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PUBLIC HEARING

In person and Virtually by ZOOM

COMMITTEE: **Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee (CUW)**
LOCATION: **SUGAR CAMP TOWN HALL – (4059 Camp Four Road, Rhinelander WI) & Virtually by ZOOM**
DATE: **WEDNESDAY, August 5, 2026** **TIME:** **6:00 p.m.**

LINK: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84461087869?pwd=avIHc7mIQzRTLbDnMg7MvXWgbbcHaY.1

PHONE: **1-312-626-6799** **Meeting ID:** **844 6108 7869** **Passcode:** **526538**

Public Hearing participants may TESTIFY in FAVOR or OPPOSITION of the petition at the Public Hearing in the following ways:

- **BY ZOOM** - Zoom is being offered as a convenience to participate in the Public Hearing. If ZOOM functionality drops, the meeting will continue in person at the location listed.
- **IN PERSON**

All public comment at the meeting will be limited to 3 minutes per person.

PURPOSE:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of current agenda
3. Overview of the county role in the review of the petition
4. Review of the registration slips and ground rules for the hearing

Public Hearing on the Proposed Kathan Lake District

The boundary described herein for the Kathan Lake District lies wholly within Section 11, Section 12, Section 13, and section 14 of Town 39 North, Range 09 East in the Town of Sugar Camp, being in Oneida County, Wisconsin.

Generally Described As:

The boundary for the Kathan Lake District is generally described as the riparian parcels surrounding Kathan Lake in the Town of Sugar Camp, Oneida County, Wisconsin, being further described as part of Government Lot (GL) 02 of Section 11 of Town 39 North Range 09 East (T39N R09E); part of GL 01, part of GL 02, and part of GL 03 of Section 12 T39N R09E; all of GL 02, all of GL 03, all of GL 04, part of GL 05, and all of the NW¼ SW¼ of Section 13 T39N R09E; and part of GL 01, part of GL 02, and all of the NE¼ SE¼ of Section 14 of T39N R09E.

5. Committee Discussion regarding the proposed Lake District and the report for the County Board

6. Public Comment

7. Adjourn Public Hearing

*** Anyone having interest may attend and be heard. Interested parties who are unable to attend, may send written comments to:* ***Kathan Lake District Petition Comments, Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department, Courthouse, P O Box 400, Rhinelander WI 54501 or e-mail to: lwcd@oneidacountywi.gov with Kathan Lake District in the subject line, until Noon on August 3, 2026.*** *Written comments received after that time will not be submitted to the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee for their consideration. ***

Notice of Posting **Time: 12:00 p.m. Date: 07/22/2026** **Place: Courthouse Bulletin Board**
Robb Jensen, Chair, CUW Committee

Notice posted by chief presiding officer or his/her designee. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the person who posted this notice at 715-369-7835.

News Media Notified via Mail/Fax/E-mail: Time: 12:00 p.m. Date: 07/22/2026

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Tomahawk Leader	Vilas Co. News Review (TL)	
WJFW-TV Channel 12	NRG Media	WCYE Radio - 93.5
WRJO Radio - 94.5	WPEG - 98	WXPR Radio - 91.7

Notice is hereby further given that, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Tracy Hartman at (715) 369-6125 with specific information on your request, allowing adequate time to respond to your request.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.

2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.

2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.

2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good cause, that such notice is impossible or impractical.

3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.

2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a Judicial or quasi-judicial trial before this governmental body Sec. 19.85(1)(a)

2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b).

3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c).

4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d).

5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e).

6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f), except where paragraph 2 applies.

7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g).

8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h).

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT
CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.

2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.

3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.

4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.

5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(f) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.

2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.

3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than $25.00 nor more than $300.00 for each violation.

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