



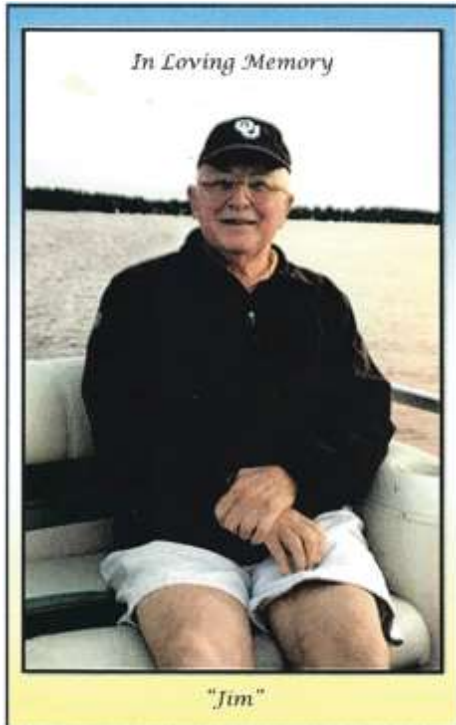
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District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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Powers Lake lost a staunch advocate with the unexpected passing of Jim Michels on September 9th, 2024.

Jim was 85 and ***tirelessly dedicated*** the last 29 years supporting the Powers Lake Management District.

He served as Chairman for 20 years and led many initiatives that will have long-lasting impact on the lake. Most notably, Jim was integral in initiating the purchase of 71 acres of wetland. This purchase then helped to set the stage for expanding our wetland acquisitions to the 100 acres that we own today. The importance of these wetlands cannot be overstated. They are the filtration system for the water entering Powers Lake and will help to preserve and protect the waters of Powers Lake for generations.

Jim's wealth of knowledge and historical perspective of all things Powers Lake will

surely be missed!

In recognition of Jim's dedication and support, the DPL has memorialized Jim's accomplishments by donating 25 trees to be planted in Jim's honor at the behest of his family.

Godspeed, Jim, and thank you for your dedication and support of Powers Lake!

Guest Speaker, Water Patrol Chief, David Ferger

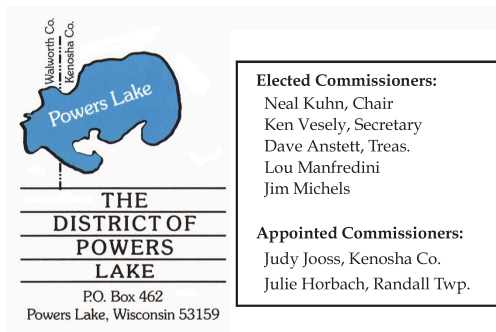
Dave stated we are very fortunate to have the officers and coverage that we currently have. Many lakes in the area have none. Dave started with 3 officers and we now have 12. Initial trouble filling shifts has now changed to full shifts on the weekends for coverage.

	Hours	Tickets
May	70	10 citations
20 warnings		
June	165	17 citations
31 warnings		
July	166	11 citations
33 warnings		
August	211	46 citations
17 warnings		
Total	612 hours	84 citations
101 warnings		

As far as wake patterns, there is nothing new from the state. Our surf pattern appears to be working well as officers have seen no egregious violations from wake boat/surf waves.

The Chief explained the buoy placement and removal process which is labor intensive and requires a number of people over a 2 day period. This group also includes help from the Explorers.

Lake levels are back to normal after 2-3 weeks of slow no wake in neighboring lakes.



Powers did not even get below closing to the Jefferson Bay limit.

There had been complaints that people thought boaters had been given tickets for sticker violations only. Boats are stopped for a number of reasons and then are given an inspection. Sticker violations are the least expensive. Officers have given a warning for more expensive violations and just charged for sticker to keep the cost down for the boater.

Officers are all boater safety certified, given on the water training plus 24 hr. certification and state requirements. All are in house instruction by staff.

All questions for the Chief were answered. He was thanked for his thorough report.

Aquatic Plant Management

We treat and test the lake yearly. There is a GPS driven plant survey done late in the season by rake and mapping plants as to number, invasive vs. non-invasive. Last year pointed out 3.4 acres invasive plants indicated on the chart. We did not treat this year since it was all individual plants which are difficult to treat and the majority are spread out. A survey will be done this year. High water levels help to minimize growth.

Mark Halvey volunteers to perform our weekly e coli testing and then results are posted on westofthei.com for the Knolls Beach. No warnings or closures this year.

Website Signup

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake www.districtofpowerslake.com



Quarterly Meeting

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 5 p.m. at Randall Town Hall, 35430 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. This meeting and others are open to the public.

Set 2025 Annual Meeting Date:

The next annual meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 1, 2025 at 7 p.m

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;
 To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public;
 and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.