

Beaver Dam LAKE DISTRICT

Minutes

Dec 10, 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, Nicki Hupf

Guest: Steve Hughes BDLIA

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

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of Oct 2, 2025 made by Dale Maas, seconded by Hupf and approved unanimously.

Correspondence:

Submitted PC 505 to DOR: Required legal document filed with Dept of Revenue for 2026

+ Letter to residence Trestle & Rakes Bay: A letter was sent to members residing on these two bays to update them on District/DNR work activity they may see. Basically a public service update so they are aware of District work in their section of the lake.

+Meeting Larry Bierke – BD Administrator: Chairman Folley and Mike Zimmer met with the new administrator just to make contact and discuss how we can work together. Felt it was a very good meeting and we expect to continue the good relationship with the City.

+Meeting w/Cedar Corp. Dodge Co. Plan 2045: Cedar Corp is a consulting firm hired by the County to prepare their long range plan. This was an open meeting but only had one other attendee besides the District. This is different than the County's Conservation plan. Issues affecting the lake such storm water runoff, energy management were discussed. The key is to be sure the lake is in the plan.

+Meta presentation ref data center: No question this data center is going to change the County and the City. There should be no water releases or runoff entering the lake. Claim it will be water 'neutral' in 5 years. Some concerns on groundwater impact. Have to watch as more is disclosed.

Treasurers report:

Mike Zimmer presented the treasurers report: Zimmer reviewed the current status of finances vs budgeted. Discussed the use of laddered CD's to earn some interest on funds until bills get paid. This technique should provide about \$1,300 this year. Upcoming bills were covered.

A motion to approve the report and authorize payment on checks 1147 thru 1149 was made by Maas, seconded by Mazewski and approved unanimously.

Additionally, A couple seasonal bill are coming and will need paid before our next meeting such a rent, and Chamber dues. A motion to preapprove these payments was made by Maas, seconded by Hupf and approved unanimously.

- BDL Fishery

+Review DNR Fishery Plan – Trestle Bay: The status of the Trestle Bay project was discussed. Some answers are needed. Latest sampling shows more and larger fish in the bay today than were there following the last harvest. Either a lot of fish were missed in earlier sampling, the barrier is not working, or the biomass determining method is faulty. A lot to look at after ice out.

- Rakes Bay: We (District) were optimistic that we would be able to let carp enter in spring of 2026, block their exit at the bridge and complete a major removal. Conversations with Mark (our biologist) indicated he did not think he would have everything he needed completed prior to carp spawn. We still need to go over details. It looks now like the required aquatic plant survey (point intercept) can get done quickly following ice out. That should get us back on schedule.

- Lake Management

+Slow No Wake Ordinance – Meeting with Sheriff Schmidt: Chairman Folley and Nicki Hupf met with the Sheriff to review what we had to do so that he would commit to enforcing the ordinance. Looks like we are finally close to getting this worked out.

+Rakes Bay - Point intercept grant request survey submitted: Grant submitted.

+Mill Creek project on hold until Fishery & Permitting perform site visit: The Producer is ready to roll on repairing this serious erosion problem. Should be a no brainer, it need done. Hang up isDNR

+Derge Healthy Lakes Proposal accepted by Parks onto contract review: This will be a long term project to increase native plants and grasses to improve erosion protection at the park. Probably get done in 3 phases beginning this spring. County will maintain long term. Volunteers available to plant, may need local residents to aid in watering first season.

+BDL Watershed Data Compilation: 3 DNR departments each keep their own data sets. Desire is to pull all water data into one database.

+Follow Up to UW WRM Practicum presentation – Stakeholders: All 5 commissioners attended the WRM presentation at the University in early Dec. Discussing ideas on how to best present findings to District and watershed stakeholders. Considering a presentation to the 3 Dodge county lake district boards.

Public comment: Nothing new

Members matters: Nothing new

Next Meeting Dates: Later

Adjourn at 7:35 PM On motion by Mazewski, seconded by Hupf and approved unanimously.

*Gene Mazewski
Secretary*

These minutes are considered Draft until approved at the next Board Meeting