

Lake Marinuka Protection & Rehabilitation District
MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2026

Attendees: Dan Truax, Terry Wagner, Paul Halderson, Bruce Reedy, Jim Spencer

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Dan Truax. Open Meeting Laws have been met per Dan Truax by posting the meeting notice to our email chain and website, City Hall, Facebook, Public Library, and grocery store.

1. **June Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Paul H, 2nd by Jim S, motion carried
2. **Summary of Presentation to City of Galesville and Town of Gale:** A draft spoil site agreement with 29 topics from Davy Engineering was circulated. The board will review it and Mayor Tom Thatcher will forward to the city attorney. Discussion ensued regarding retaining Lake District legal counsel. Options mentioned, however historically the district has used the city attorney. Decision will need to be made. Committee to prepare proposal for installing signage on city property at the municipal boat landing, lakeside gazebo and Arctic Spring/Fireman Park.
3. **Brochure/Poster Update:** Town of Gale approved a framed 2x3 poster display in the town hall.
4. **Grant Opportunity Discussion:** 1. Grant sources are being considered and researched. 2. Grant writers are being researched and contacted for contract cost proposals. However, a decision is pending on whether to hire a writer or manage applications internally.
5. **Fundraising Opportunities:**
 - a. **Corporate Business Donors** – A fundraising letter is being drafted for local businesses like Kwik Trip and Ashley. The presentation used by Dan T. for the city and town will be adapted for corporate pitches.
 - b. **Fundraising Communication** - The \$7 million goal is intended to be funded primarily from outside sources, not large local levies. The District plans to prepare clear messaging to address public speculation about levy amounts but will not engage in social media debate. The focus is on reaching at least half the funding goal before discussing levies.
 - c. **Donation Logistics** - The District's tax-exempt status (170-C(1)) makes donations tax deductible. A test of the website's Square donation system was successful. A suggestion was made to add tax deductible language to the electronic receipt.
 - d. **Events & Media** – The district plans to increase visibility by setting up booths at The Trempealeau County Fair, Apple Affair and Farmers Market. As well as, outreach to local media and presentations to service organizations like the Lions Club and Rotary Club.
6. **Website Status:** A website update is planned for the July meeting with work being divided among volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted by Terry Wagner, Secretary