



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, March 4, 2026

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

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

A. Call To Order

Chair McCarville called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Staff present: David Rowe and Kyle Minks

Others present: Sergeant Kyle McNally, Matt Koshollek, Jim Kusuda, and Jeff
Ruland

Present: 8 - MAUREEN McCARVILLE, CHIN WU, MICHAEL ENGELBERGER, PHIL
GAEBLER, STEVE GREB, DAN BLAZEWICZ, KEITH FURMAN and DEA LARSEN
CONVERSE

Excused: 2 - ALAN LEVIN and DAVID CLUTTER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-525](#)

Minutes of the February 4, 2026 Lakes & Watershed Commission

Sponsors: Environment and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Attachments: [LWC 2-4-26](#)

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER, seconded by BLAZEWICZ, that the minutes from the February 4, 2026 Lakes and Watershed Commission meeting be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 8-0.

C. Fund Transfers

None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

None

F. Public Comments on Proposed Amendments to Chapter 71: Regulations of Icebound Inland Waters

James Kusuda provided public comment in opposition to the proposed changes to chapter 71.

Commission members discussed the proposed changes and asked for further clarification regarding personal floatation devices.

[2025
RPT-668](#)

Proposed amendments to Chapter 71: Regulations of Icebound Inland Waters

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

A motion was made by GREB, seconded by FURMAN, that the proposed ordinance language be amended to include the definition of a personal floatation device including Type II floatation and that the amendments be introduced to County Board. The motion passed by a voice vote 8-0.

G. Reports to Committee**1. 2027 Lakes and Watershed Commission Budget Discussion**

Commission members discussed the 2026 Commission Budget Recommendations and asked staff to update the document for 2027.

[2025
RPT-762](#)

2026 Lakes and Watershed Commission Budget Recommendations

Attachments: [2026 LWC Budget Recommendations - Final](#)

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Commission members asked for an update on department discussions with Corporation Council on the commissions budget authority. Members also asked for presentations on neonicotinoids as well as changing ice conditions on the Madison Lakes.

Next Lakes and Watershed Commission meeting tentatively scheduled for April 15th at 5:30 pm.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

K. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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

[2025](#)
[RPT-782](#)

March 4th, 2026 Registration Report

Attachments: [LWC 3 4 Registration Report](#)

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