

Minutes
Dunkirk Dam Lake District (DDLD)
January 15, 2025

In Attendance:

Board Members	Attendees		Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Davis • Becky Dakin • Nicholas Schmuhl • Michael Engelberger • Dan Jenks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Christman • Doug McKenzie • AJ Moore-Hammonds • Rich Morris 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Gove • Liz Vanderwerf 	

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Laura called the meeting to order at 6:30pm	
Past Minutes	Becky summarized the minutes from October 23rd. She also reviewed the Addendum to the October 23 minutes where missed items were approved via email. Minutes were approved with no changes.	Becky, save minutes and addendum as approved and re-post both to website
Treasurer's Report	Nicholas reported current funds and expenses. His report was approved through motion.	
Dunkirk Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan mentioned that all three current Dunkirk Supervisors are running for re-election. They are all unopposed. The Primary election is April 1st. • Dan also told us that John Botham retired and Carl Brickson is now the Lead for roads. Brian Mikkelson is also part of the road crew. • Dan stated that the virtual component for meetings is up and running at the town hall. DDLD may want to consider offering their meeting virtually as well. 	
Dane County Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike shared that Melissa Aagard was elected County Exec. In April, she will run again for four years. • Mike encouraged the DDLD to look at the Land and Water Resources Dept. at the County. They have numerous educational resources, ecology, classes, etc. 	
Safety Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Christman reported that Lemke Fence has reinforced the wing walls. This took several attempts as additional vandalism occurred after the first repair. They can back twice more to add support bars and weld the wing walls. They did not charge us any additional for this. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted reported that no additional vandalism has occurred. • Ted mentioned that Becky and Laura met with the Dane County Sheriffs at the dam to review the “no trespass” areas. They walked the entire area and explained how trespassers were accessing the area inside the fence. The Sheriffs suggested cameras or dummy cameras and signage. The Sheriffs also stated, DO NOT CONFRONT TRESPASSERS. They emphasized that we do not have the training or authority to confront individuals breaking the law. If we see a trespasser, we are to immediately call 911. We are not to say anything to the trespasser. • Ted mentioned that everyone should look at the article in the recent newsletter regarding the Dam. Becky interviewed Ron Vike, the daily dam operator. This article is very informative of how the dam works. • Laura asked Ted to talk with the Safety Committee about cameras and bring this to the meeting in April. • Dan shared that trail cameras cost about \$75 each and are cell-based. Who would sort through all the footage on a regular basis? There is also a monthly fee. Becky needs to follow up with the Dunkirk road crew about camera signage. 	<p>Becky, add “cameras” as an agenda item for April.</p> <p>Becky, follow up with Dunkirk road crew re camera signage</p>
Lyons Park Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura reviewed Phase I of the Lyons Park expansion project. She displayed the slide of the project showing the pier, accessible parking spot, abutment wall, erosion control, and pathway. This will be a floating, ADA approved pier. Wisconsin Waterways Commission approved this in October. The money to install will come in May. Total of Phase I is \$77k. This has a 50/50 cost-share. Dunkirk and DDLD will provide \$20k each for the 50% match. Dunkirk’s portion consists of budgeted cash and in-kind labor. The new road crew is willing to install the path. • For Phase II, the design is done. We need to fundraise to accomplish Phase II which consists of the path continuing down through the property south of the powerhouse, along with a drive-way type boat launch and picnic seating. • Becky needs to research proof of our non-profit status. We are not a 501(c)3 but a quasi-government entity. Chapter 33 may refer to this. • Laura stated she would be meeting with the Stewardship Committee (Ted, Nick, Jack, Matt, and Laura) to discuss funds needed for DDLD’s \$20k match. She thought we might fundraise for this portion as opposed to use our reserve funds. • Question: a member asked if the dock will need to be hauled in and out. Dan said that Dunkirk’s in-kind contribution could help here. Laura mentioned that we thought we might store the dock inside the powerhouse fencing. 	<p>Becky, find proof of DDLD’s non-profit status.</p> <p>Laura, meet with Stewardship Committee</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member expressed concern that the update to Lyons Park will make it more appealing and invite more visitors. This will make more traffic, garbage, erosion, etc. • Laura said that this concern is real. The current plan will bolster the shoreline. The no-wake Ordinance will protect the shoreline. An ancillary goal is to control erosion on all of our banks. There are a lot of resources that address this, i.e. using native plants. Laura has an “Erosion Presentation” that she can provide at the next meeting if there is time. 	
Plan to alter budgeting process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura stated that we plan to alter the budgeting process. This will be an agenda item at the annual meeting. We plan to change the DDLD fiscal year from October 1 to a calendar year to match Dunkirk’s. Becky clarified with the organization in Stevens Point, Extension Lakes, if this was permissible and it is. • We clarified that the annual meeting would remain in October where we would approve the upcoming budget for the new year starting January 1. 	Becky, put “budgeting process” on April agenda.
Resources presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky provided a presentation explaining the three-tier partnership that is in place at the state level to assist lake districts. Wisconsin DNR – government arm – manages Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Wisconsin Lakes – membership organization – lobbies at the state level Extension Lakes – oversees Lake District/Organizations • Becky explained that Extension Lakes, located at the U of W in Stevens Point provides statewide education and outreach for Lake Districts/Organizations (over 250 Lake Districts and over 500 Lake Associations) • Extension Lakes has an annual conference March 26-28. Becky has been invited to lead a session on Friday afternoon regarding “Owning and Managing a Dam.” Becky and Ted plan to attend the conference. • A member made a motion that DDLD cover the tuition cost of the conference for Ted and Becky. This motion was unanimously approved. (the presentation slide noted Earlybird tuition as \$180x2=\$360) 	Becky, register for the Extension Lakes conference
Adjourn	Laura adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm	

Next meeting: April 16, 2025