

AGENDA

Apple River Protection and Rehabilitation District (ARPRD)

Annual Meeting

Saturday August 23, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Amery City Hall Council Room

1. Call to order/ set the agenda.
2. Confirmation the meeting agenda notification has appeared in the Amery Free Press, is on the ARPRD website and was sent to all ARPRD residents along with the summer newsletter.
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2024 ARPRD Annual Meeting.
4. Approval of the Treasurers Report from January 1, 2025 to August 23, 2025.
5. Approval of the Audit Committee Report for January 1, 2025 to August 16, 2025.
6. Reports:
 - a. Weed Harvesting Team: Dave Schleusner
 - b. Clean Boats Clean Waters Inspections: Isaac Wieczorek
 - c. Water Quality Testing of the Flowage to date: Tom Scheffel
 - d. Aquatic Invasive Species: Derrick Carlson
7. Critical needs information reports for upcoming ARPRD consideration:
 - a. The Aquarius 7' foot cutting head harvester is thirteen years old and will need replacement in the not-too-distant future.
 - b. We would like to acquire land for storage of equipment and the possible development of a weed composting business which could help pay ARPRD expenses.
 - c. In 2013 we developed a Lake Management Plan in cooperation with the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department. The plan's focus is to improve the water quality of the flowage. There are eight goals, and we have addressed to some degree most of them. Water quality in the flowage is impacted by our huge watershed which consists of approximately 111,000 acres. The board has recently been presented with a possible plan to address the nutrient load entering from Beaver Brook and Fox Creek, two major tributaries which flow into the Apple River. Jeremy Williamson, an ecologist with CBEC Eco Engineering, has met with the Board, the DNR and the Polk County Land and Water Department to consider possible actions.
8. Action Items:
 - a. The election of a Chair for 2026 through 2028. Roland Peterson has been nominated by the Board. Additional nominations may be made in accordance with ARPRD bylaws.
 - b. Approval to apply for a Mechanical Weed Harvesting Permit for 2026.
 - c. Approval to apply for a Clean Boats Clean Waters grant for 2026.
 - d. Approval of the proposed budget for 2026, and continuation of the \$10,000 tax increase approved in 2022 with the funds first available in 2025.
9. Concerns.
10. Positive Points.
11. Recognition of all who engaged in ARPRD activities and work.
12. Meeting Adjournment.