

Minutes
Dunkirk Dam Lake District (DDL D)
April 15, 2026

In Attendance:

Board Members	Attendee Members	Attendee Members
• Jason Mackey • Nicholas Schmuhl • Becky Dakin (absent) • Mike Engelberger • Dan Jenks	• Justin Adsit • Kathy Peterson • Doug McKenzie • Ruth McNair • Joel McNair	• Jack Lyon • Mary Ellen Mackey • Rich Morris

Topic	Discussion	Action
Minutes	The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30pm. The minutes from 1.21.26 were reviewed and approved.	Becky, save as apprvd and post to the website
Town of Dunkirk Update	• Dan Jenks reported that Brad Gilbert has been appointed to the Town Board to fill the vacancy. • The Dunkirk Comprehensive Plan and Rural Preservation initiatives are currently being rewritten • The Town has accumulated approx. \$1M for the purchase of development rights, aided by federal matching grants • Discussion held regarding hiring a dedicated grant writer for Dunkirk to identify further funding as current tax dollars for land purchases are expected to be utilized within three years. • Racetrack Rd: a complete reconstruction is planned in cooperation with Stoughton. The Dunkirk portion will maintain a rural profile (ditches), while Stoughton's portion will include curb, gutter, and pedestrian traffic. • Anderson Ave: An agreement was reached for Stoughton to pay for a complete repave of Anderson Ave in exchange for installing a storm sewer pipeline leading to the retention pond.	
Dane County Update	• Mike Engelberger reported that he and Carrie Merritt were re-elected on April 7th. • Veterans Memorial Coliseum: A 100M private proposal from Live Nation/Frank Productions is under review. The project involved remodeling the existing structure into a 6,800-seat venue. Negotiations are expected to continue for 1-2 months. • Alliant Energy Center: RFIs are out for private development of the campus (hotels, restaurants) to create a "Title Town" or "Deer District" style year-round	None

	destination.	
Safety Committee Update	• Jason reported that no current issues were reported.	
Dam Park update	• The pier is fully installed and the path to the south has been refreshed with wood chips. • The Dam Park is under the oversight of Dunkirk's Park's Committee. Ted will serve as the DDLD voice on the committee. • Upcoming improvements: Installation of the toe rails on the dock. New signage for the dock and the downriver path. Construction of an informational kiosk. Gravel put-in for small boat access below the dam. Completion of DNR grant paperwork.	
Treasurer's Report	• Nicholas reported that there has been minimal activity this period. Ending checking balance remains stable with \$1.05 interest earned. Upcoming, a check for approx. \$900 for district computer aid is expected to appear in next month's report.	
New Business & Discussion	• River Preservation: Discussion took place regarding the "wild" areas of the river south of the dam toward Stebbinsville. Suggestion made to potentially partner with the "friends of the Badfish" to include the Yahara River. • Property Dispute: A "No Trespassing" sign has appeared at a popular river takeout point. The board noted this may be within the county/highway right-of-way and will investigate. • Commemorative Benches: The Parks Committee is ordering three powder-coated metal benches (fabricated in Whitewater) to honor the Olson family, Hansen's Landing, and the Rosemaler's.	
Next Meeting	• July 15, 2026 – potential social/picnic. October 21, 2026 – Annual Meeting & Budget Approval.	
Adjourn	• 7:15pm	

Notes were received from Jason Mackey as Becky was not in attendance.