

Lake Madison Development Association (LMDA) Board Meeting
February 4, 2026

The LMDA Board met at the Lakes Bar and Grill on February 4 at 6 p.m.

1. Call to Order

President Boysen called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Eight members were present for roll call including: Teresa Boysen, Elaine Garry, Jo Doher, Dan Carlson (via MS Teams), Gary Fikse, Larry Kotton, Kyle Ellenkowich, Luke Fortney. **A quorum was not met which require that these minutes be ratified at the next Board meeting.**

Ten guests attended the meeting.

3. Agenda

The agenda was approved as mailed by a motion from Dohrer, seconded by Kotton. The motion passed.

4. Community Partner Reports

Cody Symens of SD Game Fish & Parks both reported on the ice conditions, fish stocking scheduled for 2026, the dirtbike races scheduled for Long Lake, 2026 licenses for fishing and hunting pheasants. Symens responded to questions about spillway cleanup and weed growth in the lake.

John Bame of SD Game Fish & Parks shared an update of activities in the park areas. Some cabins, picnic shelters and toilets have been moved at Walker's Point State Park to expand the parking lot. Cabin rentals are available year-round. Bame shared that there is a website that shares information about the boat launch site conditions that can be checked before people proceed on the lake to go ice fishing. Summer jobs are available at the parks. The trail in Johnson's Point State Park has been repaired.

Adam Leighton, City Commission for Lake County, reported that the new zoning regulations had gone through the first reading; the most significant change that will affect the lake area is the allowance for larger size garages. The highway department is identifying highways that will be repaired in 2026. Leighton responded to questions about the bridge over the spillway and the timing to clean the tree grove on the southwest side of the lake that was damaged by the derecho in 2022; this work will be done spring of 2026.

Sheriff Sarina Talich reported that the Sheriff's department is fully staffed, that an app will soon be available to post sheriff office information, and that a drug take-back box is available at their office. Talich responded to questions about the level of vandalism in the lake area, which is minimal, and the availability of Narcan, which all patrol vehicles have available along with an AED.

Dan Burish of the Madison Fire Department discussed lake safety issues, the legislative changes approved last year, and the types of accidents which are occurring. He stressed the need for non-essential people to stay away from the accident site. Burish asked that all lake residents install the blue reflective identification sign in a visible site along their driveway. He also asked that roadways be kept clear for emergency vehicles. When asked how lake residents could help with safety

incidents, Burish asked people to watch out for each other as “it takes a village” to keep everyone safe. Burish also recommended people consider purchasing a trauma emergency kit to keep on their boats. Burish responded to questions about AED locations (LMDA has a map of these locations and will include in The LMDA Anchor) and responded to a question about fire response responsibilities between Wentworth and Madison.

Fikse asked whether the Board had decided to sponsor the fireworks. Boysen indicated that request had been denied at the last Board meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Garry, seconded by Fikse to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025, Board meeting.

6. Approval of Financials

Garry summarized the financial reports for year ending December 31, 2025. Elenkiwich made a motion, seconded by Dohrer, to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

7. LMDA Business

President Boysen reported that Mike Teslow had expressed interest in serving on the Board to represent Zone C. Dohrer made a motion, seconded by Garry, to appoint Teslow to the Board. Teslow will stand for election at the Annual Meeting in August.

President Boysen indicated that the second vice president position is currently open and asked that anyone interested contact her.

Sheriff Talich supported a donation to the National Child Safety Council. A motion was made by Dohrer, seconded by Fikse, to donate \$105 to the organization. The motion passed.

Danielle Lovro from the Madison Chamber of Commerce was introduced to the Board. Lovro is currently providing technical assistance as well as publishing the LMDA Anchor and providing social media support. Lovro encouraged members to like, share and comment on LMDA social media posts.

8. Committee Updates

Safety – Larry Kotten and Jo Dohrer reported that work is underway for the golf tournament (May 30 at 3 p.m. at the Lakes Golf Course) and the Boater Safety Training (June 13 at the Hillside).

Kotten reported that the Wentworth Fire Department is raising funds to install a pump on the donated pontoon that will be used during fire rescues and for courtesy patrol of the lake. The pontoon has been named Emmy’s Rescue.

Kotten also provided some information on enzymes that can be used in the lake to reduce the green/blue algae that appears during warm days in the summer. More information will be gathered on this topic.

There was no report from the membership, water quality, and fishing/habitat committees.

Garry reported on the Lake County Zoning ordinance updates.

9. Recreation Trail Development Plan

Garry reported that three projects were vetted for possible construction in 2026. The project which was preferred would extend the current trail from Scott Pederson Park to Walker's Point State Park. Initially the trail would be gravel only. Some funds have been raised, but obtaining the remainder of the needed funds is the next challenge. A grant application is in process. A sign will be installed at the corner of Highways 34 and 19 to display the current trails in the City of Madison and Lake County as well as the proposed trail expansions for both entities.

10. Board of Director Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the board will be on May 12, and the annual meeting will be held on August 2.

11. Adjournment

Fikse made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dohrer. The motion passed.