

Beaver Dam LAKE DISTRICT

Minutes

Oct 2, 2025

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

Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Attendees: Bill Foley, Dale Maas, Mike Zimmer, Gene Mazewski, Guests: Steve Hughes BDLIA

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

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of ~~August 26~~ August 26, 2025 made by Dale Maas, seconded by Mazewski and approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

Alliance meeting Aug 28 : DNR guidelines for surface water grant funding discussed. DNR management's current opinion referenceon BDL ~~is~~ stakeholders ~~are not committed~~ ~~really don't care that much about the lake and thus why should we be high on their priority list to Lake improvement. Recent poor attendance at local events was identified as an indication of concern.~~ The District does not do a great job of publicizing activity after the fact. ~~All of T~~he District and Association outreachwork is done by volunteers, we do not have a publicist. The District We will begin posting more photos of activity with explanations to our web site and investigate other media outlets. May need to hire some outside help to aid in the improvement process.

Slow No Wake Ordinance update, Publication procedure: A history of the No Wake Buoys, water level decisions, and Slow no Wake were reviewed. Very complicated history. Once again, numerous personnel changes at the DNR have resulted frustrating revisions, involving the Towns and City within the District in a need to change existing ordinances. The District, as the singular governmental body for the entire lake is struggling to bring the SNW to a conclusion, we will approach the Dodge County Sheriff to ask for his recommendation.

BDLD Chamber website review: A review of The Chamber reviewed the BDLD website content was provided at a recent Chamber event with the BDLD, comments were generally positive site addressing the key elements. We still struggle to cut down the spam. Will check to see if the

number of hits to the site are counted. More discussion later on needed improvements.

South East Wis County Conservation Tour – Jefferson County

Annual Meeting BD HS requested for August 15, 2026: Final approval of the date by the school will not happen until May 1.

Treasurers Report: Mike Zimmer presented the treasurers report and a motion to approve the report, authorize payment on checks 1143 thru 1146, and approve paying a few expenses we know are coming up before the next meeting such as workers comp, gravel for Rakes bay launch repair was made by Maas, seconded by Mazewski and approved unanimously.

BDL Fishery

+Rakes Bay Summary, resolution 2025-4: This resolution was provided and discussed for a grant application for an aquatic vegetation survey that will be required before work on rakes Bay starts.

+DNR Fishery Plan – status and action items: A zoom meeting was held on Sept 30 with DNR personnel, BDLD, and BDLIA to update Fisheries and District activities. Mark Baldock, our Fisheries biologist updated his latest work in Trestle Bay. Another electrofishing run was completed and the results were a fairly significant increase in rough fish from that following the last harvest. One reason offered was their ability to get into some areas that were impassable on previous runs where a lot of rough fish were present. Could also be some new fish getting through the barrier. Result was Mark has scheduled an additional harvest for this fall.

+RRC Boot Brush install at DNR sites: Chairman Foley and Mike Zimmer installed 34 boot brush stands at DNR launch sites. These are to aid in preventing spreading of invasives such as larvae adhering to boots.

Lake Management

+Mill Creek Project status, resolution 2025-3 Resolution presented as a requirement to apply for a grant for this rehab project we'd like to do in 2026.

+Derge Park natural shoreline, resolution 2025-5 Similar for a grant to pay for part of the project to repair shoreline and plant a significant amount of native vegetation around the park. Generac (new in Beaver

Dam) has offered volunteers to help with this type project. A very welcome community service activity. Healthy soils and Dodge Cty master gardeners will also be invited~~olved~~.

A motion was made by Dale Maas, seconded by Mazewski to approve all three resolutions and approved unanimously.

Dodge County Plan 2045 for Land Use and Community Development,
Copy of the plan was handed out previously.

Public comment: Further discussion on publicity, perhaps concurrent with BDLIA, various avenues for better community engagement. More to come

Members matters: Mike Zimmer has been investigating acquiring BDLD Logo shirts and perhaps hats. We were impressed at the recent BDLIA with members wearing very nice logo shirts. We discussed the District covering an \$80 set up fee and then individuals would be responsible the actual shirts. Mazewski motioned to cover the set up cost, second by Maas and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Dates: One more possible this quarter and then 1 in Feb/March.

Adjourn at 7:12 PM On motion by Gene Mazewski, seconded by Dale Maas and approved unanimously.

Gene Mazewski
Secretary