

Minutes of the Friday, November 7th, 2025 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, Judy Jooss, Dave Anstett, Ken Vesely, Lou Manfredini, Ed Gignac and Mark Nordigan were present.

Approval of June 6th, 2025 meeting minutes: Dave made a motion to approve the April 25, 2025 minutes. Ken seconded. Minutes approved.

Municipalities:

Mark reported that the state legislature is pushing hard for legislation in the Northern lake districts for wake legislation. 52 lake districts have eliminated wake boats and 2-4 lawsuits have been filed. There are no tax dollars for enforcement so they are not enforcing new laws. Available funds for enforcement are an issue statewide. Before next spring, there may be movement in the legislature. Mark will invite Amanda Nedweski, our State Representative, to speak at our next meeting. For Randall, the 2026 assessments are the priority and may have some improvements.

Mark also indicated there are new provisions in the county's title protection services. Nancy will place another article on this in the newsletter. Mark also mentioned they are behind in the 2026 assessments.

Treasurer's Report

\$32,388.37 = Beginning Balance Nonprofit Checking

\$ 10,850.06 = Receipts

\$ 13,992.59 = Disbursements

\$ 29,245.84 = Ending Balance Nonprofit Checking Available

\$ 23,553.75 = Total Money Market

\$ 406.50 = AIS-BCS Money Market Portion

\$23,146.25 = Wetland Money Market Portion

\$52,798.59 = Total Cash

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

There are no big bills pending.

It came to our attention that we are in arrears to Hay and Associates. They have not been billing us. We owe \$2,250 for yearly management. For 2023, we owe \$2,625 plus water mapping regarding a possible dam.

For 2024, 2,400.00 and in 2025, we owe \$2250.00. These all totaled are \$9,675. They are willing to work with us. Various forms of repayment were discussed and will be presented to Hay. Also, Neal stated that Ken would re-instate the previous budget tracking system that Judy used which would have alerted us that a bill was due and would have prevented this accumulation of debt. Ken will also update the spread sheet.

Watershed Management

Lake Levels

Final low lake levels will be sent to Hay so we can get a final reading for the year.

Aquatic Plant Management

A couple of residents have contacted Neal to ask about having the DPL treat for lily pads. He asked Hay about treatment and they indicated that best practice is for the homeowner to hand pull the lily pads. There is a DNR permit to treat but chances of getting one are pretty low according to our applicator, Jim Scharl. Lily pads are considered non invasive but you can hand pull. Neal thanked Mark Halvey for doing our e coli testing this year and he said he would test next year. There were no warnings or closures and the Knolls Beach got a lot of use this year.

In 2026, we will re-engage USPS to test. Neal sent them an email to confirm.

Fish Stocking

We stocked 2,800 Walleye {6-8 inch size} in September at the DNR launch. for our budget amount. The fish seem to be active

Website

DPL Archives

There is a significant risk due to critical operational knowledge being held by individual members rather than being in a central document. To avoid this,

- Neal's project is to create a binder with all essential information, such as contacts, login credentials for the website and procedures for tasks such as managing the bank account, tax levy, residential listings, newsletters and fish stocking. Once final, the information can be digitally entered and stored on the secure, board-facing section of the website. This will ensure continuity and prevent single points of failure, allowing the district to operate more like a business.
- In order to create a binder, Neal will reach out to each board member individually to obtain their operational information and ensure to document is complete.
- Dave suggested coordinating with the bank to add a 3rd person to the account and provide them with their own login credentials to improve access and verification. Judy asked to be removed from that list.
- The budget spreadsheet needs to be updated and then establish a shared access system like a Google Doc or via the website, so all relevant members can access the latest version. Ken will do this.

DPL Jurisdiction/Boundary

The board also discussed the status of properties with lake access that is not formally within the district such as the Jefferson Bay Colony. After discussion, a decision was made to not pursue incorporating since most residents involved do not want to be included. The official mailing address for this district owned parcel needs to have Jim Michaels' name and address removing and have it sent to the DPL PO box. Neal will contact the county Registrar of Deeds regarding this. Neal will bring the agreement document for this to the next meeting for review.

Education – Welcome Kit Update

We are looking for ways to know when a property sells. Nancy is trying to find out through our contact for the property listings in the counties. In an effort to foster a stronger lake community and improve communication, we can link up with the Sportsman's Club, Surf Club, Knolls Association and the PLYC.

We are also looking at ways we can be proactive i.e. boat size recommendations and boating best practices, and horsepower for Powers Lake. Judy suggested an inclusive community event in the summer for new owners to tour the lake and learn history where we can welcome and educate them. Maybe we can utilize contacts within the various groups on the lake. Neal will put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Dave can check with the Sportsmen's Club. Neal will check with Colleen Keating on PLYC. All members should review the current Welcome Kit and brainstorm additions for the 2026 version.

Don't Be That Guy/Gal Educational Campaign

This campaign is to promote boating best practices and safety on the lake. It could include, short videos, flyers, and regular social media posts to address common issues. Topics could include avoidance of churning up the lake bottom in shallow areas, proper boat fueling to prevent spills, understanding lake topography to avoid hazardous shallow spots, following maritime right of way rules, adhering to skier/tuber limits and general boating etiquette and safety such as fire extinguishers.

Neal will contact a friend to explore generating a short video for the campaign. All will continue to brainstorm and ran issues included for discussion @ further meetings.

Emergency Contact Information

We plan to create and send out a physical item with the information for 911, Kenosha County Sheriff, WI DNR, Water Patrol for all boaters on the lake. Budget funds have been allocated for this. 2 main items considered were a waterproof pouch and a durable, waterproof sticker to be placed on the console or windshield. Lou will get pricing for stickers.

Quarterly Meeting Dates:

The Friday Quarterly Meeting date for 2026 will be Friday February 6th, 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.