

Minutes
Dunkirk Dam Lake District (DDLD)
January 18, 2023 quarterly meeting
 Location: Dunkirk Town Hall

In Attendance:

DDLD Commissioners	Attendees		Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Davis*, Chair • Lauri Hodge*, Treasurer • Becky Dakin*, Secretary • Michael Engelberger, Dane County Appointee • Dan Jenks, Dunkirk Appointee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Ellen Mackey* • Doug McKenzie* • Doug Galles * • Ted Christman* • AJ Hammonds* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholas Schmuhl* • Liz Vanderwerff* • Marty Zweifel • Matt Koshollek, Cnsrvtn Warden 	Arthur Watkinson, DNR

* DDLD property owner/resident

Topic	Discussion	Action
	DDLD Quarterly Meeting DRAFT Minutes – 01.18.23	
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm 	None
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becky reviewed the minutes from the October meeting. The minutes were approved as summarized. 	Becky will record the minutes as approved and re-post to the website.
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All in attendance introduced themselves and shared how many years they have lived on the river. 	None
Dunkirk Township Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Jenks reported the agenda items that will be addressed at the upcoming February 20th Town Meeting. Items will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ATV/UTV ordinance · Consider lower speed limits on some rural roads · Playground equipment – Parks Committee · Budget struggles, specifically pertaining to road maintenance · Rural Preservation Committee maintenance · DC Materials (located on Hwy N by the RR tracks) wants to expand as a retail lumber business 	Please plan to attend the Dunkirk Town meeting February 20 th at 6:30pm.
Dane County Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Engelberger shared that the Dane County budget of \$10mil passed. Highlights included funding for the conservation fund (improving water quality, etc.); funding for 	Becky, add the blog URL to Mike’s DDLD listing on

	<p>Phase II of the Lower Yahara Trail; \$3mil for the Yahara chain sediment removal project (between Lake Kegonsa & Stoughton).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike has started a District 35 blog. He hopes this will keep everyone better informed and up-to-date. https://board.countyofdane.com/supervisors/detail/35 	<p>the website. And, list this as a resource on the DDLD Resource page you are developing.</p>
<p>Update: Adler/Hansen property acquisition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura shared that the funds to purchase this property have been received in full through two DNR grants (Dane County Conservation Fund). February 16 is the closing of the real estate purchase by Groundswell. Laura reviewed the history of the entire project (i.e. the Adler sisters approached the DDLD 2.5 years ago wanting to sell the land for conservation as it is not a buildable plot.) Laura shared two slides depicting the property. Once the purchase is complete, Groundswell will donate the property to Dunkirk. • Laura is the Chair of the Stewardship Committee to plan how to improve this land to provide increased river access. Other committee members include people from the DDLD and the township. 	<p>Becky/Laura, update the history/process document on the website and include names and thanks to those involved. Calendar a Facebook post/update for Feb 20.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauri Hodge provided the Treasurer's Report explaining the expenses over the past 3 months. These included invoices for mowing, administrative supplies, and insurance. Lauri also pointed out the balance remaining on the loan to repair the dam and stated that there is one more year on the loan. After that, DDLD members' taxes will decrease. • The Treasurer's Report was approved. • One member suggested that we consider not reducing our taxes by the entire amount that will be paid in full; rather, keep a portion in reserves to pay for future needed repairs. It was mentioned that there may be some Chapter 33 restrictions in using money in this fashion. 	<p>Becky will note the "reserved taxes" as an agenda item for October. She will also review Chapter 33 regarding any restrictions.</p>
<p>Safety Committee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Jenks, Chair of the Safety Committee reported the history of the committee and their efforts (signage, lighting, cooperation with Lessee, safety concerns, etc.). Dan said that the committee needs additional members and invited others to join. Matt Koshollek said he would like to participate. As the Dane County Warden, he has special insight into the DDLD area and would like to join in the conversation. 	<p>Becky, add Matt to the Safety Committee on the website and share his contact info w other committee members.</p>
<p>Special Presentation: "Shoreline Erosion: Causes Prevention, and Control Options"</p>	<p>Arthur Watkinson from the DNR provided information pertaining to shoreline erosion. His PowerPoint slides outlined options and resources to address this issue. These slides will be posted to the website for continued reference.</p>	<p>Becky, post slides to the website.</p>

<p>Other conversations at the end of the meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One member asked when the sediment removal would affect the DDLD area. • Mike Engelberger suggested that the Dane County Director of Land and Water Resources might be a possible future speaker. This person could provide information on the plan for sediment removal and if that affects the Lake District. • It was also suggested that we should have a “no wake” ordinance in place as one does not currently exist. This ordinance would go through the Township of Dunkirk. • Laura asked Matt Koshollek to also join the Stewardship Committee. • One member asked that the next newsletter include a short blurb to remind neighbors to wear reflective gear when walking on Hwy N and other busy roads. 	<p>Becky/Laura consider these for future agendas.</p> <p>Becky, add Matt to the Stewardship Committee</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Quarterly DDLD January 2023 Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm 	