

Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 30th 2025 at 10 AM

Minutes

1. Call to order

Dean Bostrom - present

Jane Larson - present

Brian Holt - present

Ken Partyka - present

Don Sukala - present

Jim Kroeplin - present

Mike Cochrane – present

2. Introduction and recognition of commissioners

Each commissioner introduced themselves and their responsibilities.

Brian Holt - Walworth County Representative

Jane Larson - Septics, Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Jim Kroeplin – Secretary, Dam, Watershed study, Environmental projects,
Water Safety Patrol,

Ken Partyka - Pier permits, Building maintenance, Weed harvesting

Don Sukala - Representative for the Town of La Grange

Mike Cochrane - Treasurer

Dean Bostrom - Chairman, Golf course

Jim Kroeplin will not seek re-election. Jim has been a tremendous asset to the board, especially because of his civil engineering background. He has always been willing to help when a project needed attention or an issue came up. He has served the Lake District well, and I hope everyone will join me in thanking him for his 7 1/2 years of service on the board.

3. Approval of minutes from August 31, 2024 Annual Meeting

The minutes of the annual meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Jim Corcoran and seconded by John Jilek.

4. Commissioner Elections/Ballot questions

Commissioner election results will be announced prior to the end of the meeting.

There were two additional ballot questions. 1. Allowing a single gaming machine on a trial basis and 2. Allowing a pull tab machine on a trial basis. If either machine is approved, no additional machines will be permitted without resident approval.

5. New Golf Course Clubhouse Update

The new clubhouse opened to the public on July 31st of 2025 almost a month ago. In 2023 at the annual meeting, a loan of \$1.2 million was approved after we secured the loan the interest rate came in at 6%. At the time, we had said that each parcel would pay \$55 each year for 20 years if the loan was approved. The actual amount came in at \$50 per year for 20 years.

While the clubhouse is open to the public there is still a large list of punch items that need to be completed.

At this time it is anticipated that the building will be completed with the available funds including district capital reserves, the \$1.2 million loan, fundraising dollars, volunteers who donated their skilled labor and Individuals who donated materials which were required to complete a large portion of the building.

The completion of the clubhouse would not have been possible without all the volunteers who donated both their labor and materials. I would like to recognize all the volunteers who donated their time and materials. Special recognition is however warranted to Jack McAndrews, Jack Sorenson and Dale Hargrave who served as the construction management team. They did a tremendous job overseeing the project and scrutinizing the subcontractors to make sure everything was built to specifications.

6. Project Reports

Walworth County – Brian Holt

Brian provided a list of upcoming events in Walworth County.

Septic - Jane Larson,

Jane noted that septic pumping is ongoing at this time.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters - Jane Larson

Jane reported that the program is doing well and that she is working with the Town of LaGrange to assure payment of launch fees and is also planning to provide new kiosks at the boat launches.

Dam - Jim Kroeplin

Current elevation is slightly lower than most of this year similar to last year's level.

Water Safety Patrol - Jim Kroeplin

Majority of citations issues are for PWC's, registration of boats, number of life jackets, and not having a throwable.

Building Maintenance - Ken Partyka

The Community Center has had several issues but is still operating with the Kettle Moraine Land Trust renting a portion of the building.

Piers- Ken Partyka

Pier permits have slowed down recently.

Weed Harvesting – Ken Partyka

Weed harvesting is going well. Thank you to the workers and new hires who combined harvested over 500 tons of weeds year to date.

Town of La Grange – Don Sukala

All is going well within the town of LaGrange. Next year there will be a reassessment of all properties.

Budget Report - Mike Cochrane

As indicated on the financial statements, the district is in good shape.

Golf Course - Dean Bostrom

The golf course is in excellent condition thanks to Mark “Sparky” Lockhart. This year we saw an increase in rounds of play again. Plans are underway to add additional cart pass over the winter.

7. Treasurer's report was previously discussed under the budget report.
8. The 2026 budget and tax levy as listed in the district dialogue was presented the proposed budget and tax levy was approved unanimously by a hand vote after a motion by Floyd Pochowski / Don Henderson.
9. Election Results – Commissioner election - Ed Stygar. Pull tab machine was approved; gaming machine was not approved.
10. Meeting adjourned

