

Minutes of the Friday, April 17th, 2026 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Neal Kuhn, Dave Anstett, Ken Vesely [by phone], Lou Manfredini, Ed Gignac and Mark Nordigan were present. Judy Jooss was absent.

Approval of February 6th, 2026 meeting minutes: The date of the meeting needs to be corrected, Ed made a motion to approve the February 6, 2026 minutes with correction. Mark seconded. Minutes approved.

Guest Speaker : Neal introduced Ellen Schutt, the Republican Candidate for the 11th Senate District of Wisconsin. Ellen attended UW Madison and has a background with FFA and Accounting. Her desire is to represent the community by listening to experts and constituents with a focus on long-term fiscal responsibility. The Primary is in August and the General is on November 3rd.

Neal gave Ellen a background on the DPL functions and hot button issues. Ed can be Ellen's resource to the board.

Ed gave a recap of state activity on wake boats. Statewide, about 50 towns have roughly 70 restrictive ordinances. Powers Lake has been highlighted as a successful compromise where a 30 ft. depth ring matched the surf pattern, moving surfers to the middle of the lake and resolving conflicts.

Also, in the event of lawsuits, most town insurance would cover legal fees but not damages posing a financial risk to taxpayers.

Municipalities:

A new DNR pier has been installed, which will be removed each winter, saving the Town of Randall {TOR} \$350-\$375 annually.

Several winter buoys have frozen into the ice and moved.

Ed volunteered to contact Chief Fieger.

The town installed new cameras at both launches and is planning to new kiosks for electronic payment.

A new strategy was proposed to use our wetlands for mitigation banking, allowing developers to pay the board to preserve these wetlands as an offset for development elsewhere. This could generate revenue to acquire and protect more adjacent wetlands. Neal will discuss this practice with Hay to get a big picture perspective.

There is a desire to formally institute a "no surfing boating rule" for Lake Benedicts to prevent drop ins and preserve its character.

Treasurer's Report

\$27,014.58 = Beginning Balance Nonprofit Checking

\$ 16,645.87= Receipts

\$ 11,498.80= Disbursements

\$ 32,161.65= Ending Balance Nonprofit Checking Available

\$ 23,562.45= Total Money Market

\$ 406.50 = AIS-BCS Money Market Portion

\$23,155.95= Wetland Money Market Portion

\$55,724.10= Total Cash

Check #2393 from 2025 had an incorrect amount and has not been cashed. Will let Nancy know and issue a new check and destroy the other.

Nothing pending more than \$10,000.

Neal made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ken seconded. Motion carried.

Watershed Management

Lake Levels

Levels remain high with a total slow no wake issued last week.

Aquatic Plant Management

Neal thanked Mark Halvey for doing our e coli testing this year and he said he would test next year. We will not treat this year but will do the yearly plant survey.

Fish Stocking

Price for the Walleye stocking has increased due to feed and fertilizer costs. The Ice Fishing Derby was well attended.

USGS

We will do this survey every 3 years. . In 2026, we will re-engage USGS to test. The cost is usually \$8-10k annually.

We can potentially look into a detailed SEWRPC survey, which could cost around \$40,000, would require significant budget discussions, approval at the annual meeting, and potential grant funding or town contributions. Ed said we could have an engineer review the current USGS data to compare its scope with a SEWRPC study and identify what information is missing.

Other Business

Website

Ken will update with new maps, new resident booklet when ready, welcome kit, water levels and minutes.

Education

Don't Be That Guy/Gal Educational Campaign

The campaign will use short videos, potentially voiced by Lou, distributed via social media and emailed to drive traffic to the main website. This group is also considering trade marking the slogan. This should also target new owners.

Cost for Emergency Contact stickers with the information for 911, Kenosha County Sheriff, WI DNR, Water Patrol for all boaters on the lake will be \$455.00 and may arrive on Monday.

Citizen and/or Commissioner Comments

Ed said that Lake Beulah is having a "Learn Our Lake" event. This might be an idea for a similar event for next year. The goal is to partner with other local clubs to create a larger community event to educate new residents and young boaters on lake-specific issues.

Quarterly Meeting Dates:

The Friday Quarterly Meeting date for 2026 will be Friday June 12th, 2026 at 5 p.m. at Randall Town Hall.

Changes if necessary will be posted on the website.

Annual Meeting Date

The next Annual Meeting will be Friday, August 7th , 2026 at 7 p.m. at the Randall Town Hall. Ken will post all the meeting dates on the website.

Adjournment:

Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ken seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

