

# Clam Lake PRD Annual Meeting

## June 25<sup>th</sup> 2022

### Agenda

1. **Call meeting to order**
2. **Review and approval of notes and minutes from 2021**
3. **Treasurer's report**
  - a. Vote for approval of budget
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Aquatic Plant Management Plan – Tim Hickey
  - b. Lake Operations – Jim Lang
  - c. Lake Levels – Rick Peterson
  - d. Communications – Anthony Snider
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Updates regarding weed harvesting equipment
  - b. Clam lake events
  - c. Facebook page – **“Clam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District” (must be typed in its entirety or you will get the old Facebook page).** This is a private page for clam lake property owners only
  - d. Boat launch updates
6. **New Business**
  - a. New Harvester purchase details – DNR grant and financing info
  - b. GoFundMe site – Help with increasing operational costs
  - c. Future of the PRD
7. **Elections**
  - a. We will be holding an election for a new officer to the board.
  - b. One position is open – Anthony Snider's term is up and he has decided not to run again. We are looking to replace Anthony with someone that is able to fulfil the role of communications director. This role is responsible for website and Facebook management, as well as organizing meeting notes and all other communications aspects for the PRD. If you are interested or know someone that may be a fit for this role, please bring your nominations to the meeting.
8. **Adjourn Meeting**

# Clam Lake PRD – Annual Meeting

**Rick Peterson**

**Tim Hickey**

**Anthony Snider**

**Jim Lang**

**Tom Stoffel**

**June 2022**



# 2021 Meeting Material

## 2021 Clam Lake PRD Communications



**Our Website:** [clamlakeprd.com](http://clamlakeprd.com)

Information distributed through the Website is the same as our Facebook page. However the website does contain historical information such as previous annual meeting minutes and Aquatic Plant Management plans. The following links are information we shared during 2021:

- [2021 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)
- [2021 Annual Meeting Presentation](#)

# Treasurer Report - April 30, 2021 to April 30, 2022



## **CLAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

### **Financial Statement April 30, 2021 through April 30, 2022**

<b><u>BALANCE FORWARD:</u></b>	Checkbook Balance	\$ 32,715.97	
	Edward Jones Account	<u>\$ 25,102.12</u>	\$57,818.09
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>	Meenon Township	\$ 26,593.31	
	Siren Township	\$ 28,141.13	
	Go Fund Me	\$ 2,176.95	
		\$ 56,911.39	
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>	Payroll	\$ 19,437.62	
	Insurance	\$ 3,995.17	
	Maintenance and Repair	\$ 17,695.30	
	Federal & State Taxes	\$ 5,633.92	
	Office	\$ 401.47	
	Miscellaneous	2,709.08	
	Bank charges	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	\$49,947.56
<b><u>ACTUAL CASH ON HAND</u></b>	Checking Account	\$ 49,862.71	
	Edward Jones Account	<u>\$ 15,105.51</u>	\$64,968.22

# Committee Reports

- Aquatic Plant Management Plan – Tim Hickey
- Lake Operations – Jim Lang
- Lake Levels – Rick Peterson
- Communications – Anthony Snider



A serene landscape photograph of a calm body of water, likely a lake or wide river, under a heavy mist or fog. In the background, a line of trees is visible, their forms softened by the atmospheric conditions. The water's surface is still, reflecting the light from the sky. The overall color palette is muted, consisting of various shades of blue, grey, and white, creating a tranquil and somewhat somber mood.

# **Aquatic Plant Management**

2022-2026





# Aquatic Plant Management

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# Aquatic Plant Management

Map 2 – Nuisance and Navigation Channels and Access to Open Water Lanes  
(Lower Clam Lake)



Figure 2: White dotted line = navigation channel parallel to shore 75-ft wide; Yellow dotted lines = Open water access lanes; Light green line = 500-ft from shore; Orange crosses = wild rice





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**Map 3 – Nuisance and Navigation Channels and Access to Open Water Lanes  
(Upper Clam Lake)**



**Figure 3: North end of Upper Clam Lake**



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Figure 4: South end of Upper Clam Lake

White dotted line = Navigation channels parallel to shore 75-ft wide; Yellow dotted lines = Open Water Access Lanes; Orange crosses = wild rice; Red line = Clam River Access Lane 20-ft wide; Green dots = areas of the lake with native vegetation considered moderate to dense based on 2019 summer plant survey results.





# Aquatic Plant Management

## 2022-2026 Clam Lakes Harvesting Map

Map 1 - CLP Bed Harvesting and Nuisance Relief Navigation and Access Lanes

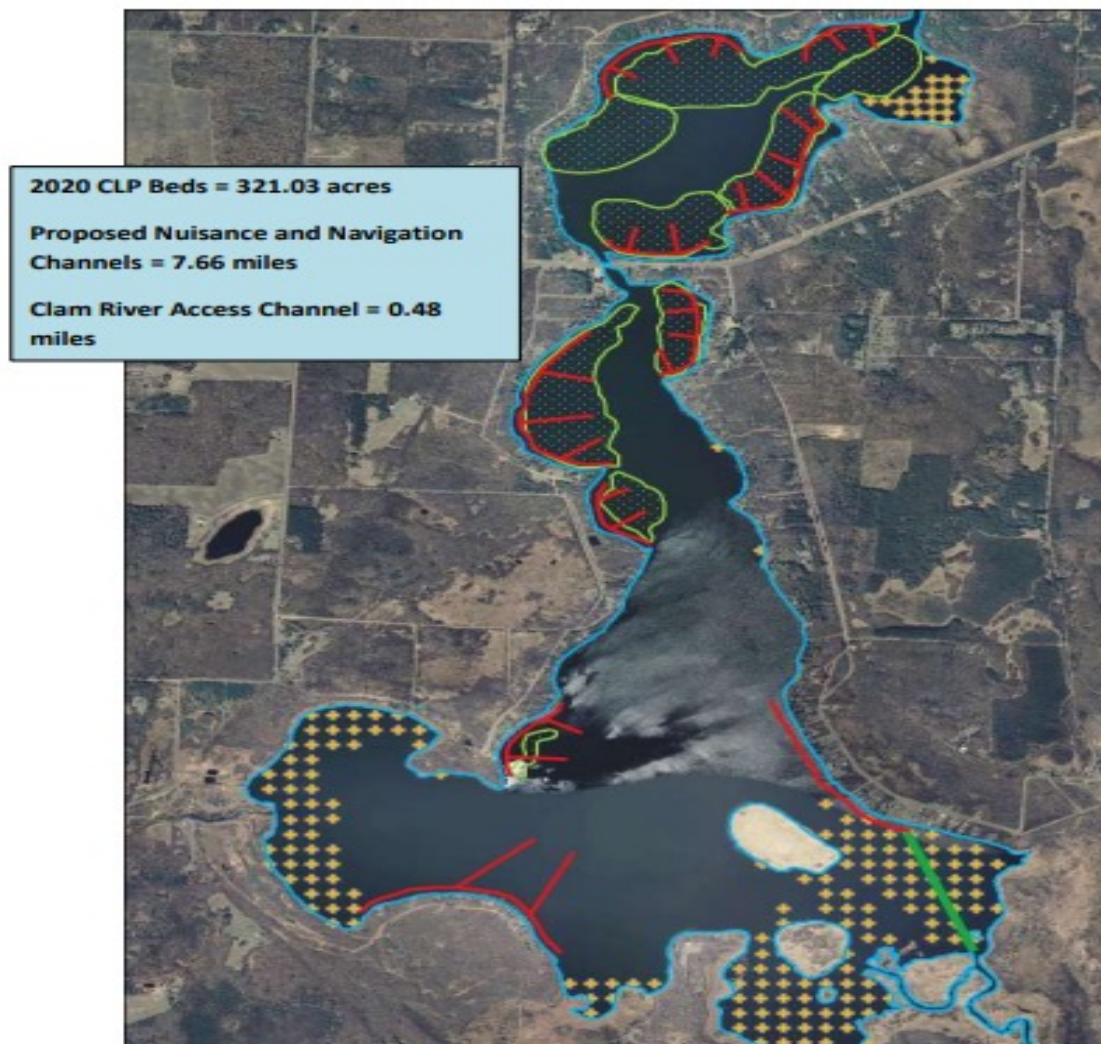
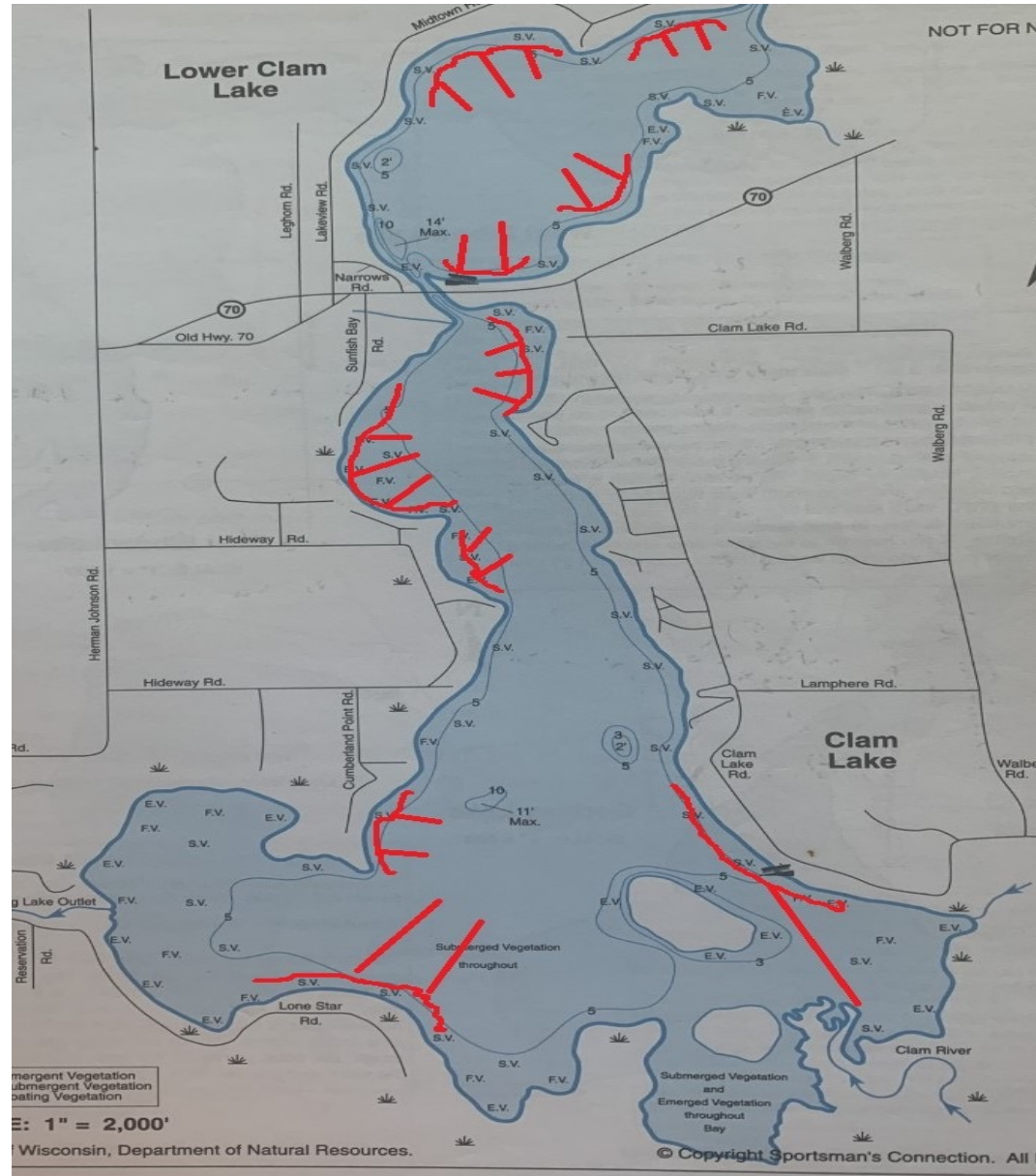


Figure 1: Light green polygons = 2021 CLP Beds; Red lines = Nuisance and Navigation Access Lanes; Green line = Clam River Access Channel; Orange crosses = 2019 Wild Rice







# Aquatic Plant Management

## Harvesting Rules

1. Limited to permitted areas unless approved in advanced
2. Cannot cut in less than 3 feet of water
3. Do not disturb to bottom of the lake
4. Curly Leaf Pond Weed
  - Cut before it goes to seed
  - Cut as much as possible to prevent it from taking over
5. Native weeds
  - Lanes for navigation only
  - 100 feet from shoreline to 150 feet from shoreline
  - Spokes from lanes to middle of lake
  - Three feet maximum or half the column of water
  - Do not cut wild rice or lily pads, unless absolutely necessary.



# Lake Operations Update

- 2022 Harvesting Status
- DNR Permit Update
- Loads Removed

## **2022 Weed Harvesting Crew**

**Jim Lang**

**John Hager**

**Tim Hickey**

**Joe Wilkerson**

**Gary Hermann**

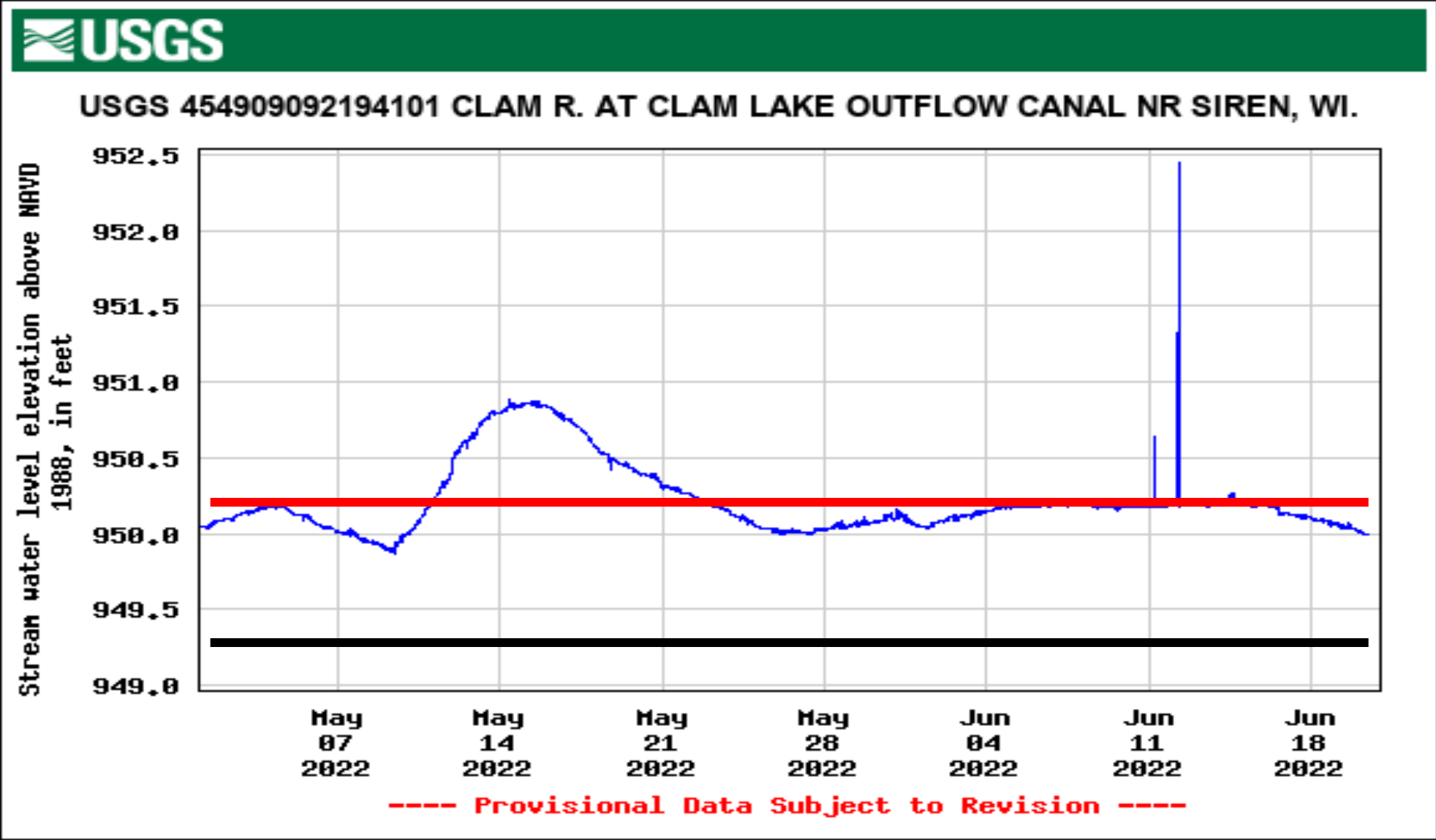


# Lake Level Update

- Monitoring System: Water level gauges and cameras are located at: A) Soderberg Road B) Malone Road C) Clam Dam Park
- Water level range is: 949.40 – 950.20. This level was determined from a court order in 1956...Each 1/10 of a foot elevation level on the gauge equates to ~1.2 inches of water in the lake.
- Burnett County owns and operates the dam. If you would like further information on dam operations please contact Dave Ferris at 715-349-2109 ext. 2615
- Public website link: [USGS Current Conditions for USGS 454909092194101 CLAM R. AT CLAM LAKE OUTFLOW CANAL NR SIREN, WI.](#)



# Lake Level Update – Monitoring

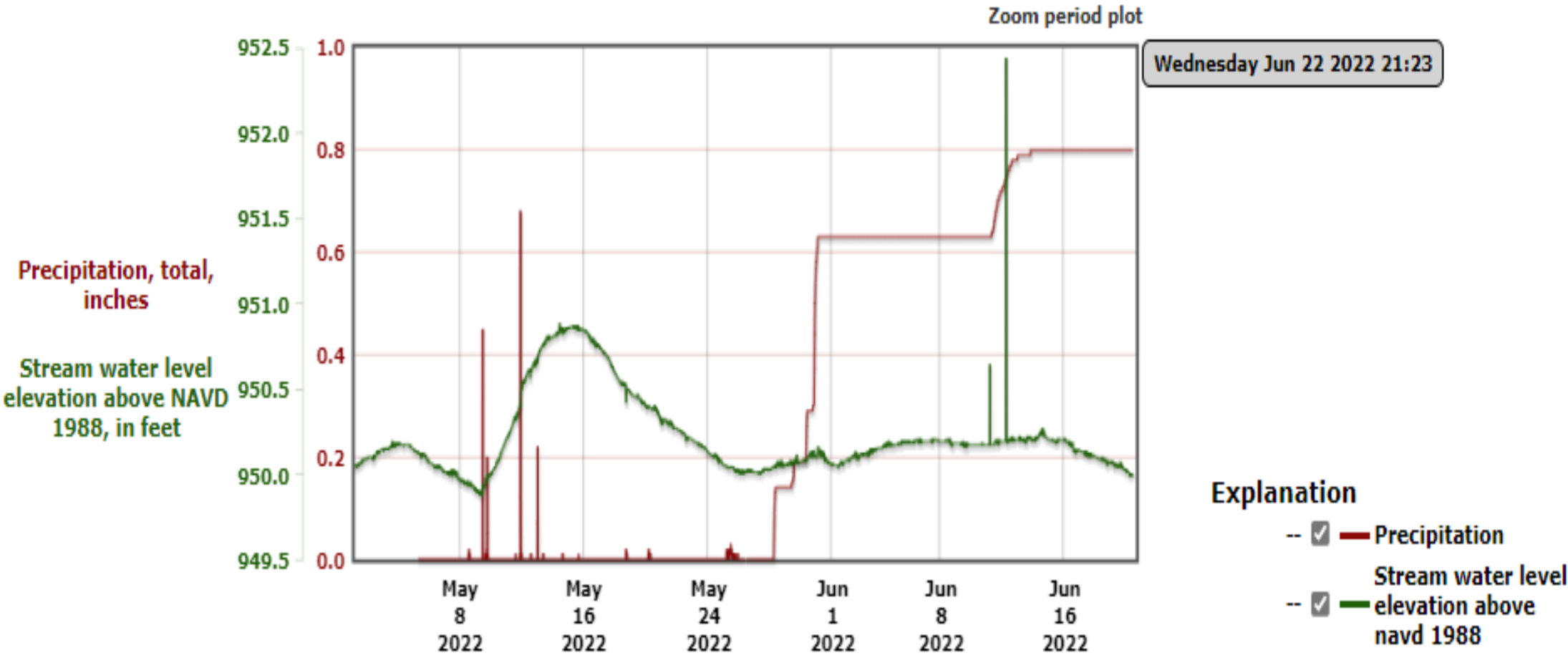






# Lake Level Update – Monitoring

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# Communications Update



- **Clam Lake PRD Website**
  - Homestead Technologies used to build and maintain website
  - Knowledge of word processing and embedded links is sufficient for most updates
  - ~2 hours per month during spring and summer
- **Social Media (Facebook, GoFundMe)**
  - Manage roles and settings
  - Edit the pages and its apps
  - Send messages on behalf of the page
  - Respond to and delete comments and posts
  - Approve and remove users
  - ~1 hour per month
- **General Updates (events, lake updates, meeting minutes)**
  - clamlakeprd.com, Facebook and email used for updates
  - Majority of time spent preparing annual meeting minutes
- **Maintain Clam Lake contact list**
  - Currently Xcel used to maintain contact list
  - Majority of time spent updating after annual meeting

# Old Business





# Old Business Updates



- Weed harvesting equipment update – Cutter maintenance, new elevator issues
- Clam Lake events – Independence Day Pontoon Parade – Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 PM
- Boat launch updates – Power loading ban, Highway 70 improvements
- Facebook page – **“Clam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District” (must be typed in its entirety or you will get the old Facebook page).** This is a private page for clam lake property owners only
- Clam Lake activities committee – This committee would be responsible for organization and coordination of lake type activities sponsored by the PRD.

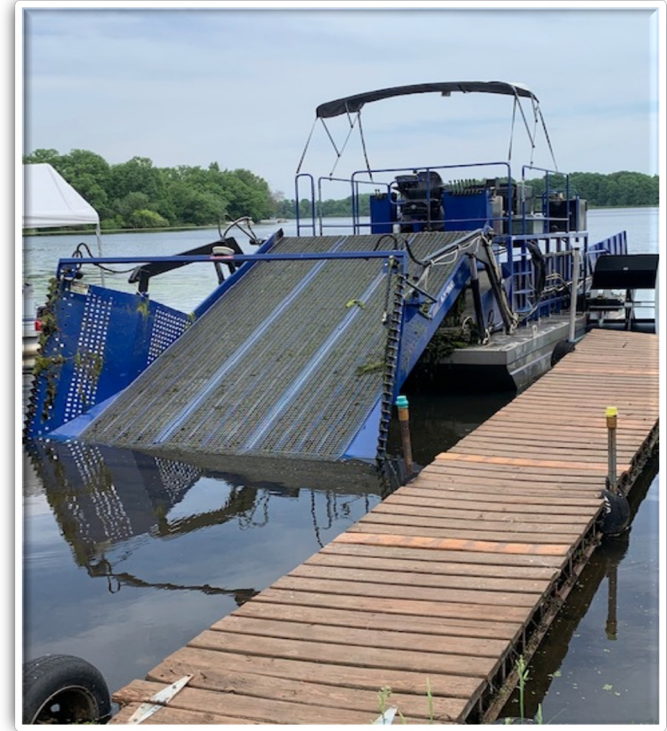
# New Business





# New Business Updates

- New Harvester Purchase
  - Total purchase price: ~\$190,000
  - Received DNR grant for \$94,614
  - 3 payment installments:
    1. \$63,075 (\$47,000 DNR, \$15,000 PRD) completed
    2. \$63,075 (\$50,000 loan, \$13,000 PRD)
    3. \$63,075 (\$47,000 DNR, \$15,000 PRD)
- GoFundMe Site (Clam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District)
  - Suggested in last years meeting
  - Help offset the growing costs of the cutting operations
  - Target of \$20,000 current donations total = \$2250.00
- Future of the PRD



# Board Seat Election



- One position open
  - Anthony Snider's term has expired and he is not seeking re-election.

A vibrant rainbow arches across a clear, deep blue sky at dusk. The rainbow's colors are bright and distinct, with red at the base and violet at the top. Below the rainbow, a calm lake reflects the sky and the colors of the rainbow. In the foreground, a wooden dock extends into the water, with several boats moored alongside it. The boats are silhouetted against the bright sky. The shoreline in the immediate foreground is dark, with some greenery visible. The overall scene is peaceful and serene, capturing a beautiful natural phenomenon.

**Thank You...**

# Appendix



# Lake Level Update – Monitoring System

- Burnett County has purchased an Automated Gauging Station which has been placed at the Highway 70 bridge as well as staff gauges and cameras at the following locations.
- Monitoring water level gauges and cameras are located at: A) Soderberg Road B) Malone Road C) Clam Dam Park
- Water level range is: 949.40 – 950.20. This level was determined from a court order in 1956...Each 1/10 of a foot elevation level on the gauge equates to ~1.2 inches of water in the lake.
- The USGS owns, operates, and maintains all equipment and the website, with the county providing assistance with gauge cleaning and other minor concerns. Burnett County and USGS will share the annual maintenance costs.
- Public website link: [USGS Current Conditions for USGS 454909092194101 CLAM R. AT CLAM LAKE OUTFLOW CANAL NR SIREN, WI.](#)
  - The USGS website has the ability to “alert” county personnel or homeowners when the lake reaches a given level of concern





# Lake Level Update – County Message

## **How is Clam Dam Operated...What is required?**

- We are required by the WDNR to maintain the summer elevation (as read on the Highway 70 bridge) between a minimum of 949.40 and a maximum of 950.20. Nobody wants it on the lower end so we try to keep it at 950.10. In late fall we pull all the gates and don't put them in until after spring runoff subsides.

## **How do we know to put in or pull out the gates?**

- We monitor 3 tributaries to Clam Lake: the south fork, the north fork, and a large wetland on County Road B. Monitoring the tribs allows us to know when to pull or drop gates to allow for “excess” water to move through the system while keeping the water level the same as much as possible. If we get significant rain and the tribs and lake levels rise, we are required to have all of the gates out when the lake level hits 950.70. Conversely, if the tribs are dropping we will close gates to keep the level from dropping below 950.10 as much as possible. Holding the water level at 950.10 can be difficult as we use large gates at the dam which changes the water level at the dam significantly but only changes the lake level a little bit. Sometimes, even if we have a large number of gates out, we cannot put them back in until the lake drops below the maximum and we can keep it from going over max. The volume of water that comes in to the lake is what dictates how many gates are out, as we are required to keep the lake at the specified elevation.