

Minutes of the Friday, January 6th, 2025 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake
The meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Neal Kuhn, Dave Anstett, Ken Vesely, Ed Gignac and Mark Nordigan were present.

Approval of November 7th, 2025 meeting minutes: Mark made a motion to approve the minutes. Ed seconded. Minutes approved.

Speaker

Mark invited State Assembly Representative, Amanda Nedweski, to discuss the statewide issue of wake surfing. Neal shared the history and details of our local solution implemented successfully on Powers Lake. Surfers are now approximately 700 ft. from shore in a depth of 33 ft. This minimizes the impact of the waves on the shoreline while resolving the traffic and safety issues. It also furthers the desire to allow everyone to enjoy the lake rather than taking activities away.

Amanda reviewed the bill being worked on in the legislature and a date for passage would be within the next 2 weeks or a delay until the next session in January.

A constitutional amendment was passed requiring voters to show an ID to vote in WI. Then an extensive Q & A session followed covering various state issues and was extremely informative. Amanda will keep Mark informed as to various issues

Municipalities:

Mark stated the Town prefers finding win-win solutions that allow activities to continue safely, rather than banning them. To take action, the town would need to see clear evidence of negative impacts on safety, lake health or invasive species. The DNR Deputy Secretary reviewed the science and concluded there is no evidence that wake boats are more likely to spread AIS than any other type of boat. All vessels can carry invasive species. Wake boats constitute only about 4% of all boats in WI.

The Town of Randall {TOR} is actively looking into an automated payment system for the boat launch similar to what Twin Lakes has, to improve convenience and security. Annual fees for commercial companies that store and launch boats for customers are being implemented, along with a permit card system to avoid incorrect ticketing. The annual launch fee for regular users is expected to remain nominal, around \$50, with a senior rate of \$40.

A new public boat launch on Lake Benedict is being considered by the TOR.

Also, the Town is exploring ways to regulate short-term rentals like Airbnb and Vrbo, as they are seeing an increase in investor-owned properties being used for this service. Kenosha County is reportedly short 1,000 homes to meet current demand, and the conversion of single-family homes to rental properties exacerbates this issue.

Treasurer's Report

\$29,245.84 = Beginning Balance Nonprofit Checking

\$ 832.26 = Receipts

\$ 0.00 = Disbursements

\$ 30,078.10 = Ending Balance Nonprofit Checking Available

\$ 23,556.63= Total Money Market

\$ 406.50 = AIS-BCS Money Market Portion

\$23,150.13= Wetland Money Market Portion

\$53,634.73 = Total Cash

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

Ken created a new spreadsheet to track spending by quarter to prevent missed invoices.

Watershed Management

Aquatic Plant Management

A quote will be obtained for this year's plant survey. The lake was not treated last year since there were only a few sporadic areas of invasive species.

Fish Stocking

An order will be placed again this year to stock walleyes with Gollon Bait and Fish soon. The Sportsmens Club typically contributes \$1,000, which will be confirmed at their March meeting. Buoy replacement on the lake was discussed. A new buoy costs about \$250. If anyone wanted to contribute to the cost, we could include a notice in the newsletter. The DNR does not permit putting donor names on the buoys, though it may be possible through signage.

Education

Don't Be That Guy/Gal Educational Campaign

Neal suggested a short AI –Driven Video Series [30 seconds – 2 minutes], potentially featuring possibly Lou [appropriate consent] to promote safety and good behavior. An AI content library could be on the website and an email push could drive the engagement and involve younger residents also. A small group will meet to develop content.

Emergency Contact Information

A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Ken to approve spending up to \$1000 for sticker design/content and procure 400 units to be sent out with the June newsletter and set April meeting for approvals. These would be approximately a 4x4 inch waterproof sticker with 911, county sheriff non-emergency contact and water patrol chief email to improve on-water incident routing.

Quarterly Meeting Dates:

The Friday Quarterly Meeting date for 2026 will be Friday, April 17th, 2026 and 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:

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lou seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

