



## **MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

April 30, 2026

### **1. Call to order**

The meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Silver Lake Management District (the "District") met at 5:59 pm, Thursday, April 30, 2026, at the Salem Lakes Community Library, 24615 89th Street, Salem, WI.

### **2. Roll Call**

Board: Jim Purinton, John Coffey, Harry Laws, Larry Kohn, Dennis Faber (interim Rep for Village)

Guest attendees: Jeff Bell, Dave Engels, David Zyer, Cindy Bell, Paul Maggio, Joanne Maggio, Bryon Kozak, Anne Schnaubelt, Corrine Kohn

### **3. Open Meeting Law Compliance Check**

The April 30th Board Meeting Notice was posted on the district website on April 15 and at the Silver Lake Post Office, Salem Lakes Community Library, and the Salem Lakes Village Hall on April 15.

### **4. Citizen Comments**

- A. Paul Maggio read a statement related to the recent rain and the flood plan asking what the Lake District does to protect the water quality.
- B. Bryon Kozak spoke about the dirt flowing into the water by the DNR boat launch during the recent flooding.

### **5. Board Member Comments**

Faber informed the members that Jeff Bell would be appointed as the representative of the Village of Salem Lakes on the Board of Commissioners of the Silver Lake Management District. His appointment to be approved at the next Village Board Meeting.

### **6. Approval of Minutes Of the Board Meeting Held on December 17, 2025**

Motion to approve minutes made by Laws, and seconded by Coffey. Motion Passed.

## **7. Chairman's Report (Purinton)**

Purinton reported on several topics noted in the Meeting Packet.

- A. Venue Change for Board meeting is required as the former Silver Lake Village Hall is no longer available for SLMD Board meetings. Shifted to Community Library for this meeting. Kohn will find location for quarterly Board meetings held in September, December, and March/April each year.
- B. Follow-up to December Meeting: Purinton said he executed contracts with Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource for the 2026 HWM program, with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office for the 2026 Water Safety Patrols, and with the WDNR/SEWRPC for the Water Quality Management Plan.
- C. Added to SLMD website (with prior text review by Board Members) concerning Message from Chairperson, Silver Lake Buoys in the Lake Life section, and the Silver Lake Summer Resort in 1899 in the Gallery section.
- D. Village of Salem Lakes-Lake District Forum-held Feb. 28
  1. Purinton described his takeaways of the event:'s
    - \*Found out what other lake district are doing
    - \*Met SWERPC and WDNR officials and heard more about various services and grant programs.
    - \*Village agreed to review low-salt winter road clearing on village roads. Referred to Village Administrator.
    - \* Village agreed to consider sponsorship Clean Boats, Clean waters program for Village Lakes (passed at 4-1-26 Village Board Meeting).
- E. Rock Lake's Effort to Form Lake District.
  1. Purinton said he made a supportive statement at Kenosha County Board PDEEC meeting March 11, 2026, but that PDEEC did not recommend County Board approval to form the lake district after focusing on petition details.

## **8. Treasurer's Report (Laws)-Exhibit C**

- A. Laws presented the Treasurer's Report included in the Meeting Packet.
- B. Laws discussed the process of securing and the status of the Board's CD investments.
- C. Compilation Review conducted by Red Rock Advisors. Recommended accounting software program for record keeping and to have a formal reconcile of monthly expenses with another person. Jeff Bell volunteered.
- D. Motion to approve certain bills made by Laws, seconded by Kohn. Motion passed.
- E. Motion to purchase four more 12-month CD's (one in May 2026 and one each in February, March, and April 2027) made by Laws, seconded by Coffey. Motion passed.
- F. Motion to approve 2025 year-end financials and compilation report was made by Faber, seconded by Coffey. Motion passed.
- G. Motion to approve 2026 year-to-date and projected year-end financials was made by Coffey, seconded by Laws. Motion Passed.
- H. Motion to approve 2027 Budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting was made by Coffey, seconded by Laws. Motion Passed.

## **9. Invasive Species (Dave Zyer)**

- A. 2026 HWM Lake Treatment Update. 17.5 acres to the NW part of the lake scheduled for May 4. Discussion about using various herbicides and their impact and timing. Zyer agreed to contact Wisconsin Lakes regarding timing..
- B. Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program -- Village will apply for grant this fall and administer Program to start 2027. A motion was made by Coffey, seconded by Kohn, to approve SLMD's participation in the program at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. The motion passed.

## **10. Water Safety Patrols- (Kozak and Purinton)**

- A. Kozak discussed the concept for the 2026 educational program which would include signage at boat launch and educational brochures for boaters. The Brochure was shared at the meeting and will be included in the Annual Meeting mailing and as hand outs at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Kozak requested funds for the Stop Sign signage at the boat launches. Motion was made by Coffey, seconded by Laws to approve the Stop Sign project at a cost not to exceed \$2,250, provided final sign approved by Laws (Board Liaison to Water Safety Committee) and written approval by land owners (Village, WDNR, and marina). Motion passed.
- C. The Committee will report at a later Board meeting on recommendations to add a new sign at the Village launch ramp. Faber said that Camp Center lake district added consistent signage to all its boat launches and that the

Village would work with SLMD on a new sign, perhaps even sharing its cost. The idea is that once a sign is designed and agreed to, it might also be installed at the WDNR and marina launches.

**11. Lake Levels (Jeff Bell)-**

- A. Bell presented the Lake Levels chart in the Meeting Packet, noting that he will be taking lake levels monthly, making the updated charts of the lake level records for inclusion in Board materials and the district website.

**12. Water Quality-Update on Silver Lake Water Quality Study and Management Plan (Engels)**

- A. Engels shared the SEWRPC work plan with the members, noting the need for volunteers for each phase. He will volunteer to take the water samples after rain falls. and is seeking volunteers to complete each phase. Will need application in the spring for reimbursement.
- B. There will be public presentation/discussion of the Water Quality Plan at the 2026 Annual Meeting. Summer study findings will be presented at the September Board meeting. The draft report will be discussed at the December Board meeting. And the final report will be presented at the 2027 Annual Meeting.
- C. Shoreline conditions: each property will be graded on lot and boat load. Kohn agreed to take out the SEWRPC staff to do the Homeowner grading, tentatively scheduled for mid-summer.

**13. Proposed WDNR Panfish Bag Limit Reduction (Engels).**

Fishery study by WDNR looked at Panfish last fall and has recommend a reduction in the daily bag limit from 25 to 10. Motion to support the proposed WDNR change in the panfish bag limit for Silver Lake made by Laws, seconded by Kohn. Motion Passed.

**14. 2026 Annual Meeting- (Purinton)**

- A. Purinton reviewed the checklist assignments for next Annual meeting.
- B. Coffey and Laws will be Election Judges for this Annual Meeting.
- C. Motion was made to approve the Meeting Notice Materials by Laws, seconded by Coffey. Motion passed.
- D. Mailing of the Annual Meeting Notice to property owners will sent by May 8 and a legal notice will be placed in Kenosha News (Kohn).

**15. Any other topics:** Laws requested an email address for treasurer moving forward.

**16. Next Board Meeting:** Saturday, May 23, 2026 immediately following the annual meeting. Agenda to include election of officers for next year, payment of bills, and setting the date/venue for the September Board Meeting.

17. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Faber, seconded by Coffey. Motion passed. Meeting ended 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kohn, Secretary