

Beaver Dam LAKE DISTRICT

Minutes

June 17, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm

Attendees: Bill Foley, Dale Maas, Mike Zimmer, Nicki Hupf, Gene Mazewski.

One guest: Micah Topel

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

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of May 20, 2025 made by Dale Maas, seconded by Nicki Hupf and approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

+High Water Ordinance-Westford Revision to Dodge Co. Sheriff

Still not finalized with the Sheriff enforcing. Discussion on whether to combine the buoy Slow no Wake with High water SNW. Our DNR warden retired, DNR must approve concept then have towns pass the ordinance. Unlikely to happen this summer. If high water we can post but enforcement a question.

+Future daytime meetings based on Technical Support

We desire continued NRCS support and funding for Ag related projects but will need to schedule daytime work hour meetings.

+Rough fish letter response & County follow up

Long discussion on the June 3 meeting with DNR. Essentially a lot of time with no progress on management plan agreement. DNR refuses to consider a main lake harvest which is an essential element to the District planning. DNR is cherry picking data to make their case and no interest in reviewing the full spectrum of data. With numerous meetings now to resolve this issue without progress, future meetings unlikely.

Treasurers report:

Mike Zimmer presented the treasurers report and a motion to approve the report and authorize payment on checks 1129 thru 1132 was made by Dale Maas, seconded by Nicki Hupf and approved unanimously.

Along with budget discussions a motion to approve spending \$5,000 for approximately 4,500 additional bluegill in this years order to put in Trestle Bay since carp have been reduced and the bluegills may help control reproduction was made by Dale Maas, seconded by Nicki Hupf and approved unanimously. County Conservation Aid Grant will be submitted to offset 50 % of expense.

Conservation Easement at Trestle Bay update:

Mr. Kovacic now has all the data needed for the easement. A neighbor has advised Mr. Kovacic that the easement will eventually lead to general public access which is

absolutely not the case, and is stated so in the proposed agreement. Chairman Foley will follow up with necessary assurance that easement is for conservation access only.

Annual meeting preparation:

The proposed 2026 budget for the Annual meeting was reviewed and all individual items discussed. Not all proposed project costs are known yet, but it is expected the final will be close to this first cut.

There will be 3 main speakers/topics at 15 min each.

- 1: The WRM study
- 2: Arthur Watkinson, on water quality
- 3: Mark Baldock, Fisheries biologist on Trestle Bay project

Lake Management:

- + Review and approve bluegill stocking & grant for Trestle Bay
Bluegill covered in Treasurers report above
A motion to apply for \$4,500 conservation aids grant through Dodge County was made by
by Bill Foley, seconded by Nicki Hupf and approved unanimously.

- + Bio base plan schedule to implement whenever
 - June 30 2nd option for 1/2 day test run
 - July 3 1st option for 1/2 day test run, AM or PM July 15
 - continue mid section of lake July 17 continue
 - north section of lake July 18 rain date

- + UW WRM Practicum update
Plan is to survey from Derge Park up to Hickory point, then cross the lake and go down to Fish Camp. One goal is to identify spawning habitat locations.

- + NRCS Engineer review Sunny Point Rd. & Middle Isl. Creek
Ryan Grassmaker (NRCS) is reviewing. With farmland adjacent to Mill Creek the potential for Federal funding is a strong possibility.

Rough Fish Committee Report June 3rd meeting with DNR Fishery

Follow up action; letter of understanding, resolution, other

See rough fish letter response above

Foley presented the DNR with a carp barrier design prepared by DNR Fishery in 2001 for potential use at Rakes Bay. Mark Baldock will follow up with DNR Permitting to identify the most timely method to secure the required permit.

Public comment : None

Members matters: Brief discussion on adding 2 commissioners Pros & cons

Adjourn 7:05 PM On motion by Gene Mazewski, seconded by Dale Maas and approved unanimously.

Gene Mazewski
Secretary