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Minutes of the Lake Committee Meeting

The Town of Delavan Lake Committee held its monthly Meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, Town of Delavan.

1) Call to order 6:22 P.M.

2) Roll Call *Wolfgram absent, Jason Shelcross absent, also present was Peter Berrini and Scott Bell on Zoom*

3) Declaration of quorum for doing business

4) Approval of Agenda *Motion to approve by Nixdorf, seconded by O'Connor, motion carried.*

5) Approval of minutes of the Lake Committee meeting of November 5, 2025 *motion to approve by Nixdorf, seconded by O'Connor, motion carried.*

6) Comments and suggestions of citizens present regarding Items on the Agenda - None

7) Communications – *Discussion on upcoming Lakes and Rivers Convention and the Fox River Summit.*

8) Delavan Lake Sanitary District Updates – *Nixdorf reported that this is a Quiet time of year and normal operations are ongoing. No update on status of new harvester grant application which is in process.*

9) Delavan Lake Improvement Association Updates – *No updates; Pontoon Classroom Day discussed; USGS may be get involved.*

10) City of Delavan – updates report – *Nick Griffin reported that a Meeting was held in the City of Delavan with TOD town board and representatives from the City of Delavan, including Mayor Ryan Schroader and Lake Lawn representative. The purpose of the meeting was to open and establish lines of communication between the two municipalities that utilize Delavan Lake, our mutual asset. Nick Griffin is working on scheduling a meeting with the City Tourism department to discuss the feasibility of helping the Township financially with lake maintenance and boater safety. Nick reported the new homes proposed for the Lake Lawn Golf Course along the north side of the bay on Delavan Lake are delayed until Spring or later.*

11) Old Business:

(a) Discussion/Possible Recommendations: Delavan Lake Management, Planning and Projects

(b) Discussion/Possible Recommendations: SEWRPC Lake Management Plan updates – *Chair Knipper said a meeting with SEWRPC will be set up to discuss Delavan Lake plan update and draft chapter review.*

(c) Discussion/Possible Recommendations: Lake Committee Sub-Committees Updates, Planning Priorities – *Knipper passed out the “Lake committee Sub-groups Communications and Process” for our subcommittees.*

12) New Business:

(a) Discussion/Possible Recommendations: Private dredging/funding/process – Discussion held regarding cost sharing opportunities for homeowner to do their own dredging. Nixdorf suggested offering homeowners up to \$3000 to assist with dredging costs. Further discussion was held on what constitutes qualifying projects. Nixdorf to discuss with Peter Berrini. To make the dredging most effective it would be best to have a series of pier neighbors to participate. However, they need to keep in mind when a permit requirement would be needed. DLIA will sponsor the next inlet/outlet meeting

(b) Discussion/Possible Recommendations: Phosphorus Trading program – Chair Knipper set up a new committee to track opportunities and education on Water Quality T (WQT) trading. Nick Griffin and Supervisor O'Connor will lead the committee.

(c) Discussion/Possible Recommendations: Newsletter planning/2025 review
All committee reports will be in the 2026 upcoming newsletter. Goal for first newsletter is March 2026. Put link to subcommittee notes in each newsletter.

13) Review/Approval of Bills/Lake Funds update –
Motion made by Chair Knipper to recommend to the Town Board to approve the next contract with the USGS for \$53,590, seconded by Nixdorf, motion carried.

Motion to pay all bills made by Nixdorf, seconded by Knipper to pay all bills. Motion carried.

14) Future Agenda Items

15) Comments and Suggestions of Citizens Present – Scott Bell stated the homeowners at Geneva Landings were under the impression there would not be any dredging opportunities. He will pass the dredging updates on to his neighbors.

16) Date of Next Meeting: February 4 6:00 PM-Town Hall

17) Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 7:45 made by O'Connor, seconded by Handel.

Committee Members

Mary Knipper – Chair (voting)	Jason Shallcross Citizen Member (voting)
Mary O'Connor – Co-Chair (voting)	Vacant – Citizen Member (voting)
Ben Nixdorf, DLSD member (voting)	Nick Griffin - City of Delavan Rep (voting)
Jim Wolfram – Citizen Member (voting)	DLIA –Charlie Handel (voting)
Jim DeLuca – DLSD Admin. (non-voting)	January 2, 2026

A quorum of the Town Board and the Delavan Lake Sanitary District May be Present

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