

BEAVER DAM LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, Feb. 18 2026 @ Noon Thomas Saint Angelo Public Library 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
Visitor: Jim Anderson

1. Call meeting to order at 12:00 at Thomas Saint Angelo Public Library.
2. Approve Minutes from Jan. 15, 2026, and Jan. 26, 2026, meetings
 - a. Dr. Carlson made a motion to approve both Minutes, Doris Laursen seconded. Approved.
 - b. Starting today, the Treasurer reports will
 - i. be included in the minutes as attachment(s) and
 - ii. will no longer be included in the minutes as summarized information.
 - iii. Going forward, only comments brought up that are considered as clarifications will be included in the minutes.
3. Treasurers Report
 - a. See Treasures Report (attached)
 - b. In the Outstanding Grants for (40) LPT 84424 Lib Lk Stormwater Phase 3, there is \$18,000 left over for funds. The DNR has allowed this money to be extended for 2 years – that can be used for a future pond maintenance within this timeframe. Paperwork is in the works at the WDNR to document this extension.
 - c. We discussed the transition of the Treasurer’s Reporting, and how the “old-fashioned” methodology was easier for items that had not yet cleared to be reported on, and now it was a bit convoluted to have a “clean” view of the finances, unless you added back in the “not yet cleared” items.
 - d. The new financial package costs \$38/month/person (we will need 2 copies at this point). Tim Defoe is the one that has started the new accounting system from scratch and transitioning the efforts to go from 100% manual processing to a streamlined electronic process.
 - e. At this point, our bank’s savings, checking, and CD’s are all linked to the new Accounting software.
 - f. The old-fashioned ledger is still needed during this time of the transition, both for confirming completeness, and including all checking transactions are accounted for within the accounting periods. The data entry is more

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work at this point, but should be streamlined once the transition has been completed. At this point, more work still needs to be done.

- g. Dr. Carlson made a motion to accept the financial reports. Doris Laursen seconded. Approved.
4. Recognition of visitors and visitors' comments. Jim Anderson let us know that he had discussed with Bob Boehm concerns on sand/dirt flowing into the lake from the snowplow equipment sanding the road grade that allows cars to get up and down the hill safely. Review of the area needs to be done at some point. Also brought up was the yellow/brown water showing up in the channel areas, unrelated to the sand issue.
5. Discuss and approve submitting the 2026 EWM Treatment Plan Permit application to the WDNR.
 - a. The application calls for 52 areas around Beaver Dam Lake that needs to be treated for EWM.
 - b. Mike is concerned that maybe we should be splitting up the permit application into separate parts, if we don't feel that the DNR would approve the entire application process.
 - c. Tom has already had some discussions on this with the DNR, and that
 - i. we have focused our attention this year on the highest usage areas.
 - ii. Library Lake will end up being a whole lake Procellacor application,
 - iii. Tom wants to make sure the highest concentrations of EWM are treated (Library Lake and Williams Bay for sure are needed)
 - iv. Motion to move ahead with permitting. Dr. Carlson made the motion, Doris Laursen gave a second. Approved.
6. Discuss and approve contract with APM for treating Beaver Dam Lake pending approval by the WDNR per 2026 EWM Treatment Plan Permit application.
 - a. Contract would be \$76,922.47, which includes the permitting costs, and time and materials for the actual treatments.
 - b. Dr. Carlson made the motion to accept the APM contract and the T&M estimate from Lake Restoration- Jim Bartlett for posting the riparian shoreline signs. Doris Laursen second. Approved.
 - c. Michael asked about a second quote. An individual (Hamilton Harvey – Schmidt's Aquatic) saw the ad in the Advocate for the work that needed to be done. He contacted Tom and provided an informal quote for comparison purposes. In that the BDLMD has been using APM for the past 4 years and APM has been coordinating with Lake Restoration and Bar Engineering and was familiar with Beaver Dam Lake additional bids were not solicited.
 - d. Michael asked for a roll call. All but Mike agreed to accept the quote.
 - e. Craig Turcott feels that there is no track record with the other company that expressed interest and felt ok with approving the contract with APM.

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- f. Dr. Carlson said that we should go with APM this year, and work next year to get a second bid to make sure the one we go with is truly competitive.
 7. Discuss the BDLMD support for the City of Cumberland funding of the highway 63 bridge and dissemination of supporting information to Lake District members
 - a. We have already agreed to fund \$15,000 for staining/painting the embossed stonework on the parapets.
 - b. Important to note that should the Lake District support funding some of the cost of the 63 bridge, the City resident's would cover about 2/3 of the amount while those Lake District members outside the City would cover about 1/3 the amount.
 - c. Goal is to review the Equalized Value, District Mill Rate charged, and Cost of Living – so that we can have an agreement going forward as to how to compute the District Mill Rate that will be understandable to most Lake District members.
 - i. We have the authority to charge up to 2.5 Mills/1000 assessed evaluation. Over the past 15 years the mill rate has dropped from 1.0143 to currently 0.5216.
 - ii. We have been able to make budget over those years by staying at the lower rates, but it's getting much harder to get State and Federal Grants to cover the majority of projects that we have decided to work on – causing short and longer-term issues going forward (based on projected projects earmarked over the next several years).
 - iii. State published Equalized Value includes any governmental unit TID but as TID cannot be taxed by the district the Equalized Value on the PC-505 form the treasurer uses for the tax levy is a TID out value. This is confusing. When communicating Equalized Value to lake district members we will use the treasurer's TID out value as it is more accurate for the levy computation.
8. Discuss & update on electronic record storage and Library Lake cost summary spreadsheet
 - a. Library Lake Cost Summary from 2007 to current:
 - i. Goal is to get costs documented from the beginning of the project to current, so that individuals who want to know have a long-term document to refer to.
 - ii. Going forward, additional costs will be added to the running document.
 - iii. Overall, approximately \$3.1 Million including the approx.. \$440,000 on the dredging spent to date, split between Grants

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(major areas: Planning, Acquisition, Construction), Donations, and Charges that BDLMD have paid through the budgeting process.

iiii. Tom Schroeder was given a thumb drive with records from 2007 to 2025 that will be kept in the file cabinet at City Hall. Additional records will be added on an annual basis.

9. Discuss Lake District boundary questions and draft resolution
 - a. POSTPONED, due to lack of meeting time.
10. Discuss the Wis. Lake Association position on Wake Boat/wave enhancing legislation
 - a. The DNR don't feel they have the authority to regulate.
 - b. Article in the Wisconsin Outdoors news paper on the Wake issue that Tom will forward to the commissioners.
11. Discuss and approve the date and time for the 2026 Annual Meeting
 - a. Schedule Saturday, August 8th, 2026, for the next Annual Meeting
12. Open discussion –
 - a. No action to be taken by Board: Meeting gone beyond time available at the Library – so POSTPONED.
13. Set next meeting date and time.
 - a. Early April (after Easter)
14. Adjourn
 - a. Doris made a motion, Craig seconded. Adjourned at 1:05.

Minutes submitted by John Bavier - Secretary