

Beaver Dam LAKE DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes

Dec 4, 2024

Held at Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm

Attendees: Bill Foley, Dale Maas, Mike Zimmer, Nicki Hupf, Gene Mazewski. No Guests

Motion to approve agenda and deviate from agenda for meeting efficiency made by Mike Zimmer, seconded by Nicki Hupf and approved unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of Oct 3, 2024 made by Mike Zimmer, seconded by Nicki Hupf and approved unanimously.

Correspondence: Discussion on an email questioning why lake drawdown can't be delayed until Nov 1. DNR insisted on an earlier date to protect hibernating species.

Treasurers report:

Mike Zimmer presented the treasurers report and a motion to approve the report and authorize payment on checks 110 thru 112 was made by Mazewski, seconded by Maas and approved unanimously. Payments are for insurance and rent.

Fishery Committee Report

Discussion centered around the recently completed biomass/harvest at the bay. 150,000 # of rough fish were removed in 3 net pulls. (Oct 1, 2, & 14) 30,000 # of Buffalo fish were returned. Net used was 5,000 ft long covering approx. 45 acres when closed. The fish removal contractor essentially provided 100% of the labor required to capture, mark and recapture the fish. Various observers were on site during the work.

The Proposed DNR habitat improvement agreement was discussed. It's stated purpose is to *address fish habitat issues related to common carp concerns in BDL*. It is essentially a 6 year study of Trestle and Rakes bays to see if limiting carp in those bays will result in vegetation improvement. It provides no realistic mechanism for addressing the extreme overpopulation of rough fish in the main lake body. That point is unacceptable to stakeholders of the lake. Negotiations continue.

Lake Management

Surface Water Grant Shoreline Assessment: Submitted

UW WRM Practicum scope of work. A meeting is scheduled Dec 12 at UW Madison begin laying out the program

Mill Creek site visit NRCS Engineer: Awaiting their design.

Long Term Planning-priority, schedule, task leader

Dam water level telemetry: District is working with the City of BD on installing a system.

Focus Group Meeting in January: Will schedule

- Members matters; none
- Next Meeting Dates: TBD

Adjourn 6:00 PM On motion by Gene Mazewski, seconded by Dale Maas and approved unanimously.

Gene Mazewski

Secretary