



BEAVER DAM LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Jan.15, 2026 @ Noon
Cumberland City Hall
Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829

In attendance: Tom Schroeder – President, Dr. Alan Carlson MD – Treasurer, John Bavier – Secretary, Tim Defoe – Commissioner, Michael Benjamin – Commissioner
Doris Laursen – City of Cumberland Rep., Craig Turcott – Barron County Rep., Randy Reeg – City Administrator, Jay Michaels – EOR, Dan Shoemaker – Mayor,
Visitors: Jim Anderson, Curt Jacobs, Jim “Butch” O’Dell

1. Call meeting to order at 12:02 pm.
2. Approve Minutes from the Dec. 4, 2025 meeting.
 - a. Michael felt that 5b (Per state statute boundaries of Lake District need to be contiguous.) is not applicable, and wants to change it. Tom had talked to various people about contiguous boundaries. Some don’t have parcel ids. Consensus was to leave the minutes as is for that item, and continue the discussion at a future point.
 - b. Dr. Carlson made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Tim Defoe seconded. Approved.
3. Treasurers Report 2/25/2026 and approval
 - a. Balance on 12/3/2025 in checking account was \$52,668.27.
 - b. Additions of December 2025 interest of \$75.70, and 5 City and Town January Revenue Taxes for \$48,441.86 brought the total in Checking to \$101,185.83.
 - c. Expenses for the period came to \$33,721.38, 12 checks written, which included 5 checks larger than \$1,000:
 - i. EOR-Lb Lk downtown 43-3 for \$3,953.50,
 - ii. EOR-Wickre Harbor dredge 46-2 for \$1,400,
 - iii. Barr Eng 2025 EWM 11.26-7 for \$12,970.50,
 - iv. Rock Leaf Water (40) Grant LPT84424 Inv#3749 for \$6,200,
 - v. And Barr Eng 2025 EWM 11.26-8 for \$7,585.00.
 - d. Balance in Checking on 1/15/2026 of \$67,464.45
 - e. Additional items as of 1/15/2026:
 - i. Library Lake Savings Acct #108079 with interest, \$39,129
 - ii. CD #8019957-6 month maturity, due 3/28/2026, Interest at 4.15%, \$262,506.74
 - iii. Outstanding grants:
 1. (40) LPT 84424 Lib Lk Stormwater Phase 3, \$126,188
 - f. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report by Craig Turcott, with a second by Doris Laursen. Approved.
4. Recognition of visitors and visitor’s comments. 3 visitors present, none had comments.
5. Update by Jay Michels-EOR on BD Lake Management Plan projects.

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- a. Discussion updates on some of the issues that have been identified as possible projects.
 - i. Golf course run off study, 2 ponds near the corner of 4 ½ St. and 3 ¼ 5th St. were evaluated for possible remedial changes. The outfall from the ponds occur very seldom, only during a major event, and very rare.
 - ii. The Avery farm wetlands were looked at by EOR, Barron County and BDLMD reps. Looking at best way to create better wetlands. More to come.
 - iii. Maple Plain ravine – Large area to the west of the Maple Plain Town Hall has been ditched in the past. Looking at how to slow the water down? Will have to work with 4 property owners.
 - iv. Review of LL docking access along parking lot. – concept plan will be located at the Library, City Hall and the Website.
 1. Need for ADA access being reviewed.
 2. Rock/riprap vs sheet piling being considered?
 3. Permanent or floating dock are being looked at?
 4. Jay indicated that there are lots of electrical wires buried near shore making sheet piling less desirable.
 5. DNR didn't require a permit to put rip-rap along the shoreline by the Grove St. Bridge. Will investigate if this requirement is for Library Lake only, or in all areas of Beaver Dam Lake?
 6. Where do we go for public comments?
 - a. Chamber, website, next moves.
 - b. Tom indicates that we need a public comment event when Jay is ready.
 - c. Dr. Carlson stated that we should do it sooner than later.
 7. Jay indicated the need to build momentum for the project as it will be paid for by the public. Jay will have ballpark estimates available for the Feb. Board meeting. Fundin g sources are Donations, Grants, and tax base.
 8. Need something together by early June to be in this year's budget.
 - v. Wickre Harbor dredging – pre-application going in, next week or so.
6. Approve retaining Boardman-Clark for legal counsel during 2026.
 - a. Same contract provisions and costs as last year.
 - b. Dr. Carlson made the motion to approve, Tim Defoe second. Motion approved.
7. Discuss and approve further strategy for 2026 EWM Treatment Plan
 - a. Dr. Carlson and Tom Schroeder met on Tuesday with the WDNR (Tyler Mesalk, Anna Mares, and Brandom Thill present) other WDNR staff and consultant were present virtually.

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- b. 2-hour meeting.
 - c. DNR feels that EWM can't be eradicated.
 - d. We have 36 acres we proposed to be treated. Williams Bay and LL had surprise growth areas that showed up during the Oct. 2025 plant survey.
 - e. Tom said we have 2 choices:
 - i. Go for whole treatment as proposed or submit application with fewer areas to be treated.
 - ii. Need to treat Williams Bay, LL, and high traffic areas.
 - f. Dr. Carlson indicated over 3 years we could support \$300k for bridge funds without a significant tax increase if we draw down our savings used for grant funding.
 - g. Dr. Carlson made the Motion to: Change the EWM control goal to "Reduce Eurasian Watermilfoil to 0% of the littoral zone while minimizing harm to native aquatic plants." Craig seconded the motion. Approved.
 - h. A motion made by Dr. Carlson to approve the 21-page document, dated January 9, 2026, by Meg Rattei regarding the 2026 Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Management Program and Aquatic Plant Monitoring Programs.
 - i. This memorandum reviews the history, challenges, and proposed solutions for managing Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM), an invasive aquatic plant threatening Beaver Dam Lake's native plant community, ecosystem, and recreational uses.
 - ii. Tim Defoe seconded the motion. Approved.
 - i. Dr. Carlson indicated that we could extend ProCellacor treatments, if necessary, which are normally done in the spring – but even August worked in the past.
 - j. Application for the 2026 EWM Treatment Plan is scheduled for submission by mid- February.
8. Discuss and approve further action on possible funding for the 63 Bridge
- a. Randy Reeg gave a historical synopsis of the bridge project with the 2021 cost estimate of \$1.7MM, with approx. \$2MM budgeted by the City.
 - b. On 12/24/25, the WDOT informed the City that the City's share portion is now approx. \$2.7MM.
 - c. City is looking at capital budget and things that they can do to make it work, knowing that any delay in the construction will further add to the costs, and cause additional delays to other projects.
 - d. BDLMD has agreed to cover the decorative stone work on the bridge, estimated at \$15,000.
 - e. Mayor Shoemaker asked our group if there was anything that the BDLMD could afford contributing to this project?
 - f. Dr. Carlson indicated over 3 years we could support \$300k for bridge funds without a significant tax increase if we draw down our savings used for grant funding.
 - g. There are possibly other options that were discussed briefly.

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- c. Specific detailed questions and comments regarding Library Lake project
 - i. What exactly have we spent on the Library Project since its inception (2008-2009?)
 - ii. Michael has looked through the past 12? Years
 - iii. Hard to pull together to put a \$ amount to the project
 - iv. Coming together, but very difficult
 - v. Missing some of the Annual Budgets
 - vi. Wants information from EOR – that we may have
 - vii. Details of each Project #, Grant #'s, etc. for the Library Lake project.
 - viii. Needs all previous financial reports back to 2008 (Dr. Carlson has paper documentation going back to 2006 at his home, and invited Michael to visit and they can pull together.)
- d. Addressing six specific bullet points from Commissioner Benjamin's 1-7-2026 email.
 - i. treasurer reports – completed by Tom
 - ii. annual budgets – are in the annual letter – Tom will get remaining annual letters to Michael
 - iii. Year-end summaries – completed
 - iv. Bank account summaries – Michael has online access to review any statement at Cumberland Federal
 - v. Any additional financial reports – there are none
 - vi. IRS contribution forms – not required of the District
- e. Michael was asked why the Library Lake project specifically was his focus for information. “People” wanted to know how much has already been paid for this specific project because of the many years it has been a priority, and also how much more is expected to be spent before the project is finally “finished”.
- f. Extended round-table conversations with all members of the BDLMD, discussing details of how to pull over 15 years of details so Michael can pull together a cohesive document that will answer questions that have been asked.

12. Set next meeting date and time. TBD

13. Adjourn at 2:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by John Bavier - Secretary