

**ROUND LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BYLAWS**  
**Approved by the District membership on June 25, 2005**

**Article I**

The name of this organization shall be and is the "Round Lake Improvement District." This organization differs from the previously existing Round Lake Improvement Association in that it unites all Round Lake property owners around our obligation to care for our lake.

**Article II**

The purpose of the Round Lake Improvement District is to provide a tax-based funding mechanism to maintain our lake's water quality and, thereby, to preserve the lake's fishing, shoreline, natural surroundings and recreational possibilities. An important focus will be on managing aquatic vegetation.

**Article III**

Membership in the Round Lake Improvement District automatically comprises the owners of all properties fronting on Round Lake, including all who own property within any of the property associations on Round Lake. Membership entitles the owner(s) of each property to participate in any and all duly constituted meetings of the Improvement District and to cast one vote per property at any and all such meetings.

**Article IV**

The District's fiscal and organizational year will begin each July 1<sup>st</sup> and end each June 30<sup>th</sup>. To encourage the largest possible attendance, particularly by those who live elsewhere in the winter, the Round Lake Improvement District will hold an annual meeting each June, the date to be set each year by the Board of Directors. This meeting will normally be scheduled immediately to follow the annual meeting of the Round Lake Improvement Association.

**Article V**

Each fall the Board of Directors shall set the Improvement District's tax assessment for the following year and by October 15<sup>th</sup> send that figure to the Crow Wing County Auditor. The figure will be based solely on the projected costs of implementing our lake management strategies the following year. The owners of each Round Lake property have equal access to our lake's pleasures; therefore each Round Lake property, including each property within any of the property associations on Round Lake, will be taxed an equal dollar amount each year. Beyond that, members pay no further dues to the Round Lake Improvement District.

**Article VI**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of nine members who are elected by the membership at each annual meeting on a three-year rotational basis, three members being elected each year to a three-year term. Newly elected Directors shall take their places on the Board each July 1st. Directors may serve successive terms if so elected by the membership. The immediate past president is automatically included for one year as a voting Director. It would normally be most efficient and convenient if Directors of the Improvement District also served concurrently on the board of the Round Lake Improvement Association, if duly elected.

## **Article VII**

All Directors must be owners of property fronting on Round Lake who, without compensation, are willing to give of their time and effort to further the purposes of the Round Lake Improvement District. Here too, all owners of properties within any of the property associations on Round Lake have the same status as all other Round Lake property owners.

## **Article VIII**

The Board of Directors will annually elect from its members a President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. The term of each office shall be for a period of one year. Officers may be re-elected to successive terms, up to a maximum of three years. A simple majority of the Directors voting shall constitute the election of the officers. In the event of the death or resignation of a Director, the Board may appoint a replacement from the general membership to serve out the remainder of the term. It would normally be most efficient and convenient if the officers of the Improvement District concurrently held the same offices on the board of the Round Lake Improvement Association, if duly elected.

In the event the Board membership does not include a person with necessary secretarial skills, the president may appoint a person from the general membership to serve in this capacity. This appointee will not have voting privileges on official Board decisions.

## **Article IX**

Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board of Directors shall:

- Develop community understanding of the purpose of the Round Lake Improvement District.
- Manage the business, properties, and equipment of the Round Lake Improvement District.
- Meet at least twice a year to take any action deemed necessary thereto.
- Inform the membership at each annual meeting of the status of lake quality matters and invite input from the membership.
- Notify the membership by mail of annual meetings and any other special membership meetings.

## **Article X**

The president may appoint Directors to standing or *ad hoc* committees for a one-year term, as needed.

## **Article XI**

Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, and shall be voted on at the next duly called general membership meeting. All motions brought to a vote at board meetings and general membership meetings shall be decided by a simple majority of those votes cast.