

DDLD Newsletter

Annual Meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2025

TIME: 6:30pm –8:00pm

AGENDA:

- Approval of 7.16.25 Minutes
- Treasurer's Report & Audit 09.30.25
- Old Business **Updates**
 - Township of Dunkirk
 - Dane County
 - Safety Committee
 - Lyon's Park Expansion progress
- **New Business**
 - Vote to change fiscal year
 - Proposed Budget Oct-Dec 2025
 - Proposed Budget Jan-Dec 2026
 - Vote to approve budgets
 - Election of Chair*
 - Concerns/Questions from DDLD Members

LOCATION: Dunkirk Town Hall

Who Should Attend? DDLD Members: Riverfront property owners on the Yahara River south of the City of Stoughton, within the Township of Dunkirk, extending to and including the Dunkirk Dam.

* Please consider nominating yourself or one of your riparian neighbors who possess these skills:

- Natural Leader
- Collaborative
- Good Listener
- Delegator
- Team Builder
- Meeting Facilitator

Volunteer time: 2+ hours each month plus 4+ hours each quarter

The DDLD Chair is part of a five-member team that manages the Lake District.

Email DDLD with your nominations prior to the meeting

Many thanks to Laura Davis

DDLD members would like to take this opportunity Laura Davis, our past DDLD Chair. As you all know, abounding energy and vision. She resigned in May and grandchildren. Under Laura's leadership, during her five-year term, the DDLD accomplished the following:

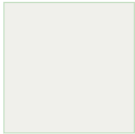
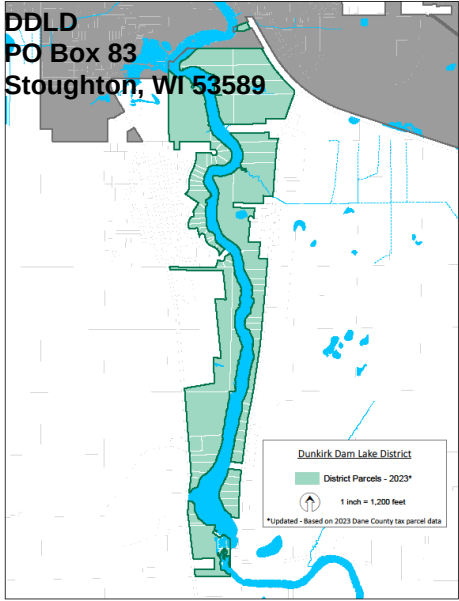


to acknowledge and thank the tremendous efforts of Laura served the district for five years with to move to Minneapolis to be closer to her children

and grandchildren. Under Laura's leadership, during her five-year term, the DDLD accomplished the following:

- ♦ We enhanced communication with DDLD members with a newsletter, website, and Facebook page
- ♦ We strengthened our collaborative relationship with the Town of Dunkirk
- ♦ We strengthened our long-term relationship with Tom Reiss, Dunkirk Dam Lessee
- ♦ We enhanced the safety around the dam with improved fencing and signage
- ♦ We established a collaborative relationship with the Dane County Sheriff's Dept. to combat vandalism
- ♦ In cooperation with the Town of Dunkirk, we instigated a No-wake Ordinance in the Lake District
- ♦ With the guidance of Groundswell and in partnership with Dunkirk, we acquired the Adler property south of the dam and developed an MOA with Dunkirk to develop the property
- ♦ We secured a DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant for Dunkirk to install an ADA accessible dock/pier/kayak launch, improve the shoreline, walkway, seating, and signage
- ♦ We managed the process to garner new liability insurance for the Lake District.
- ♦ We established a relationship with an attorney who specializes in public lands/dams
- ♦ We established a relationship with "Extension Lakes" and "Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention" connecting DDLD to a statewide network of lake districts and resources
- ♦ We paid off the 10-year dam loan – yay!

We all share our many sincere thanks to Laura for her dedicated leadership. She will truly be missed!



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DDLD Proposed Budgets Oct-Dec 2025 & Jan-Dec 2026

As part of the annual meeting, DDLD Members who are in attendance will vote to change the budgetary fiscal year from October to January. This change will align with the Township of Dunkirk facilitating our cooperative partnership. Once we change our fiscal year, the members will review, discuss, and approve the upcoming budgets for October-December 2025 and January-December 2026. Our DDLD Treasurer, Nicholas Schmuhl will provide details and answer your questions at the meeting.

Category	Proposed Budget 2024-2025	Actual Budget 2024-2025	Proposed Budget 3-month 2025	Proposed Budget 2026
General Property Taxes	28,250.00	17,006.73	0	31,600.00
Special District Aid	7,200.00	7,246.73	0	7,200.00
Interest	50.00	67.89	15.00	60.00
Total Revenues	\$35,500.00	\$24,321.35	\$15.00	\$38,860.00
Admin, Postage	1,000.00	735.34	492.00	1,000.00
Lawn Maintenance/Signage	3,000.00	2,700.00	750.00	3,000.00
Park Project	0	12,261.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
Insurance	5,000.00	6,374.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Attorney Fees	2,500.00	3,175.20	0	0
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	0	20,000.00
Fence Repair	4,000.00	469.86	0	0
Lakes and Rivers Convention	0	360.00	0	360.00
Bank Fees	0	15.00	0	0
Total Expenses	\$35,500.00	\$23,884.72	\$9,742.00	\$38,860.00



