Rogers Lake Authority

Regular Meeting

July 8,2026 7:30pm
Hybrid Meeting

Disclaimer: Please note these minutes are considered draft until accepted at the next meeting.

1. Call to Order - Mark Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:29pm.

   Attendance - Mark Hastings, Toni Phillips, Joel Hawkins, Jenell Smith Janes, and Dick Smith.

2. Approval of Minutes

   a. Meeting June 10, 2026 – Jenell Smith Janes made a MOTION to approve the June 10th meeting minutes as written. SECOND by Toni Smith.
   Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL. OPPOSED: NONE. ABSTAINING: NONE. **APPROVED.**

3. Old Business
   a. Review expenditures for June 26 – Clerical fees, seasonal employment, and H20 testing (start-up costs for supplies). $179 was for gas, gas can, and cell phone. Some expenses will be hitting because they were incurred in June but bills haven't been paid yet – new prop $215; installation/part for new key set in locker; and outstanding gas expenses.

      We have a carryover that hasn't been used yet from last year and additional from this year that Mark will ask to carry over as there will be expenses for testing, etc.

   b. Patrol Boat Update – Bill started just before the 4th and worked the holiday.

   c. Rapid Response Plan for Invasive Species – Mark sent in some changes and we should now be close on final draft.

   d. Status of Boat Launch Monitor – Samantha is hired and we are trying to have her start Saturday. Would like to have more people in the future to do this work as we need people early morning since the tournaments start early.

      Mark is working on getting a sign at boat launch alerting of hydrilla. Joel is sending Mark a screenshot of a potential sign and Mark will ask Yoland what the concern is with the sign.

   e. Water Quality and eDNA Testing – Joel is handling and we are testing total phosphorous, nitrogen, eDNA. Only measuring what is necessary and measuring what is most important. Joel detailed stipulations for testing.

5. New Business

a. Lake Events:

i. Fishing tournaments:

1. **Date**	**Start**	**Finish**	**Group**
07-11-2026	06:00	13:00	Quinebaug Valley Bass Anglers
07-11-2026	16:00	00:00	Renegade Bass
07-12-2026	07:00	15:00	Seawolf Bassmasters
07-21-2026	07:00	13:00	Size Matters Invitational
08-16-2026	06:00	14:00	2026 Butterball Baits Team Trai

b. Discussion on open water swimmers using swim buoys – Are we able to require this? Mark checked and DEEP does not have recommendations about this. We can put in the newsletter and on our website that it is strongly recommended, but we cannot enforce.

c. Discussion of position of sand bar buoy – Put it in using a depth finder. Some think it should be a bit closer to the island. Don't put two because then boaters go right between them.

d. Status of application for water diversion permit – we have permission to apply for this which if granted would give us formal permission to open and close the sluice gate. There is a $3000 fee to apply and we have carry-over from the sluice gate in prior years to cover the cost.

e. Other New Business

6. Public Comment – N/A

7. Adjourn – Jenell Smith Janes made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. SECOND by Toni Phillips. Discussion: None. VOTED: ALL; OPPOSED: None; **APPROVED.**

Next Scheduled Meeting Wednesday, August 12, 2026