



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, July 1, 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, James Brodzeller, Lauren Kuhl, and Kyle Minks

Other present: Steve Books

Present: 8 - ALAN LEVIN, BRETT SCHUMACHER, SHERRIE GRUDER, RICHELLE ANDRAE,
DAN BLAZEWICZ, PATRICK DOWNING, MICHAEL ENGELBERGER and PHIL
GAEBLER

Excused: 2 - STEVE GREB and DEA LARSEN CONVERSE

B. Election of Officers

1. Chair

ENGELBERGER nominated BLAZEWICZ for Chair, no other nominations were offered. BLAZEWICZ elected Chair by unanimous consent.

2. Vice Chair

ENGELBERGER nominated LEVIN for Vice Chair, no other nominations were offered. LEVIN elected Vice Chair by unanimous consent.

C. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2025](#)
[MIN-685](#) Minutes of the March 4, 2026 Lakes & Watershed Commission

Attachments: [LWC Minutes 3_4_2026](#)

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER, seconded by BLAZEWICZ, that the minutes from the March 4, 2026 Lakes & Watershed Commission meeting be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0 with DOWNING, GRUDER, and SCHUMACHER abstaining.

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2026 OA-005](#) AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING THE ICEBOUND LAKES OF DANE COUNTY

Sponsors: BLAZEWICZ and MARREN

Attachments: [2026 OA-005](#)

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER, seconded by LEVIN, that Ordinance Amendment 2026 OA-005 be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote (8-0).

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

None

F. Presentations

1. **Overview and environmental impacts of neonicotinoid insecticides**

BRODZELLER gave a presentation and answered questions on neonicotinoid insecticides. The presentation is attached below.

Commission members asked staff to investigate if the Lakes and Watershed Commission has authority to restrict neonicotinoid use.

[2026
PRES-064](#)

Neonicotinoid Presentation to Lakes and Watershed Commission

Attachments: [Neonics_LWC_070126](#)

G. Reports to Committee

1. **2027 Lakes and Watershed Commission Budget Recommendations**

Steve Brooks provided public comments to the commission regarding aquatic plant management and county support for volunteers picking up aquatic vegetation along the lake shoreline.

Commission members discussed budget recommendations and were asked to submit additional items to staff for incorporation into a draft document. Commissioners also asked for a report or presentation, at their next meeting, on the scope of their budget recommendations and how the budget process works.

[2026](#)
[RPT-164](#)

Draft 2027 Lakes & Watershed Commission Budget Recommendations

Attachments: [Draft 2027 LWC Budget Recommendations](#)

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 5, 2026 starting at 5:30 pm.

Agenda Items

1. Scope and budget process for Lakes and Watershed Commission
2. Draft 2027 Budget Recommendations document and discussion

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 LEVIN that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

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

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