



MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 16, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Silver Lake Management District (the "District") was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Sept. 16, 2025. The meeting was held at the Silver Lake Community Center, 113 S. First Street, Silver Lake, WI.

2. Roll Call

All Commissioners were in attendance

John Coffey

Ron Gandt

Harry Laws

Jim Purinton

Larry Kohn

Guest attendees: Joanne Maggio, Paul Maggio, Kurt Ullmann, Jeff Bell, Dee Andershock, Bryon Kozak, Matt Beck, Corrine Kohn

3. Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

The September 16 Board Meeting Notice was posted on the district website on September 9 and at the Silver Lake Post Office, Salem Lakes Community Library, and the Salem Lakes Village Hall on September 9.

4. Citizen Comments: None

5. Board Member Comments

A. Purinton asked Gandt if the Village had any further discussions on wake surfing after the spring meeting. Gandt said no. Laws and Coffey expressed two opposing views on the issue.

B. Gandt said that the Village was in the process of hiring a new Village Administrator. Gandt also said that the Village is maintaining the No-Wake and Hazard Buoys and that they are seeking WDNR approval for two more No-Wake buoys. Purinton noted that there is a conflict between the Village's prohibition of mooring buoys versus the need for mooring boats offshore and the WDNR allowing mooring buoys in the northeast corner of the lake.

6. Approval of Minutes for the May 24, 2025, Annual Meeting and Minutes of the May 24, 2025, Board Meeting

A. Motion to approve Annual Meeting minutes made by Laws, seconded by Coffey. Motion passed.

B. Motion to approve Board meeting minutes made by Coffey and seconded by Laws. Motion passed.

7. Chairman's Report (Purinton)

A. Purinton reported on several topics noted in the Meeting Packet.

B. Purinton also reported on website updates he made since the last meeting. He said the website is a legal requirement since the district does not maintain an office. He also said that he would ask the district's web consultant to train other Board members who can update the website in the future. Kohn and Laws will take the training session.

8. Treasurer's Report (Laws)

A. Laws presented the Treasurer's Report included in the Meeting Packet

B. Approval of Invoices: Laws made a motion, Kohn seconded, to approve the \$166.25 Image Management and \$245.00 AirTech invoices. Motion passed.

C. Laws discussed the process of securing eight \$7,500, 12-month Certificates

of Deposit from Chase Bank once a month starting in June 2025. He recommended continuing that program for future surplus cash. That recommendation will be revisited again at the December meeting.

D. Motion to approve the Treasurer's was made by Coffey, seconded by Kohn. Motion passed.

9. 2025 Annual Meeting-Review and Discussion (Purinton)

A. Purinton presented the information included in the Meeting Packet, noting that the checklist shows the meeting follow-up that was needed and that Volunteer groups have been active since the meeting.

B. Purinton said he updated the Check-In List to include those who signed Voter Certificates.

C. Purinton said one Commissioner will be chosen at next year's Annual Meeting. He confirmed that Kohn is a permanent resident, fulfilling the requirement that one Board member be a permanent resident of the district.

D. Purinton asked for comments on this year's Annual Meeting. Several mentioned that the venue and agenda worked well. Purinton said the meeting place and date for the 2026 Annual Meeting will be decided at the December Board meeting.

10. Invasive Species Report (Purinton)

A. Purinton reported that the fall 2025 hybrid water milfoil (HWM) lake survey occurred last week and that the fall report and that recommendations for the spring 2026 HWM treatment would be reviewed at the December Board meeting.

11. Water Safety Patrols (Andershock)

A. Andershock reported on the 2025 summer program, noting that the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department clocked 208 hours, gave out 17 citations and 15 warnings, and did 40 safety checks. Total cost to the district is expected to be approximately \$12,200. The WDNR will provide partial reimbursement of that cost next spring; last year, approximately 54% of the district's cost were reimbursed.

B. Andershock also presented the report of the Water Safety Patrol group that concluded that the Saturday & Sunday weekend patrols improve boater behavior. They will recommend that the district continue the same program for 2026. The recommendations will be formally presented and considered at the December Board meeting.

12. Lake Levels/Outlet Dam Report (Bell)

A. Bell presented the Lake Levels chart in the Meeting Packet, noting that he has been taking the monthly lake levels this summer and will continue to do so, making the updated charts of the lake level records for inclusion on the district website.

B. Bell also reported on his communication with both the WDNR person in charge of dams and with the owner of the dam, Brian Sullivan. The current dam is functional. The top level of the dam is close to the maximum height allowed, and Sullivan adds/takes out the dam boards per regulations. The dam height, etc. could be revisited if/when the existing dam needs repair/replacement.

13. Water Quality (Purinton)

A. Purinton presented the information in the Meeting Packet. After Annual Meeting approval of the proposed water quality study, Engels prepared and submitted the preliminary WDNR grant application.

B. Purinton asked for comments on the proposed SEWRPC study. Laws proposed and Kohn seconded a motion to approve proceeding with the SEWRPC study proposal at a total cost not to exceed \$20,000, subject to securing a WDNR grant to partially offset the cost. The motion passed.

C. Purinton asked for any comments on the preliminary WDNR grant application. Coffey said the Silver Lake Protection Association would contribute to the cost of the study and that should be noted. Gandt made a motion, seconded by Laws, to approve the submittal of a final WDNR grant application by the November 15, 2025, deadline, authorizing the Chair to work with Engels and the Water Quality Group to finalize. Motion passed.

D. Purinton read the required Board Resolution that needs to be

included in the final WDNR grant application. Motion made by Laws, seconded by Coffey to approve the resolution. Motion passed. Kohn will need to certify the resolution as the Board Secretary.

14. **Any Other Topics:** None

15. **Next Board Meeting** Tentatively Wednesday, December 17, at the Silver Lake Community Center, 113 S. First Street.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Laws, seconded by Kohn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kohn, Secretary