



MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 17, 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 6:28 p.m. Dec. 17, 2025. The meeting was held at the Silver Lake Community Center, 113 S. First Street, Silver Lake, WI.

2. Roll Call

John Coffey
Ron Gandt
Harry Laws
Jim Purinton
Larry Kohn

Guest attendees: Matt Beck, Jeff Bell

3. Open Meeting Law Compliance Check

The December 17 Board Meeting Notice was posted on the district website on December 11 and at the Silver Lake Post Office, Salem Lakes Community Library, and the Salem Lakes Village Hall on December 12.

4. Citizen Comments

A. A note written to the Board by Brian Kozak relating to Wake Boats was read.

5. Board Member Comment

A. Gandt said that he will not be seeking re-election to the Salem Lakes Village Board in April and, as a result, the Village Board will be appointing another person to be its representative on the SLMD Board after the election.

6. Approval of Minutes Of the Board Meeting Held on September 16, 2025

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

7. Chairman's Report (Purinton)

- A. Purinton reported on several topics noted in the Meeting Packet.
- B. John Coffey has been reappointed as Kenosha County Rep. for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2027
- C. Purinton also reported on website updates. Laws and Kohn completed training for website and will update website moving forward which includes uploading meeting minutes, announcements and the meeting packet.

8. Treasurer's Report (Laws)-

- A. Laws presented the Treasurer's Report included in the Meeting Packet.
- B. Approval of Invoices: Coffey made a motion, Gandy seconded, to approve the \$775.38 for Image Management, the \$140.00 Air Technology and the \$60.00 Post Office box invoices. Motion passed.
- C. Laws discussed the process of securing eight, \$7,500, 12-month Certificates of Deposit from Chase Bank. Once completed in January, CD's will rollover once a month June through January of each year.
- D. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Laws seconded by Coffey. Motion passed.

9. Invasive Species (Purinton)

- A. Purinton reported on the fall 2025 hybrid water milfoil (HWM) lake survey report and recommendations for the spring 2026 HWM treatment.
- B. A motion was made by Laws, seconded by Coffey, to authorize the contracting with Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 to treat approximately 17.6 acres for HWM in spring 2026 and to conduct the fall 2026 HWM survey. The motion passed.

10. Water Safety Patrols- (Meek and Purinton)

- A. Meek discussed the concept for the 2026 educational program which would include signage at boat lunch and educational brochures for boaters. The program will be presented at next meeting.
- B. A motion was made by Laws, seconded by Kohn, to authorize contracting with the Kenosha County Sheriff to carry out a 2026 water safety patrol program at a cost not to exceed \$14,500 having the goal of providing four hours of on-the-water patrols each Saturday and Sunday, weather and Sheriff staffing permitting, from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. The motion passed.

11. Lake Levels-2025 Lake Levels Chart

12. 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.

- A. 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.

12. Water Quality-WDNR Grant Application for WQMP

- A. Purinton presented the information in the Meeting Packet.
- B. After Annual Meeting approval of the proposed water quality study and the Board's approval of the Water Quality Management Plan proposal with SEWRPC in September, Engels prepared and submitted the final application submitted for the WDNR grant prior to November 15th deadline.
- C. Grant recipients will be announced in February, 2026.

13. 2026 Annual Meeting- Selection of Date and Venue

- A. Jim reviewed the checklist Exhibit G for next Annual meeting.
- B. It was determined that the Annual Meeting will be held at Copper Bottom on May 23rd, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. Coffey and Laws will be Election Judges for this Annual Meeting.

14. Any other topics: None

15. Next Board Meeting:

- A. To be held on April 16th, 2026, 6:30, Silver Lake Community Center
- B. The primary topic will be review and approval of the Annual Meeting Agenda and Meeting Notice materials.

16. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Laws and seconded by Coffey at 7:45 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Kohn, Secretary