

Statement for Re-election - Craig Kempel

It has been an honor working with the Lake Management District board members for the past 6 years. In that time I have worked on different committees and taken on different tasks. I have participated on the Lake Harvester Committee. Growing up, I worked on my farms, driving tractors, mowing hay, which is the same type cutter as on the Weed Harvester, having that experience and knowledge. I have assisted the cutting crew in putting in and taking out the Harvester and conveyor. Also, as a Mechanical Engineering for 40 years plus designing machines, gives me understanding of the operation of the Weed Harvester. I have also been assisting the Lake Manager on Lake Monitoring for water sampling and water clarity during spring, summer and fall months. Occasionally, Wisconsin DNR representatives have attended the water testing. I have also assisted with the biology classes on the lake, helping transport and educate students on our lake. Being an owner of frontage lake property, I see many things happening on the lake throughout the year. From weather changes to boat traffic, from fisherman to skiers, activities have an effect on the lake. Since my retirement, I have witnessed the lake freeze up and in February/March thaw multiple times. Another task I do for the district since on the board, is monitoring the lake level from lake thaw to lake freeze. I generate an Excel sheet for yearly documentation.

I enjoy working with the Lake Management Board and residents to help with the goal of keeping Lake Ripley a healthy, safe lake for all. I am always willing to research and address issues that affect the health of our lake.

Craig Kempel

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Keith Kolb (Incumbent)
Re-Election Statement

I have enjoyed my first 3 years on the Lake Ripley Management District Board. We are fortunate to have dedicated staff and board members whom I have learned a lot from during my first term.

During my first term we have taken several positive actions to preserve, protect and improve Lake Ripley and the surrounding preserve, including

- Acquiring land to increase the size of the Preserve to further protect the lake.
- Increased testing for pollutants and sources of pollution of the lake.
- Initial planning to slow the entry of runoff water into the lake.
- Promotion of Clean Boats entering the lake to prevent bad plants or mussels.
- Studying creation of a Trust Fund for tax-free donations to improve the Lake.
- Creating and improving policies for better managing District operations.

Our combined actions have resulted in a Lake that is much cleaner and freer of bad algae than any of the Madison area lakes. That is something I am really proud of.

I believe my legal background and passion for balancing the sometimes conflicting interests of a healthy and useable lake have allowed me to have a positive impact.

We have more to do and here are some of the reasons I am running for a second term.

Insure our long-term planning documents require that we balance the needs of all our stakeholders, without jeopardizing a healthy lake or recreational use.

Negotiate with our DNR a revised weed harvesting permit which will meet the current needs of our boating/fishing public and a healthy lake.

Create an action plan to prevent carp from invading the lake each spring through the single point of entry at the outlet.

I would appreciate your support and vote for. Take care.