

# BEAVER DAM LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, Jan.26, 2026 @ Noon  
Cumberland City Hall  
Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829

In attendance: Tom Schroeder – President, Dr. Alan Carlson MD – Treasurer, John Bavier – Secretary, Michael Benjamin – Commissioner, Doris Laursen – City of Cumberland Rep., Craig Turcott – Barron County Rep. Absent: Tim Defoe – Commissioner

1. Call meeting to order at 12:00
2. Recognition of visitors and visitors' comments: None
3. Approve Registration, Lodging and mileage costs for Board members attending the 2026 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention on April 15 to 17, 2026.
  - a. Tom Schroeder and Dr. Carlson have expressed interest in going.
  - b. Doris Laursen made the motion to pay the costs of the trip for 2 individuals. Craig Turcott seconded the motion. Approved
4. Discuss and approve amending Barr Engineering 2025/2026 contract to cover additional cost associated with the APM Plan revisions and 2026 EWM Permit preparation.
  - a. Costs are expected to be about \$15,000 higher than last year, based on litigation and more documentation required for this year's EWM permit application. For the 2025-2026 cost came to about \$50,000.
  - b. Craig Turcott made the motion to accept the increases. Michael Benjamin seconded the motion. Approved.
5. Discuss and approve Barr Engineering 2026/2027 EWM Contract
  - a. New contract, same format as past contracts will now cost \$50,000 compared to last year at \$40,000. Dr. Carlson made the motion to accept the increases. Doris Laursen seconded the motion. Approved.
6. Open discussion – no action to be taken by Board
  - a. Discussion on concrete landings. City is putting in additional concrete slabs for boats at Eagle Point, by Louie's Landing and possibly the #M landing.
    - i. The City of Cumberland is asking the BDLMD if we can help with costs.
    - ii. The Tribe funded improving the boat landing at Bear Lake. Craig, Tom and Randy will look into possible Tribe support.
    - iii. We would need to wait until after the August Annual Meeting, to see if the membership would approve.
  - b. Michael Benjamin sent out a link for Wisconsin courses on succession planning and knowing what to expect. Do we need to form a group?
7. Set next meeting date and time: Next meeting on February 18, 2026, at noon.

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8. Adjourned at 12:30.

Submitted by John Bavier, Secretary