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## September 11, 2025 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

President Becky Ridge called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and welcomed all members. Board Members in attendance were Becky, Birdie, Tami, Perry and Vicky. Liz was absent. A total of 18 members were in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tami reported the following: Income: \$25.00 (dues)

Expenses: \$22.36 - picnic

\$33.06 - speaker fee/meals - Aug

Balance: \$12,531.24 (Aug 31)

Lake Report/Tom Rotramel: Tom reported the following: The Lake Level Monitoring Gauge reading at the end of August was at 1.10 feet down from our season high of 1.54 feet on July 5th. This reflects approximately a six inch drop in our lake level. So far in September we have only received 1.07 inches of rain and the gauge reading has dropped to 1.02 feet. We took water clarity readings and water temperature readings on: August 18 th 6 feet 10 inches and 75 degrees August 28 th 6 feet 2 inches and 74 degrees

While this is a considerable decrease in water clarity compared to past months of around 10 feet, it compares favorably to our readings of August and September 2024.

**Loon Report:** Larry Backlund reported the pair that nested on the Loon Cam site may have left as there have been no sightings of them. The female with the two chicks has been recently sighted. Chicks typically are on their way mid-September-mid-October. The banded loons have been tracked to Lake Michigan where they spend two-three weeks before they make their way to the Gulf.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The pontoon tour with Jamie Sherburne was canceled due to the possibility of rain. It may be rescheduled for May 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tami shared the draft budget for 2026 which is available on the website. After discussion and review, Perry made a motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented with a second by Becky. Passed unanimously.

The Fall Roadside Cleanup will be held on October 4, 2025. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

A progressive dinner is planned for January/February. This social event is sponsored by the LGCC. After discussion, it was determined the budget would be amended with an additional \$300 added to the meeting expense category. \$100 would be given to each household to help defray food costs. More information will follow when a date/time is determined.

<u>Lake George Improvement District (LGID):</u> Juanita reported the annual meeting was held with treats, music speaker and election before the business meeting. Robyn was reelected for the one open seat. The proposed budget passed and the property assessment will continue to be \$200.

Juanita is working to increase participation and welcomes feedback.

Two issues brought up were invasive cattails and increasing hours of inspection at the boat landing. The boat tour was canceled as previously mentioned and the bench in memory of Dick Werner was installed at Ridge Park. Thanks to Don Nast for overseeing the project.

<u>Guest Speaker:</u> Perry presented our Lake George website to members in attendance. He reviewed each navigation bar or main menu. The menu includes Home, News, Resources, Meeting Minutes, LGID Information, Events, and History. The website contains news articles relevant to Lake George with links, pictures of current and past events, neighborhood maps, meeting minutes, event calendar and information about LGID. A membership section will be added in the future to allow new and existing members to sign up or renew membership. This amazing resource has been developed by Charles Weed, Perry's son in law. Please take the time to view this website showcasing Lake George Conservation Club and the LGID.

The door prize winner of a gift card to the Refuge Golf Club was again won by Perry "Three Times Lucky" Prestholdt.

President Becky Ridge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm