

Deer Lake Watershed Association

February 2, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting

Carpenter Town Hall, Togo MN

Our Mission: *“To protect, maintain and improve the natural resources of the Deer Lake Watershed for current and future generations.”*

AGENDA and MEETING MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order - Bruce called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - A. Attendees - In person at Carpenter Hall - Sara G., Andy G., Bruce S., Gail B.
On Line - Bob G., Vaughn D., Cole G., Colton F., Greg B., Galen V, Travis M.
2. Agenda review, changes, additions, and approval - No changes suggested, agenda approved by Andy, seconded by Gail
3. Reports
 - A. Treasurer’s Report – Vaughn had sent a Treasurer’s report listing account balances in the various funds as of 2/1/26:
 - DLWA General Checking Account - \$2,520.88
 - DLWA Continuous Flow Fund - \$6,189.22
 - DLWA Water Protection Fund - \$1,189.53
 - Total in all DLWA accounts - \$9,899.63

 - CCC Camp Historical Preservation Fund - \$597.42

It was noted that these balances do not reflect the recent membership renewals received from seven members which would add \$175 to the General Account, \$225 to the Water Protection Fund, and \$50 to the CCC Camp Historical Preservation Fund. The Treasurer's report was approved for filing on a motion by Andy, seconded by Gail

- B. Secretary’s Report – Gail Blackmer

* Review and approval December 2025 meeting - The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved for filing on a motion by Andy, seconded by Vaughn

4. Old Business

A. AIS – Discussion - Discussion included obtaining another banner to be placed underneath the DLWA sign on CR 533 to educate the public on the major ways to prevent AIS entering area lakes, i.e. wording to state: “STOP AIS - CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY BOATS AND EQUIPMENT.” Wording and design to be determined after receiving quotes and estimates for such a banner. Gail will get an estimate from Creek Bank printing, Sara may have another source for an estimate. Gail moved to authorize purchasing a banner, seconded by Andy. Further discussion to be on agenda at the April meeting, we would like it completed and hung by fishing season opening day in May.

Further discussion on AIS included our concern is not so much on local people transporting their boats to various lakes, but guests from other states may not be aware of the number or location of infested lakes in the area . Also discussed was training for AIS inspectors checking boats at public access locations. Apparently annual renewal is required for certification of inspectors - Travis will check with the DNR if annual certification is required.

B. Newsletter – Sara - Reviewed progress of written articles for the newsletter. Sara plans to use her holiday time for President’s Day to compose the newsletter - all submissions need to be sent to her by then.

C. Welcome Committee - Discussion - Bruce reviewed the background on developing the concept of a packet of information to be given to members and for recruiting use for new landowners in the watershed area. Bruce brought a copy of the comprehensive binder that he created a couple years ago. We agreed that it could be reviewed and updated, then be able to give a printed notebook to new members, possibly to all current members as well.

5. New Business

A. Highway cleanup - Gail - Highway cleanup is scheduled for the first Saturday of May, weather permitting. We agreed that it was nice to serve lunch after the clean up and will offer that again this year - Grilled hot dogs and chips/beverage for participants at Deer Lake Charlies.

6. Adjourn - there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Sara, seconded by Greg.