



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Lakes & Watershed Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive
Moraine Room; attend virtually via zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

A. Call To Order

Vice Chair LEVIN called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Staff present: David Rowe, Laura Hicklin, & Kyle Minks

Present: 7 - ALAN LEVIN, CHIN WU, MICHAEL ENGELBERGER, PHIL GAEBLER, DAN BLAZEWICZ, KEITH FURMAN and DEA LARSEN CONVERSE

Excused: 3 - MAUREEN McCARVILLE, DAVID CLUTTER and STEVE GREB

B. Consideration of Minutes

2025 Minutes of the January 7, 2026 Lakes & Watershed Commission
MIN-500

Sponsors: Environment and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Attachments: [LWC 01-07-26](#)

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER, seconded by FURMAN, that the minutes from the January 7, 2026 Lakes and Watershed Commission meeting be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

C. Fund Transfers

None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

None

F. Presentations

None

G. Reports to Committee**1. Proposed amendments to Chapter 71: Regulation of Icebound Inland Waters**

Kyle Minks reported to the commission that proposed changes to CH 71 are available for public comment. Proposed changes are in the attached documents. Additional information, as well as a form for the public to submit written comments, are available on the Land and Water Resources Department website. A public information meeting will also be held on March 4th.

2025
RPT-668 Proposed amendments to Chapter 71: Regulations of Icebound Inland Waters

Attachments: [DRAFT - Chapter 71_ Proposed Changes](#)
[DRAFT - OA Icebound Lakes](#)

2. Lakes and Watershed Commission budget discussion.

Laura Hicklin provided the commission with information on the history of the Commission's budget. Dea Larson provided a proposed 2026 budget initiative (see attached). Commission members requested to continue budget discussions at the next meeting.

2025
RPT-689 Winter Ice Safety Budget Proposal

Attachments: [Winter Ice Safety Budget Proposal LWC](#)

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Next Lakes and Watershed Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 4th starting at 5:30 pm. Agenda items include public comments on proposed changes to CH 71: Regulations of Icebound Inland Waters.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by FURMAN, seconded by BLAZEWICZ, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kyle Minks and are subject to action at a future meeting.

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