

BEAVER DAM LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ Noon
Cumberland City Hall
Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829

In attendance: Tom Schroeder – President, (on phone – Alan Carlson MD – Treasurer), John Bavier – Secretary, Tim Defoe – Commissioner, John Peterson – Commissioner, Craig Turcott – Barron County Rep., Absent: Randy Reeg – City Administrator
Visitors present: Michael Benjamin, Bob Boehm

- 1) Meeting called to order at noon.
- 2) Minutes from May 22, 2025 meeting were discussed. John Peterson made the motion, Tim Defoe seconded. Passed.
- 3) Treasurers report was presented by Dr. Alan Carlson:
 - a) Period ending 6/5/2025:
 - b) Beginning Balance on 4/15/2025 of \$180,659.69, with:
 - i) 6 misc. additions of \$7,517.70,
 - ii) For a total in Checking of \$188,177.39
 - c) 10 Expense checks written totaling \$24,552.29. Expenses over \$5,000 included:
 - i) Barr Engineering 2024 EWM 11.25-12 of \$11,165
 - ii) EOR LBLK SE phase 3 construct. 40-9 of \$6,111.35
 - iii) Final Balance of \$163,625.10.
 - d) Additional Savings account, and Outstanding Grants are as follows:
 - i) Library Lake Savings Acct #108079 has \$102,284 in it currently, (left over from donations, which will be used for the next phase.)
 - ii) CD #8019957-6 of \$256,946.71 with a 6-month maturity, due 9/18/25 (interest at 2.05%).
 - iii) 2 outstanding Grants, totaling \$176,188
 - e) Motion to approve Treasurers report by Tim Defoe, with Craig Turcott seconded. Approved.
- 4) Recognition of visitors, with no visitor's comments.
- 5) Discussion of the WDNR partial denial of Permit NO-2025-3-23075 application for chemical aquatic plant control permits to address Eurasian watermilfoil, and approve WDNR compromise proposal.
 - a) WDNR came back with a second offer, and it appears from their response that they were on the lake looking at requested treatment areas.
 - b) After some discussion, a motion to approve WDNR's latest proposal from June 2nd, with an agreement to compromise.
 - c) Tim Defoe made the motion, and John Peterson seconded. Approved.
 - d) We will accept this time, in order to get the treatments for EWM done in a timely fashion, but we don't agree with the adjustments that the WDNR made.
 - e) We will ask for a face to face next year prior to submitting our permit application.
 - f) 8 sites were ok'd by the WDNR, including 1, 4, 8, 15, 17, 19, 25, 26.

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- g) We had to order 2-4-D analysis kits from a location in Chicago. This was necessary because the WDNR told the WI. Dept. of Hygiene not to order any kits this year as 2-4D was not going to be allowed. Yet 2-4D was allowed in Cemetery Bay?
- 6) Discussion and action on a motion to delegate authority to District Treasurer in the absence of the President (Chairperson) to represent the District and take such actions as reasonably necessary in any action contesting denials of Permit NO-2024-3-23075.
 - a) John Bavier made the motion, Craig seconded. Approved.
- 7) Discuss items, projects, etc. for the 2025/2026 draft budget
 - a) Updated expenses
 - b) Mail increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000
 - c) Insurance was more last year than budgeted. We upped from \$6,500 to \$9,800.
 - d) Boat Landing Monitors match is increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000
 - e) The pledge to the City for stonework that the BDLMD committed to was originally \$15,000. For architectural surface treatment aesthetic on the back face of exterior parapets, the updated WDOT estimate cost for the initial construction is **\$6,935**. The actual updated total future maintenance estimate cost is **\$36,500**, assuming 4 repainting's over the bridge's life which has an expectancy of 87 years. We are estimating a repainting about every 17 years, at **\$9,125 each**.
 - e) Tom asked Jay Michels for a cost expectation for the Wickre Channel area for rainwater/run-off mitigation before going into the lake and a cost estimate for planning for the Sheet Piling, ADA walkways, docks, etc along the parking lot shoreline.
 - f) We have 11 implementation goals that have been identified currently for our 10-year plan, and we need to look at estimated BDLMD costs for the upcoming budget for the expected first 3 projects. These include: Brigadoon, west Wickre channel area, and Golf course culverts.
 - g) We are trying to proactively ascertain the costs, to make sure that we have funds to cover the projects.
 - i. We have held our tax levy \$'s at approximately \$210,000 for each of the past 15 years, with a rate all these years under .97%. By law, we can ask up to 2.5% yearly.
 - ii. This past year, it was only .47%, and with costs of everything going up, and availability of grants becoming increasingly more difficult to get – we need to proactively re-assess our financial needs to be able to do the projects that need to get done.
 - iii. John Bavier reiterated the need to address this issue, and adjust the percentage rate to cover projects on the lakes that won't get worked on without this adjustment. Tom Schroeder also discussed that competition is getting more and more competitive, and that grants are almost impossible to get with the number of Districts asking for grant money.
 - iv. 3 of our major grants have been funded through EPA money.
 - v. Last year at the annual meeting, we started the discussion on needing to increase the levy rate.

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8. Update on SE Storm Water Pond restoration, docks, etc.
 - a. Looking at a dock that could be used for a boat and a kayak, with a cost of \$7,800 which includes a \$2,800 credit/donation.
 - b. Need a replacement for the floating dock near the Pepper Eating stage.
9. Motion made by John Peterson to pay expenses (\$45.00 each person) for any Commissioner that wants to join Dr. Carlson at NW Hayward on June 20th. Lots of sessions to help Lake Districts. Craig seconded, motion passed. Tom and Dr. Carlson will be going, and can carpool with others.
10. Open discussion – no action to be taken by Board
 - a. Bob Boehm needs the sampling and sounding data for Wickre Channel area that was done about 4 years ago, for the next phase of dredging. Tom will get him this.
11. Set next meeting date and time.
 - a. June 25th, at noon at City Hall.
12. Motion to Adjourn. Tim Defoe made the motion, John Bavier seconded. Adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by John Bavier, Secretary