**Agenda**
**Water Quality and Quantity Advisory Board**
**Town of White Lake**
**7 PM**
**July 24, 2025**

- **Opening and Call to Order 7 PM**
- **Invocation**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Items:**

1. Nomination of Officers
    a. Chairman
    b. Vice-Chairman
    c. Secretary
2. Discuss and Approve Bylaws
3. Brainstorm goals and ideas for this newly formed Advisory Board.
4. Other business
5. Open Forum

Adjourn - Next meeting August 27, 2025

# Water Quality and Quantity
# ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

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## Article I

Name & Purpose:

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the White Lake Water Quality and Quantity Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will offer insights, recommendations, and support to help the organization achieve its goals. This Board will hold regular public meetings to inform interested parties of the work. This Board was established by the Town Board of Commissioners in July 2025.

**Section 2.** The purpose and scope of the activities of this Board shall be the following:

- To advocate for finding ways to restore the lake to a clearer body of water.
- To form a visible, vocal, and effective coalition to work to move property owners to do their part in protecting and preserving our natural resource, White Lake.
- To identify and obtain suggested conservation easements where possible.
- To develop and implement a plan to identify the stakeholders involved in the lake management discussion. These include the state agencies, town residents, Bladen County officials and residents, neighboring area land owners, and visitors. Relationships need to be mended, and representatives from affected parties should be encouraged to be a part of the solution.
- To advocate for further study of groundwater flow under and around the lake by utilizing the study proposal found in the Lake Management Strategic Plan produced by the Lumber River Council of Governments.
- To advocate for attention to be given to the use of areas surrounding the Town and any effects such use, including agricultural uses, may have upon the Lake waters.
- To develop with the NC State Parks and Rec an alternate location for the lake outlet that is not on private property.
- To study and make recommendations on lake levels and means of regulating it.
- To advocate for legislative change in laws to allow the removal of sludge on the 53 side of the lake.

Section 3. The duties of the Board are to represent the interests of area citizens, provide information to the public about ways to protect and conserve the natural resources, solicit input and ideas from other stakeholders, along with state agencies.

## Article II

Membership

**Section 1.** The Board shall be made up of a cross-section of White Lake property owners or others with a strong desire to help in the planning, with a strong commitment to the community. Effective July 8, 2025, membership of the White Lake Outdoor

Recreation Advisory Board shall consist of nine (9) members, appointed by the Town Board of Commissioners

**Section 2.** All members of this Board shall serve a two-year term, beginning July 8 and terminating June 30 of the second calendar year, or at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

**Section 3.** Any member who misses four (4) meetings in a calendar year shall become ineligible to continue serving on the Board, at which time the Chairman of the Board shall notify the Town Board about the members' ineligibility. The Town Board will appoint a replacement member or may reappoint the member who has become ineligible due to extenuating circumstances. Any member may nullify one absence per calendar year by his or her attendance at one (1) subcommittee meeting or other appointed service on behalf of the Board.

## Article III

Meetings

**Section 1.** The regular meeting of the membership of the Board shall be held on a monthly basis, with day and time determined by the Advisory Board members at the White Lake Town Hall or other designated and advertised location deemed by the consensus of the Committee.

**Section 2.** Meetings will offer both a face-to-face option and a Zoom option.

**Section 3.** A majority of the appointed members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular meeting of the Board. In the absence of a quorum at any regularly scheduled meeting, the members present shall function as a full subcommittee, electing an interim chair, if necessary. If the number of members present is 1/3 or greater of the full Board, the agenda for the meeting will be followed, and any recommendations of this full subcommittee shall be presented to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. If the number present is less than 1/3, the members may, if they wish, vote to follow the agenda or postpone the agenda to the next regular meeting.

**Section 4.** Only the appointed members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board. However, the public is welcome and their input is invited.

## Article IV

Officers

**Section 1.** The members of the Board shall elect from their membership the following offices at the July meeting (August Meeting in 2025):

A: Chairman

B: Vice-Chairman

**Section 2.** The terms of office for all officers shall be one year, beginning at the first regular Board meeting of the year and terminating at the last regular Board meeting of the year, or until their successors are elected at the next regular meeting of the Board.

**Section 3.** Any officer may be re-elected for the same office.
**Section 4**. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board at any regular meeting.
**Section 5.** Duties
Chairman

The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board and conduct all meetings of the Board. He or she shall forward action taken by the Board to the Board of Commissioners for whatever action the Board deems appropriate. The Chairman shall appoint subcommittees as appropriate and deemed necessary by the Board, and notify the Board of such appointments.

Vice-Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman or in the event of his or her inability to act, the Vice-Chairman shall exercise all powers and duties of the Chairman.

Interim Chairman

In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman at any regularly scheduled meeting, the Board members present shall elect another member to function during such meeting as the Interim Chairman.

## Article V

Amendments

**Section 1.** These bylaws may be amended by the two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting at any regular meeting of the Board after notice of such proposals for an amendment has been given to all members as provided in these bylaws. All such amendments shall be subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.
**Section 2**. Notice of any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to all members of the Board not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting at which such amendments are to be considered.

## Article VI

Rules of Procedure

**Section 1.** All meetings of the Board shall be conducted informally unless otherwise specified in these bylaws.
**Section 2.** Agenda items are to be determined by priorities as set by the full Board. All requests from the Board of Commissioners will be honored.

## Article VII

Rights & Privileges

**Section 1.** No individual member shall possess any right, interest, or privilege that may be transferable by that member or which shall continue in any manner if the membership of such individual member ceases.