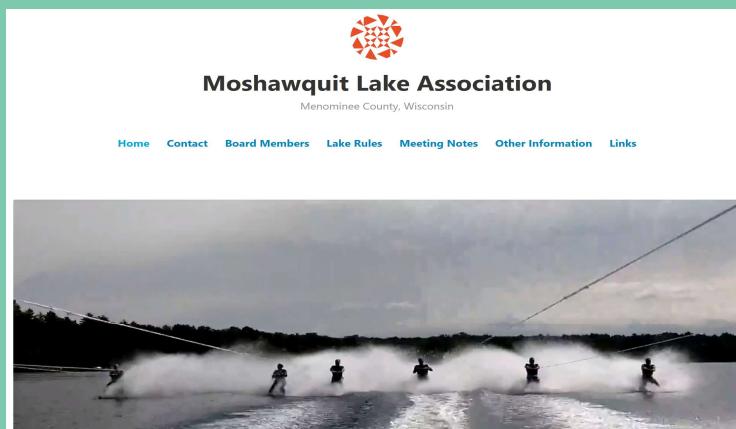
Financial Update

Cash balance April 30, 2024	\$ 51,304.91
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Deposits:	
Interest income	67.56
Annual Dues - FY 6/1/23 - 5/31/24	33,850.00
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Payments:	
Bouy placement & removal	250.00
Watershed Conservancy Coordination Grant pledge	100.00
Website	67.00
Storage of patoon boat	581.31
Insurance	1,844.00
Association dues	100.00
Boat license	32.00
Annual Filing fee	25.00
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Cash balance April 30, 2025	\$ 82,223.16

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Moshawquit Lake Association Website

- <https://moshawquitlakeassociation.wordpress.com/>



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Curly Leaf Pond Weed

- Curly Leaf Pond Weed has made an appearance 2 years ago just east of the south shore's point near Froehlichs. There were records of it being present years ago, however it was never noted after.
- Curly-leaf pondweed made its way to the Midwest through introduction of carp as game fish to the waterways in the mid to late 1800s (Carp and CLP, nice work!)
- Reproduces through turions (1/2 inch, brown, appearance of sharp small pinecones). These are hardy and can go dormant for years.
- There has been some spotted in the SE end of the lake so please check your shorelines and off your docks.

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Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP)

- It sprouts early season as the ice comes off and dies off and goes dormant by mid June.
- Grows from shoreline to 15' of water and can grow 15' tall.
- Initially, It was identified in the one location which consists of about a quarter acre, however we have seen it spread. It was seen in front of O'shea's property.



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DASH Harvesting for CLP has begun

- We have to tackle CLP early. By June, it is on its way out.
- Our first dive was 5/16/25, myself, Gary Strutevant and Jeff Leshuk manned the DASH topside and our faithful diver Barb worked in the water. A crew also worked Monday and Friday of this past week. Thank you Dave Selleck, Gene Finn, Corbin Keller also for working the DASH and Joel for handling disposal of the weeds.
- Harvesting CLP is a little slower process we found, it is mixed in well with native vegetation.
- We did not note signs of turions formed on the plants harvested which is ideal as we are grabbing it before they can reproduce.
- Always looking for more volunteers. Working topside is not a challenge and we now have about 8 people on the lake that have been trained. Mark created a wonderful manual on how it works and with an hour of training or working the DASH with a veteran, YOU TOO could be working on this esteemed vessel.
- Many hands makes light work!

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Plan going forward

- Sara is our consultant who has helped us with our development of the updated Lake Management plan (helps us fulfil our requirements for the grant we received.)
- Sara and Mark were instrumental in securing a \$10,000 Surface Water Planning Grant from the DNR.
- EWM DASH work is expected to begin after Father's Day. Lynn Murphy was kind enough to create a Signup Genius to volunteer for shifts (working topside, captaining, disposal and kayak use to grab fragments).
- Survey will be conducted after Labor Day.
- Dues will be \$400 for the final year as planned to rebuild our finances in case further treatment becomes necessary. After the Fall survey, the board will reassess the dues based on the need at that time.
- Gary did message the lake with a link to the sign up genius. He will email it out again after today's meeting.

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Education

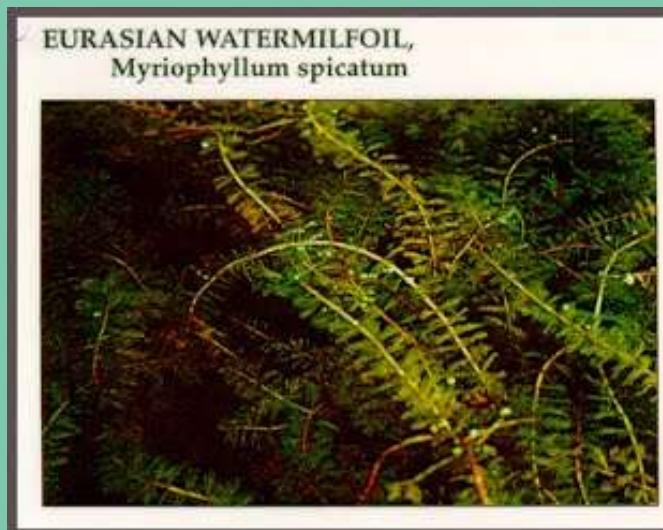
We can all play a part in preventing the spread of EWM

Here are a few tips....

- Know how to identify EWM and CLP, and distinguish it from other aquatic plants
- Clean your boat, motor, and trailer to remove aquatic hitchhikers whenever you launch or remove your boat from the water
- Pick up floating fragments, each fragment can re-root, and form a new plant
- Avoid areas where EWM is near the surface, fragments cut by propellers will float and re-root. Last year colored bouys were placed at sites to mark dense patches and surface EWM.
- Monitor your lakefront, and pull any new EWM plants you find growing there

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Education – Know how to identify EWM, and distinguish it from other aquatic plants



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Update on the dam

- Nick was given Ryan Pichler's name as a DNR contact and is a Water Management Engineer for the DNR (thank you Marty Kemps)
- Ryan confirmed the dam was inspected in 2020 and was in need of repair. He also confirmed that it is "owned by MITW and is regulated by the BIA"
- Doug Cox of MITW confirmed that MITW does have ownership of the dam and gave the name of Jeremy Pyatskowit is in charge of Environmental Services and "They are working on it". I have not had a response from Jeremy yet.
- Now both spillways of the dam are starting to fail.

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MCTA and what it can do for you

- Menominee County Tax Association is a group that all residents in Menominee County should join.
- \$25 to join and donations are accepted
- Class action lawsuits have been filed and only members of MCTA will be rewarded in the case of success.
- Meetings are held at Legend Lake Lodge and email updates are sent out regularly.
- Email Gary a request for a letter to learn more
- Gary has attended the MCTA meetings for the last few months to gather more information

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Property Tax Issue: MLA Annual Meeting 2025-5-24

Background, Key Claims & Allegations

- Background
 - 99% of Menominee County land is non-taxable tribal trust land
 - Private property owners on Legend, Moshawquit & other lakes pay nearly 100% of county property taxes
- Key claims
 - County, Town & School District engaged in actions to burden private property owners with excessive property taxes & force property sales to the Tribe
- Key allegations (MCTA discussed after 2023 & 2024 MLA meetings)
 - Tax inequality, MITW land acquisitions, lack of commercial tax base, manipulated school funding, unfair land deals, voting imbalance, historical ignoring of state reports

Private properties bought by the Tribe are moved into the trust which decreases the tax base and leads to higher private property taxes

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Property Tax Issue: MLA Annual Meeting 2025-5-24

Current Actions: 3 Lawsuits

- #1: LLPOA (plaintiff) / Guy Keshena & MITW (defendants)(2018)
 - Claims: defendants purchase LLPOA properties, transfer them into the trust and remove them from the county tax base contrary to 2009 LLPOA covenants
 - Objective: stop this practice
 - Status: now with WI Supreme Court to decide key issues
- #2: LLPOA (plaintiff) / County, Town & School District (defendants)(2024)
 - Claims: various violations by defendants under US & WI constitutions (previous page)
 - Objective: force the defendants to stop taking these actions
 - Status: result from Apr 22 hearing in GB – more info from LLPOA is required
- #3: MCTA (plaintiff) / County, Town & School District (defendants)(2023)
 - Claims: 11 claims that resulted in excessive or unlawfully imposed & collected taxes
 - Objective: refund or recovery of the excessive taxes
 - Status: appeals & motions continue – tribe wants to move lawsuit out of state court

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Property Tax Issue: MLA Annual Meeting 2025-5-24

The MCTA needs your help

- Join: makes you a party to lawsuit #3 and gives you access to the MCTA Facebook page
- Donate: MLA board recommends an additional donation of \$164 per property to the MCTA to help fund the legal efforts
- Volunteer
 - Specific skills: legal/paralegal, school admin, website mgmt, data analytics, fundraising, communications, legislative experience, general admin
 - Neighborhood Ambassador Program

***We must be successful to
prevent
excessive property taxes***

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Fun at the lake

- Women's book club – orchestrated by Cathy Geimer (KAGC1947@gmail.com)
- PROM – was held on May 13th (also organized by Cathy Geimer)
- First In & Last Out organized by Becky Weiske (Weiske534@gmail.com) Let her know when you dock goes in and when it comes out and she will announce the winner at the end of season.
- Chili Dump was cohosted by the Sellecks and Finns on November 9.
- Fourth of July Boat Parade 2025 Friday July 4, 2025
- Gary emails out the different activities going on at the lake, watch your emails for these fun events in our lake community.

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Compost Sites

Legend Lake's compost is the closest – Saturday 10-2 through sept

Oct.-Nov Saturdays 9-4 & Wednesdays 10-4
\$50 fee for year. Free fill and compost (shovel only).



Shawano county landfill is free for leaves, possibly a fee for branches. You can get top soil there as well. It is located on the south shore of Shawano on Rusch Rd off of Green Bay (Hwy 22).



Don't dump across the road, that is tribal land and we want to respect our neighbors



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Safe Boating and Lake Rules

Moshawquit Lake does have county ordinances that apply to our lake and differ from state laws.

- Wake and towing hours 10am to 7pm
- Must stay 200' from the shoreline when towing or creating a wake (includes PWCs)
- Drive in the counter clockwise direction around the lake to help keep the flow.
- Drivers must be of appropriate age and hold boat safety certificate:
 - To operate a PWC – must be at least 12 with boater's safety
 - To operate a motorboat – must be at least 16 years of age with boater's safety *or* be accompanied by someone 18 years and older with boater's safety

Reminder:

- Towing behind a PWC: Must be a three person PWC and include a spotter.

There were unfortunate occasions in the past of near misses and inattentive drivers looking back at who they are towing and not where they were going. Please use a spotter and drive carefully!

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For those not in attendance today

- Written copies will be delivered in person by members of the board to those not in attendance today
- If you would like to volunteer to deliver and discuss the lake rules with friends and neighbors please speak to a board member to help lighten our load
- Our goal is to eliminate the most common excuse **IGNORANCE**
- There should not be an excuse for violating wake hours, dangerous towing habits and proximity issues with other boaters

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Please be respectful of your neighbors with regards to your lighting. Please direct lights down and don't have lights shining out onto the lake. Light pollution ruins amazing views of our night skies and is blinding to people across the water.

Be careful not to run over the buoys! They get cracked and water logged and is an added expense to replace. Plus Steve deploys and recovers them and he isn't getting younger. Water logged buoys are heavy!

In the winter time, aerators need to have a barrier around them with continuous rope/cord or similar material placed at least 2.5 ft and no more than 4.5 ft off the surface. Must be marked by a visual warning system that is lite, fluorescent, or reflectorized. It should not encroach on your neighbor's ice (without consent) in a way that would make the ice on their shoreline unsafe. This can be accomplished by using skirts to prevent the flow of water from your neighbors.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/documents/aeratorfactsheet.pdf>

A few other issues to discuss

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As property owners we are afforded the ability to utilize the boat launch, which is on tribal property

When a boat is launched, the property owner must be present at the time. Guests launching their boats can be fined for trespassing.

Property and boat owners must inspect the watercraft for plants and empty live well and bilge tanks prior to launching

If you or a guest are stopped by a lake member inquiring if they are suppose to be on the lake should not be offended and simply tell the lake member the name of the property owner.

Please inform your guests of the lake rules

*No Powerloading Please

If you see a problem, please address it. We need to police our lake ourselves.

Boat Launch Rules

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Board positions can be available

- The board has remained generally unchanged for several years and terms have expired. All roles are available, however all board members have agreed to continue to serve in necessary.
- Please speak to the board or email Gary Sturtevant if you are interested in helping out.
- You just need to be willing. Able is a bonus
- If no one would like to position, Nick will happily serve another year
- If you don't like the idea of a tyrant like Nick serving again, the position is yours

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WAMSCO Membership and Goals

Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties

- MLA is still participating in WAMSCO and it has provided a wealth of knowledge in our efforts to combat EWM.
- Website: wamsco.org

WAMSCO has been growing rapidly, and now has secured 10 grants, and now has two full time professionals on staff working on youth education, AIS, shoreline restoration, and agricultural events.

WAMSCO was instrumental in helping us secure our most recent grant

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Motion to Adjourn?

- Any questions or comments?



Exhibit 2

Kbahr @ mcta work . com

Yes, I can help! Circle any MCTA activities you are interested in helping with:

New Monthly eNewsletter

Meet with Legislators

Strategy Development

Investigate County Budget & Agreements

Organize Voting Efforts

MCTA Website

Present at Moshawquit Lake Annual meetings

Investigate School Operating Budgets

Update MCTA Facebook

Host Community Meeting on Tax Reassessment

Perform Paralegal Research

Present at Senate Hearings

Neighborhood Ambassador Program

Organize Participation in School District's Annual Meeting

Perform Comparative Taxation Analysis

Oversee Legal Work

Annual MCTA Accomplishments Update Letter

Host MCTA Golf Outing

Attend Monthly School District's Meetings

Create External Ambassador Program

Research Sudden Tax Reassessment

Host MCTA All Member Meetings

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2025 Annual Dues: \$50.⁰⁰

Make your check payable to: MCTA

Mail your check and this completed form to: MCTA

P.O. Box 666
Keshena WI 54135

Please consider an addition contribution
to support our essential legal actions!

Special Contribution to Assist in Legal Fees (Optional): \$50 \$100 \$200 Other: \$ _____

Pay by Zelle®:

Zellepay.com - use as the preferred email: mcotaxassoc@gmail.com - or contact your Bank for instructions

MCTA Member Contact Information - please print clearly

Contact info helps keep our mailing list up to date and engage members that want to help!

Name: _____

Primary Email: _____

Phone Number (Optional): _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Menominee County Address (if different): _____

Volunteer to Help:

We need qualified volunteers in addition to your financial support! These include members who could provide help and support in the following areas:

Support Activity	Yes! (Check Box)	Support Activity	Yes! (Check Box)
Legal or Paralegal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising or Public Comm.	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Experience	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website Mgt or Data Analytics	<input type="checkbox"/>	General Admin & Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Stay Informed Online with the MCTA Facebook page *** Please only check box if NOT already a MCTA Facebook member***

YES, I would like to join the online MCTA Facebook page (check box if interested joining):

The MCTA Facebook group page is available only for property taxpayers in Menominee County that are current members of the MCTA.

Exhibit 4



“Whether you live on the water, recreate on it, eat the fish out of it, or consume it, this resource affects everyone!



We are —
a grassroots, citizen-driven organization devoted to protecting and improving our area's waterways for current and future generations

We understand —
exceptional water resources are not only compatible with community growth and a strong rural economy, they bless us all with an enviable quality of life and a remarkable regional advantage

We work with —
citizens, business and property owners, lake associations and conservation groups to achieve best practices in restoration, runoff reduction, invasive species control, stream monitoring, groundwater quality and more

We deliver —
boots-on-the-ground education to schoolchildren across Shawano and Menominee counties, inspiring them to value and protect the unique and abundant water resources right here at home

We rely —
entirely on outside grants, donations and the generous volunteer and financial support of people like you

Why WAMSCO? The answer is clear

Those who live and work here enjoy the best of both worlds, with a solid regional economy and a beautiful natural setting. Our landscape boasts mature forests, attractive neighborhoods, prime farmland, numerous ponds, streams and wetlands rich with fish and wildlife, and scenic lakes for nature exploration and active recreation alike. Clean and plentiful water is the common denominator. When you support WAMSCO, you help keep our home a special place.



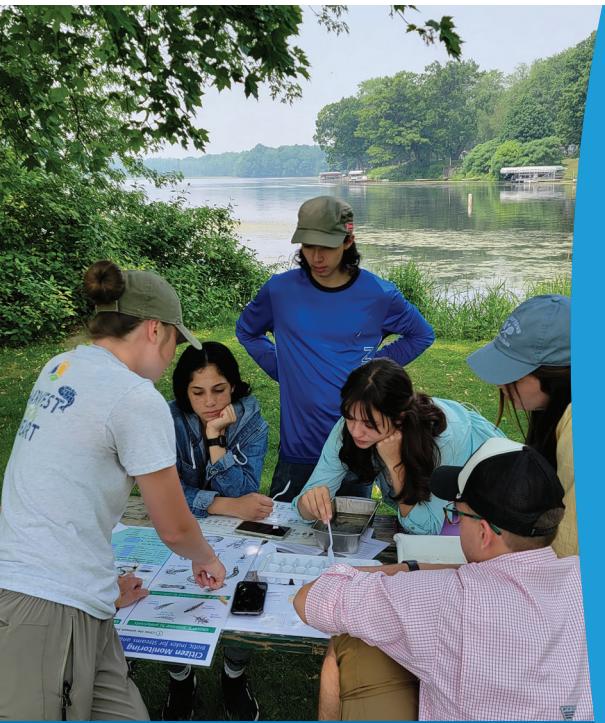
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About WAMSCO

WAMSCO is a citizen-driven, watershed-focused 501(c)3 organization based in Shawano, WI – an association representing all lakes and streams in Shawano and Menominee counties. WAMSCO seeks to achieve greater biodiversity, reduced runoff, reduced nutrient load, fewer algae blooms, better fishing, and greater recreation and enjoyment. Supported entirely by state and other grant programs, member dues and donations, we accomplish our work with a small paid staff but mostly through the volunteer efforts of dedicated friends and neighbors.

Major Projects: Working with You, For You

- Water quality monitoring in streams, lakes
- Native plantings at schools and on private land
- Streambank and shoreline assessments to reduce erosion and runoff
- Selected removal of invasive species
- Bio-control of invasive purple loosestrife
- Farmer-led watershed councils that share new ways for farmers to keep precious soil and nutrients in place on the land

— Visit WAMSCO.org to learn more

Individual Advice/Assistance

- Shoreline restoration
- Pollinator gardens
- Native plantings
- Rain gardens
- Cost-sharing options
- Control of invasive aquatic species

— WAMSCO@gmail.com can be your first contact to get started



WAMSCO is 100% funded by grants and donations. Your tax-deductible support enables us to extend our reach and improve the watershed. Become a member or contributor today!

\$25 Individual or Household

\$50 Business

\$ _____ Sponsorship (minimum of \$250)

\$ _____ Contribution

Name/Organization

Contact name if Organization or Business

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

— Make checks payable to: WAMSCO Inc.

— Clip form and mail to: WAMSCO,
1263 S. Main Street, Shawano WI 54166

— For online giving, visit our website
WAMSCO.org

— WAMSCO office location:
within Shawano County Chamber of
Commerce and Visitor Center,
1263 S. Main Street

Exhibit 5



WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION OF MENOMINEE & SHAWANO COUNTIES

HELP PROTECT
THE WATERWAYS
THAT YOU LOVE

MEAT RAFFLE

JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF FUN
AND CHANCES TO WIN MORE PRIZES



CHECK OUT
OUR WEBSITE!
WAMSCO.ORG

MEAT RAFFLE PRIZES

MEAT BASKET
\$150 VALUE

10 BASKETS
AWARDED

*from Charlie's
County Market*

WHO WE ARE

WAMSCO IS A NON-PROFIT WATER
CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION
DEDICATED TO PROTECTING OUR
WATERWAYS FOR THE BENEFIT OF
PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

\$20 PER TICKET

ONLY 500 TICKETS TO BE SOLD

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE SHAWANO
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR CONTACT US
AT WAMSCO.EDU@GMAIL.COM

**DRAWING HELD ON AUG 7, 2025
5 PM - 6 PM AT FRANKLIN PARK**

STAY FOR THURSDAYZ @ FRANKLIN