

Minutes: Tiger Cat Flowage Lake Association

Date: September 5

Location: Spider Lake Church

Don Stover called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM after a brief social hour

- Website Update: Jen Weltzin presented information on the website. In the last 90 days there have been 1300 viewings with 772 users. 25% are to the home page. When we communicate!--We see activity, 45% Direct, 39% Facebook, 16% Search

"Phase II" - Lake management, project content, FAQs, expanding ways of giving, short term rental informational binders online. Assessing automated membership renewal notice and notify users when website content is updated.

- Lake Management Committee updates, including:

Eurasian Water Milfoil--NWRPC Engaged for Scuba Diver Hand Pull on Upper Twin, • Utilized WDNR Rapid Response Grant for 2 Hand Pull Events, • TCFLA Volunteers in Kayaks, Canoes & Paddle Boards supported Divers with collecting nearly 900 # of EWM.

EWM awareness signage posted to deter the spread of EWM. signage posted at the entrance and exit waterway between Burns & Placid

- Purple loosestrife Treatment: • Board approved PL spend for 2026, engaged professional certified contractor to formally survey and map entire flowage. A WDNR permit and property owner approval to treat PL adjacent to their property was obtained. Priorities and future strategy were discussed and will be determined over the winter by the Board. Future: Monitor flowage with volunteer participation, Certification and licensing of volunteers for PL treatment. No new grant applications for 2027. We hope to partner with Northern Waters Environmental school for beetle rearing as part of their curriculum. TCFLA members have expressed interest in rearing beetles, as well.

- Water Quality Testing: Our TCFLA Volunteer Water Whisperers supported the final year of 2-Yr water quality testing program through the surface water grants for Burns, McClaine & Tiger Cat. Placid & Upper Twin testing will continue - Fully funded by WDNR through the CLMN (Citizen Lake Monitoring Network) program
- Clean Boats, Clean Waters team: 200 hours at each landing has been met. Twin Lake boat landing is the most used landing. Discussed partnering with Golden Rule (private landing) for a volunteer and kiosk. There were 12 volunteers this year for CB/CW.

- Pike Improvement Project: 281 fish registered through August. Numbers are expected to increase once Musky Inc provide counts. Raptor Project is accepting Northern Pike. VFW in Springbrook has a freezer where you can drop off Northerns.

- Finance Committee update, including our 2026 budget 21

Key Insights • Donations established a strong foundation- Members gave more than membership dues! THANK YOU!

Ending Balance in Johnson Bank 12/31/2025 41,851.44

Total operating revenue: 12075.88

Total expenses: 5,802.40

Total Grant revenue 13,485.10

Total Grant expenses: 30,834.72

End of Year Net Cash Flow 30,775.3

- Rapid Response Grant- We will submit for reimbursement of expenses in the Fall

\$2,246 remains in Rapid Response Grant - WDNR Approved Grant Extension to 2027, Remaining funds will be utilized in 2027 for scuba hand pull of EWM in Upper Twin

Surface Water Grants – • Burns Lake & Placid Lake WDNR Surface Water Grants will be Closed out this Fall, • 2 Year Water Quality Testing Will Be Complete this Fall on Burns Lake

Lake Surveys & Water Quality results will be incorporated into Aquatic Plant Management Plan

- Membership Questions:
 - Discussed growing our membership and donations to support lake initiatives. Encourage everyone to talk to their neighbors. Ask them to join, volunteer and/or donate to the TCFLA.
 - Discussed Musky stocking. Don shared the WDNR raising much less - 17,000 versus the typical 57,000 due to WDNR budget cuts. A member shared possible option to work with private hatcheries to raise & stock Musky but would require TCFLA investment and advanced coordination & planning. Don agreed to look into this option.
 - Member asked if there are impacts to WDNR Cost Sharing Grant Programs going forward that could limit the TCFLA options for financial support for AIS initiatives in the future. Jen C. agreed to follow-up.
 - Member asked about logs, submerged tree trunks (alligators) or debris on water. Guidance provided was to move logs or debris aside and out of the way. However, if it is adjacent or on someone else's land to talk with the property owner.
 - Discussed Tiger Cat Dam boat ramp. Concerns expressed about the drop off at the end of the ramp and the sides. Member shared that the drop off at the end of the ramp may be due to power loading. Suggestion by a member was to evaluate adding signage regarding power loading. In addition, members were informed the Town of Round Lake owns the boat ramp so concerns could also be shared directly with the Town.

Thank you for your commitment to the Tiger Cat Flowage!

Next meeting is Saturday, June 5th 2027

Submitted: Kay Wilson, Secretary



Semi- Annual Member Meeting

September 5, 2026



Agenda

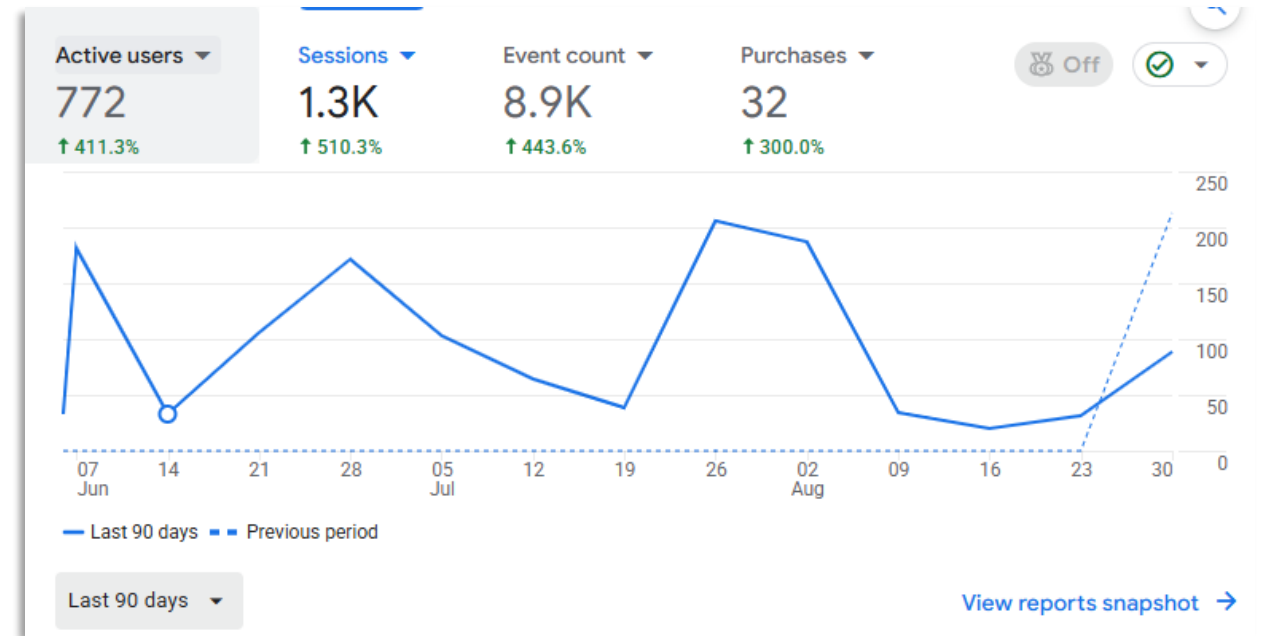
- Welcome & Kick-off Meeting – Don Stover
- TCFLA Website - Jen Weltzin
- Lake Management Committee Updates:
 - Eurasian Water Milfoil – Jen Corlett
 - Purple loosestrife – Jen Corlett
 - Clean Boats, Clean Waters – Ed Bushman
 - Pike Improvement Project – Don Stover
- Finance Committee Update – Jen Weltzin
- Membership Engagement – Don Stover
- Fundraising Committee – Lake Fair Fundraising Event Next Year – Don Stover
- Upcoming Initiatives – Don Stover
- Questions, Comments



Website Update

TCFLA Website – Is It Making a Difference?

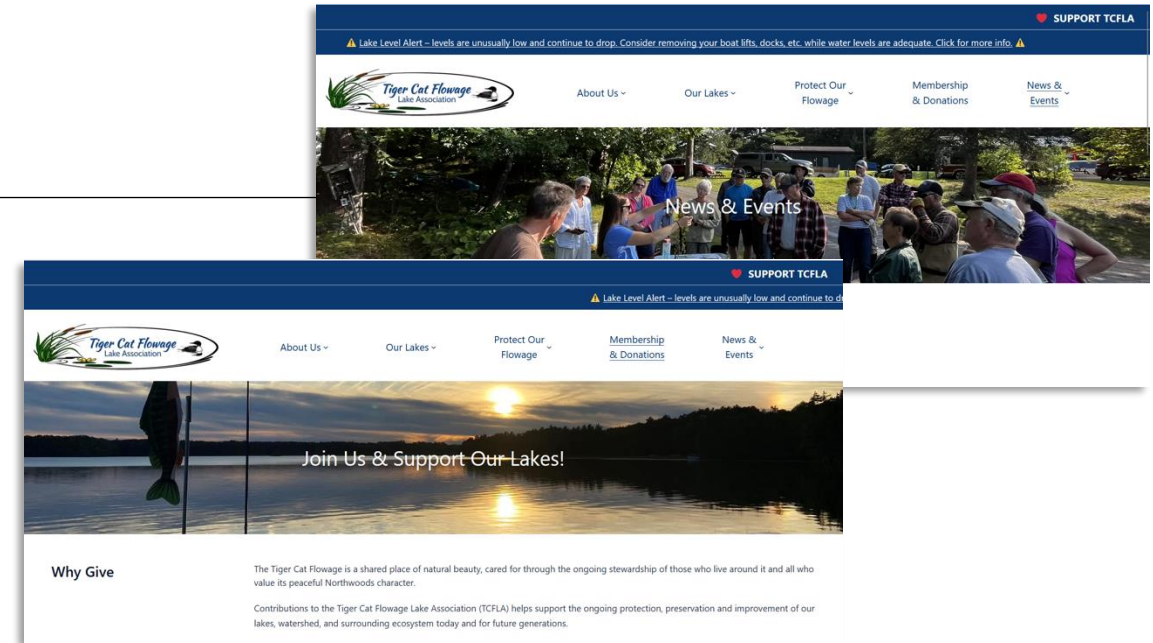
- **How Many are Using our Website and How?**
(Last 90 Days)
 - 1300 Viewing Sessions by Approximately 772 Users
- **What is Driving Users to our Website?**
 - When we Communicate! 
 - 45% Direct, 39% Facebook, 16% Search
 - Spikey Usage - Aligned with External TCFLA Communications!



TCFLA Website – Is It Making a Difference?

- What Pages Draw the Most Views?

- Home Page (~25%)
- Happening Page is Where it is happening! (~19%)
- Support Page is Getting Some Love, as well (~15%)
- About Us, Protecting our Lakes, Our Lakes (~13%)



- What is the Device of Choice?

- Mobile Phone Wins

Active users▼ by
Platform / device ca...

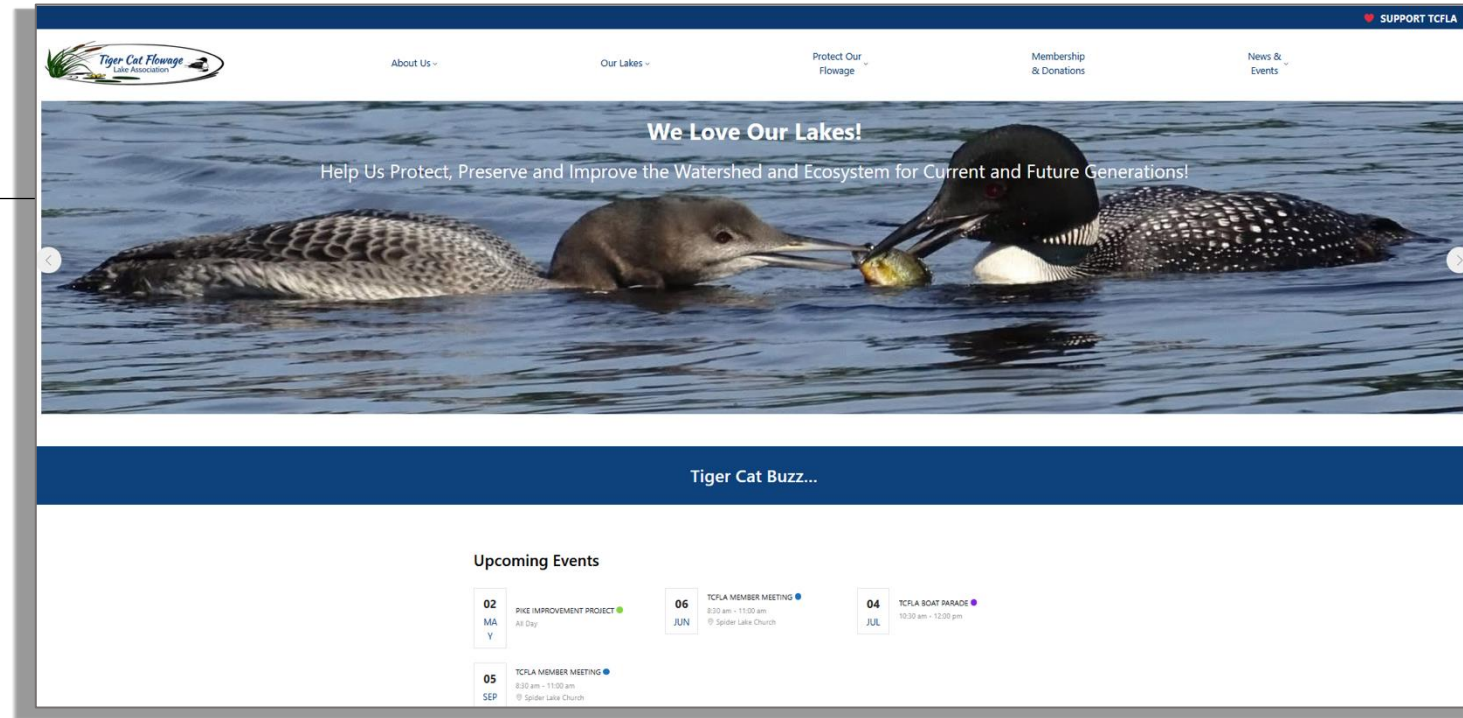


PLATFORM / DEVIC...	ACTIVE USERS
web / mobile	467
web / desktop	268
web / tablet	39



TCFLA Website – Phase 2

- Continue Content Development
 - Lake Management Program Section
 - Project Content & Updates
 - FAQs
 - Expand Ways of Giving Content
- Assess Functionality Enhancements
 - Reminder Notice – Membership Renewal
 - New Content Notice – Opt-In
 - Digital Binder – Short-term Rental
 - Sitewide Search Capability
- Technical Areas
 - Keep Focus on Mobile Phone Experience
 - Technical Updates, as needed



Website Address: tigercatflowagelakeassociation.org

Lake Management Update

We've had a BUSY Summer!



EWM Updates – What We Did This Summer!

- NWRPC Engaged for Scuba Diver Hand Pull on Upper Twin
 - Utilized WDNR Rapid Response Grant for 2 Hand Pull Events
 - TCFLA Volunteers in Kayaks, Canoes & Paddle Boards supported Divers



- EWM Awareness Signage Posted
 - To Deter the Spread of EWM Awareness Signage Posted At the Entrance and Exit waterway between Burns & Placid
- Monitored Hybrid EWM in Placid
 - Megan Sorensen & TCFLA Volunteers
 - Hybrid EWM Cohabiting With Native Plants



EWM Program – Volunteer Recognition



Kim & Craig Rudd

Bill & Cindy Conger

Megan Sorenson

Mark & July Berggren

Signe Backus

Kevin & Hillary Wanecke

Kay Wilson

Marty Hanson

Jen Corlett

Donna Bugel

Don Stover

Jen Weltzin

Jeff & Becky Mader

The 'Von Conger' Duet



Purple Loosestrife – What We Did This Summer!

- Purple Loosestrife

- Board Approved PL Spend for 2026
- Engaged Professional Certified Contractor, Moore Lake & Garden
- Formally Surveyed & Mapped Entire Flowage
- Obtained WDNR Permit for Treatment
- Property Owners Engaged for Approval to Treat PL Adjacent to their Property
- Treated mid-August when PL plant is actively growing/between flowers and roots
- TCFLA Purple Loosestrife Volunteer Team provided input on PL Mapping, Treatment Priorities and Future Strategy



Purple Loosestrife Stewardship Team

Scott & Kay Wilson

Jim Bichler

Nancy & Dan Mercer

Andrea Pederson

Signe Backus

Jeff Trembl

Don Stover

Jen Corlett

Bill & Cindy Conger

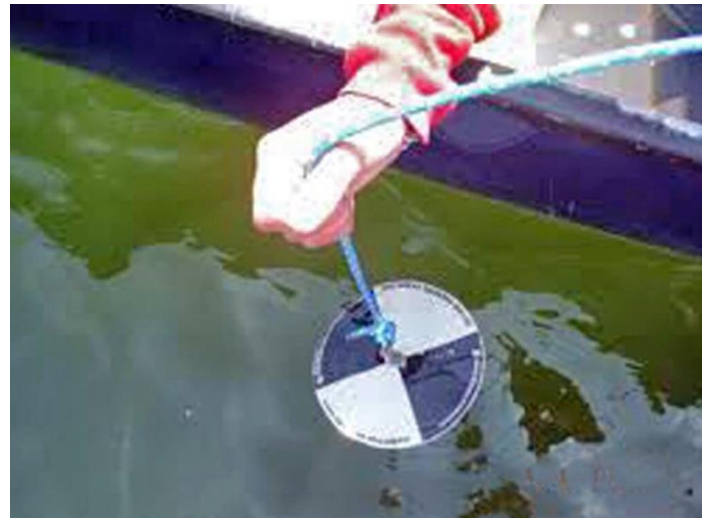
Mike Shong



Water Quality Testing

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TCFLA Water Quality Whisperers

McClaine & Upper Twin

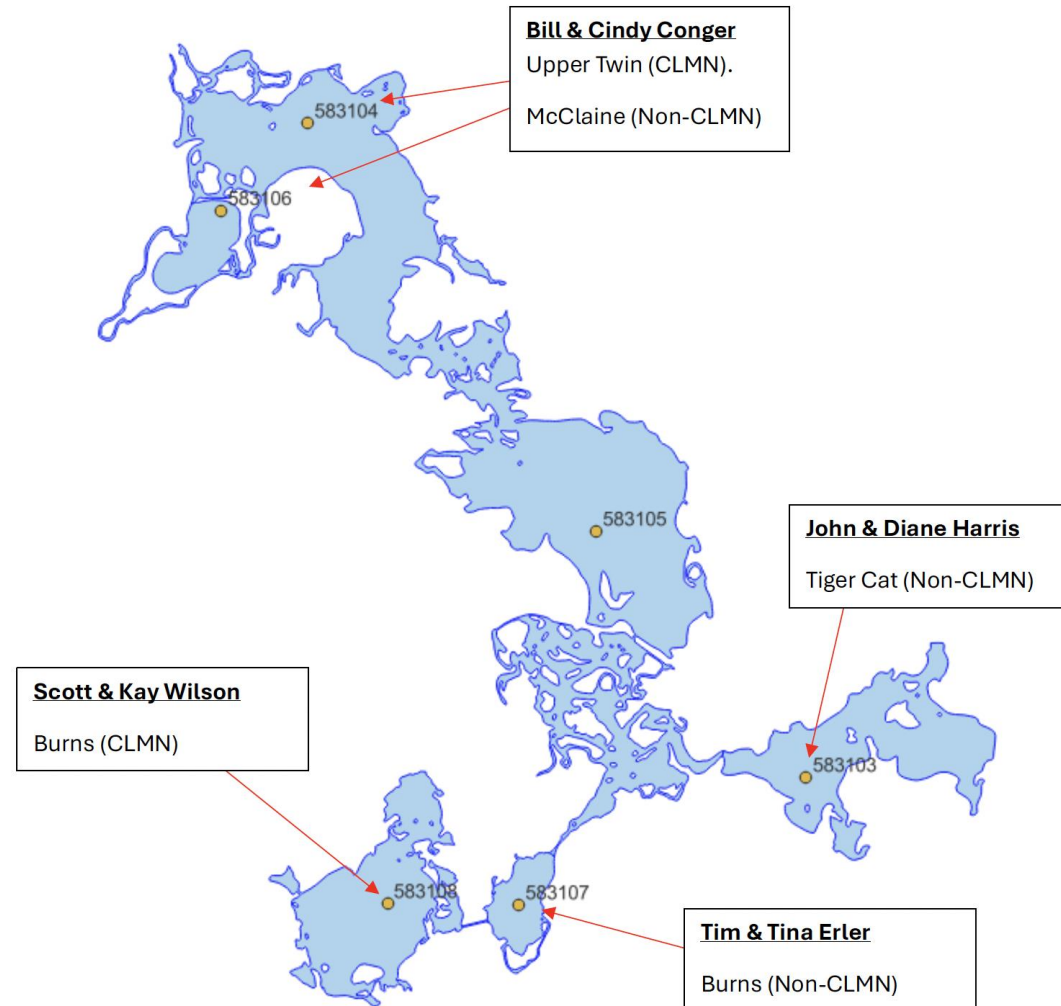
Cindy Conger

Bill Conger

Tigercat

John Harris

Diane Harris



Burns

Tim Erler

Tina Erler

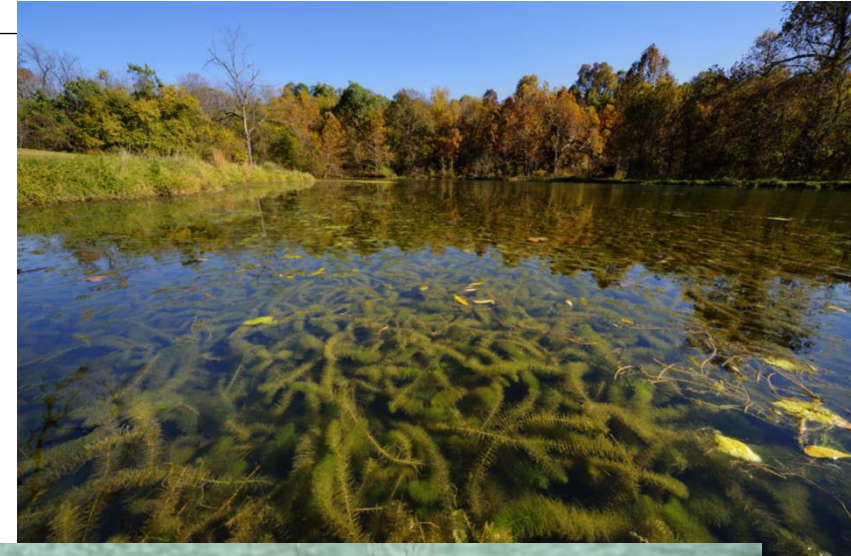
Placid

Scott Wilson

Kay Wilson

AIS Management - Future Plans to Preserve and Protect the TCFLA

- Build a Future Approach for AIS Planning (3-Year plan)
 - Assess what TCFLA wants to do along side our financial capacity
- Understand TCFLA Budget Capacity for AIS
 - Assess 2 to 3 Yr Costs for Eurasian Water Milfoil and Purple Loosestrife Management
 - Determine TCFLA Capacity to Support Treatment Goals
 - Align Treatment Strategy with TCFLA Capacity & Objectives
- Grow and Maintain Robust Member Engagement
 - Continue Strong Monitoring & Treatment Involvement by Members
 - Grow TCFLA Membership & Donations
- WDNR Grant Strategy



Eurasian Watermilfoil – Future Actions & Plans

- EWM Management – Upper Twin
 - Utilize Remaining \$2,246 WDNR Rapid Response Budget for Diver Hand Pull on Upper Twin
- Continue to Monitor Hybrid EWM Population in Placid
- Heighten Focus on “Monitor & Identification” Process
 - Pull a Sample
 - Take a Picture
 - Text or Email Board Member
- Potential Future Actions
 - Fall 2027 - Apply for WDNR Grant to Support to Bed Map Survey of Tiger Cat Flowage
 - Fall 2028 - Conduct Survey to understand EWM Population
 - Fall 2028 - Assess if Grants are Needed for Treatment Control

Purple Loosestrife – Future Actions & Plans

- **Purple Loosestrife Management**

- Member Interest in obtaining formal Certification for PL Treatment
- Engage Professional Certified Service Provider, where needed
- Bids in Progress from Service Providers to Understand 2027 Treatment Cost
- Beetle Rearing for Biological Treatment for Hard-to-Treat Areas
- Establish Sustainable Budget for Ongoing PL Treatment

- **Purple Loosestrife Volunteers Continued Support!**

- Monitor & Provide Feedback
- Hand Pull or Cut at any time (no herbicide treatment)



Why our Tiger Cat Flowage is Worth Protecting!

- 77 documented aquatic plant species — exceeding many larger Northwoods lakes and flowages
 - 12 high-value aquatic plant species that serve as indicators of exceptional water quality and habitat diversity.
 - More aquatic plant diversity than the Chippewa Flowage, which supports 74 species despite being approximately 12 times larger.
- Only 4.66% of the watershed is developed, helping preserve natural ecosystem functions.
- Over 90% of the watershed remains forested or wetland, providing critical protection for water quality and wildlife habitat.
- Ranked among the top 30% healthiest watersheds in Wisconsin, placing 440th out of 1,744 watersheds based on natural land cover.
- Designated a Priority Navigable Waterway for Muskellunge management, reflecting its importance to Wisconsin's premier fisheries.
- Burns Lake and McClaine Lake are also designated Priority Navigable Waterways for lakes under 50 acres.
- Rated "Excellent Condition" for fish and aquatic life, as well as recreational use, underscoring the ecological and recreational value of the watershed.

Clean Boat / Clean Water

**TIGER CAT
FLOWAGE**

Pike **Improvement** **Project**

2026



Financial Update

Cash Flow Forecast	2026	2027	2028	2029
Ending Balance in Johnson Bank 12/31/2025	41,851.44			
<u>OPERATING REVENUE</u>				
DUES	3,420.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
DONATIONS	7,205.88	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
PIKE IMPROVEMENT	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00
TOTAL REVENUE	12,075.88	11,950.00	11,950.00	11,950.00
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
MISC - Supplies, Website, PO Box, PIP Brochures expense, etc.	570.65	575.00	575.00	575.00
CASH PRIZES - PIKE IMPROVEMENT FISHING CONTEST AWARDS	1,310.00	1,310.00	1,310.00	1,310.00
EWM TREATMENT	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
D & O INSURANCE	450.00	475.00	500.00	525.00
PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE EXPENSES	3,471.75	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,802.40	7,360.00	7,385.00	7,410.00
<u>GRANT REVENUE</u>				
WI DNR GRANT-CLEAN WATERS/BOATS PROG.	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
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WI GRANT - AQUATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES-RAPID RESPONSE	8,151.30	2,246.00	-	-
WI GRANT - AQUATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES - SURFACE WATER BURNS	-	-	-	-
WI GRANT - AQUATIVE INVASIVE SPECIES - SURFACE WATER PLACID	102.55	-	-	-
WI GRANT - TCFLA LAKES SURVEY	-			3,350.00
TOTAL GRANT REVENUE	13,485.10	7,477.25	5,231.25	8,581.25
<u>GRANT EXPENSES</u>				
CLEAN BOATS PROGRAMS EXP'S				
CLEAN BOATS BOAT LANDING WORKERS PAY	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
GRANT EXPENSES- RAPID RESPONSE	8,127.84	2,246.00	-	-
GRANT EXPENSES- SURFACE WATER BURNS	7,238.63			
GRANT EXPENSES- SURFACE WATER PLACID	8,268.25			
WI GRANT - TCFLA LAKES SURVEY				5,000.00
TOTAL GRANT EXPENSES	30,834.72	9,446.00	7,200.00	12,200.00
Net Cash Flow	30,775.30	33,396.55	35,992.80	36,914.05
Full Year Change	(11,076.14)	2,621.25	2,596.25	921.25

Key Insights

- Donations Established a Strong Foundation
- Membership Growth Driving Revenue
- Members Giving More than Membership Dues! THANK YOU!
- Operating Expenses Stable
- AIS Grant Expenses – Complete EOY
- TCFLA Positioned to Support Ongoing Programs, Respond to AIS
- Keep Engaging, Education and Communicating to Members and Property Owners

*Assumptions - 110 Members

WDNR Grant Updates

- **Rapid Response Grant**

- Submit for Reimbursement of Expenses in Fall
- \$2,246 remains in Rapid Response Grant - WDNR Approved Grant Extension to 2027
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- **Surface Water Grants – Close Out**

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Membership Engagement

Fundraising Committee

Lake Fair Fundraising Event Next Year

Upcoming Initiatives

Questions, Comments