

**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District Meeting
January 24th, 2026, at 9:00 AM
Lauderdale Lakes Clubhouse

Minutes

Roll Call

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| • Dean Bostrom | Present |
| • Jane Larsen | Present |
| • Mike Cochrane | Present |
| • Ken Parytko | Present |
| • Ed Stygar | Present |
| • Don Sukala | Present |
| • Brian Holt | Present |

Agenda

- The agenda was approved by a motion by Don Sukala and seconded by Mike Cochrane.

Approval of Minutes

- The November 8th meeting minutes were approved with a motion made by Mike Cochrane and seconded by Dean Bostrom.

Open Comments

- A resident raised the issue of flooding on Countryside Drive, requesting that the Lake District and town revisit the issue. The idea to elevate the drain by 4 inches to prevent leaves from clogging it was discussed.

Water Patrol Agreement

- Dean and Ed have been working with the town of LaGrange on a new water patrol agreement.
- LaGrange approved the agreement, contributing up to \$23,500 a year for a 1400-hour minimum water patrol on Lauderdale Lakes.
- Dean is working to get a contribution from Sugar Creek, as they have lake residents within their jurisdiction.
- The agreement includes patrolling Pleasant Lake at cost, outside of the \$23,500.
- The contract is a year-long agreement that can be terminated at any time.

- The agreement is with the town's attorneys for review.
- There were 1500 water patrol hours in 2025.
- The LLLMD has increased the pay rates for water patrol officers to attract more candidates. There has been a shortage of willing water patrol officers for all lakes.

- The Water Patrol Agreement, pending final legal review, was approved with a motion by Dean Bostrom and seconded by Mike Cochrane. Jane Larsen voted no on the Water Patrol Agreement.

Water Patrol Boat Purchase

- An RFP was sent to seven dealers, four manufacturers, and an ad was put in the paper.
 - Three proposals for boats were received.
- The preferred boat is a G3 2026 Angler V21F from the Boathouse of Whitewater.
 - The cost for the boat itself is \$59,000.
 - The specialty equipment is estimated to be \$20,000-\$25,000.
 - The total cost is not to exceed \$85,000.
- The purchase of the new G3 boat for \$59,000 with an estimated \$25,000 for equipment, not to exceed \$85,000 for the 21-foot Angler 21 version 21F was approved with a motion by Ed Stygar and seconded by Dean Bostrom.

Community Attitude and Interest Survey Update

- At the November board meeting, the board approved a survey not to exceed \$1,000.
- The survey will cover three topics:
 - Wake boats
 - Increasing water patrol hours and costs
 - Eliminating the 9 AM weekend no-wake guideline
- The Lake District is partnering with the LLIA on the survey. After receiving proposals, it was determined that the survey would cost more.
- An Increase from \$1000 to \$3000 for the survey was approved with a motion by Dean Bostrom and seconded by Ed Stygar

Additional Education

- Committing additional Lake District resources to educate on boating safety and environmental impacts was approved on a motion by Dean Bostrom and seconded by Ken Patryka.

Clubhouse Update

- Jack McKay Andrews is working on structural manuals and parking expansion permits.
- The generator is fully operational and kicked in during a recent power outage.
- Radiant heat is operational in the clubhouse.
- Paulie Lopardo is organizing the downstairs area for secure storage.

Land Planning and Fundraising

- The Christmas party raised \$800 for the Lake District.
- There is a significant surplus of fundraising money to be allocated.
- A proposal to decide on the allocation of funds at the April board meeting.
- The fundraising committee did a fabulous job.

Other Updates

- A committee is exploring pickleball court options and fundraising.

- Cost estimates for a tennis/pickleball court combination are around \$110,000-\$125,000.

Snowplow

- A snowplow and salter were purchased and fitted to the truck that was originally bought for weed harvesting.
- The snowplow and salter cost \$12,300 total.
- The money came from the golf course's operating account.
- Having Lake Management District Employees do the plowing will save on snow removal costs.

Weed Harvester

- Refurbishment of the weed-harvester is actively in progress.
- A new, slightly used stainless steel barge was acquired from Aquarius in North Prairie.
- The old barge was made of carbon steel and had a rotting steel structure.
- The refurbishment is expected to be completed by the beginning of the cutting season.
- A submission was made to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission to get 50% of the refurbishment cost covered.
 - They should get the money in late 2026.
- The total cost is \$176,000, of which the district would pay 50%.

DNR and SEWRPC

- The annual output from last year's harvesting was reviewed with the DNR, and the data was input into their website.
- SEWRPC is helping to renew the five-year permit by writing a new aquatic plant management plan.
- The Eurasian watermilfoil invasive species population has been reducing dramatically.

Golf Course and Clubhouse

- The clubhouse will be tied in with the 250th anniversary and fireworks celebrations.
- The golf course has exceeded the number of rounds ever recorded, with over 17,000 rounds.
- They are working towards putting in additional cart paths.
- Additional trees have been purchased through the tree tribute program and will be installed in the spring.
- A new special events coordinator has been hired to increase participation in lake events.

Lake Updates

- Green Waters is ordering new signs and moving some closer to the pier.
- Three new weed baskets are needed.
- Grant money has increased from \$6,000 to \$18,000 in the last four years.

New Kiosk

- There is a new Kiosk at West Shore, and they are planning on looking into one for Sterlingworth.
- The kiosk will have brochure holders for educational information, boating rules and regulations, fishing, the yacht club, lake district information, and a map.
- A topographic map with information on where people are advised to wake surf can be included.

Brochures and Signs

- Brochures are currently placed in the mailbox where people get their envelope for their parking spot or launch fee, and not everyone sees them.
- Clean boats, clean waters, inspectors hand out the brochures while people are pulling up with their boats.
- Another sign of all the different kinds of weeds is needed.
- The town helped with painting numbers on the parking spots.
- The Lauderdale Breeze is going to be doing an article on the kiosk.

Invasive Species

- A new invasive species, stary stonewort, was found by the Green Lake boat launch.
- It's probably from people using their boats at other lakes that haven't properly done their sanitization practices.
- There are over 20 weed species in the lake.

Treasurer's Report

- There's \$260 in aquatic plant management.
- There's \$91,000 of water patrol equipment reserve.
- There's \$8,000 lingering in the golf equipment reserve.
- There's \$1,700 in the dam reserve.
- There's \$28,000 in the watershed study reserve.
- The golf course set aside \$100,000 with excess funds, and there's \$21,000 left there.
- The clubhouse reserve has \$61,000 left.
- The fundraising account is somewhere between \$125,000 and \$140,000.

Clubhouse

- The preliminary estimate from Jack was that the parking would only be about \$115,000.
- The clubhouse has made money this fall by being open longer.
- The hours that are open are on the golf course's website and Facebook page.
- There will be more events at the clubhouse

Next Meeting

- The next meeting is on April 25th at 8 am at the community center.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned with a motion by Ken Partyka and seconded by Dean Bostrom.