# Lakes JAC — Meeting Minutes

Date: June 10, 2026

Location: Board Room

Chairman: Matt Champagne

Vice Chairman: Kevin Attleson

Secretary: Jeff Retey

Committee Members: Michael Coughlin, Brett Arabie, Carol Phillips, Steve Killian, Scott Hawes, Jeff Retey, Rob Montgomery, Kevin Attleson, Matt Champagne.

## Meeting Starts

Matt Champagne called the meeting to order; the agenda was adopted with no additions.

Prior minutes: Approved (motion/second; carried).

## Board Member Comments

No Board member comments were presented.

## Staff Reports

## Lake Management – Rick

Dam ratings / permitting: A national registry listed Loch Lomond and Lake Ann as poor. Lake Ann should move to fair once its current emergency action plan is filed. Loch Lomond conditions have improved through two complete mowings and removal of woody vegetation.

Lake Ann dam: The late-1960s dam must meet 1980 standards requiring a wider spillway before repermitting. The POA has three years to complete the work and is consulting Lee Besaw of Olsson and Associates on scope and costs for all seven dams.

Lake Ann drawdown: Staff proposed the normal rotational drawdown from November 2, 2026, through March 1, 2027, at about three inches per day to six feet. Work will include resurfacing the courtesy dock and cutting deeper grooves in the ramp. This is separate from the spillway project.

Lake Ranger contacts (May): 4,396 total contacts; 256 by boat; nearly 80 lake hours; 1,958 anglers; 1,930 other recreational users; and 192 non-members removed. Escalated removal cases may be referred to Bella Vista Police for trespassing enforcement.

Kayak racks / facilities: Fifty-two spaces have been added this year, with 30 more planned. Lake Ann kayak-launch framing is being galvanized before installation.

Dam Safety Workshop / staffing: The Northwest Arkansas workshop remains scheduled for September 29. One summer ranger opening remains after a long-term ranger transferred to Golf.

Fisheries / water quality: Spring sampling and the largemouth bass study are complete, with results expected next month. The beach was treated for algae, and E. coli results remain acceptable.

Grass carp / vegetation: Mike Colgrove has removed 45 grass carp and won the April and May raffles. The funnel trap has not caught fish and will be modified. Native northern milfoil will be quarantined about three weeks before placement in habitat cubes. A Secchi disk volunteer is still needed for Lake Avalon.

## Marina / Operations – Trey

July 3 event: June 15 was the deadline for lease-dock holders to obtain fireworks parking passes; later access requires dinner tickets if available. Additional marina and courtesy-dock parking opened after underwater braces were restored.

## Committee Business

Lake Ann drawdown: The committee unanimously approved the proposed fall 2026 drawdown.

Committee appointment: Kelly Austin was approved to replace Rob Montgomery when Montgomery's term ends in June.

Capital priorities: Members will finalize priorities next month. Discussion emphasized grass carp removal, native vegetation, rule enforcement, private-property signage, and Lake Brittany trout stocking.

Facilities: Members requested launch cleats closer to the ramps at Lake Ann, Avalon, and Norwood. Lake Ann dock and ramp work will occur during the drawdown; the London Landing access road condition was also noted.

Signage: Members requested larger, more visible private-lake signs at entry points. Staff distinguished these from costly roadside wayfinding signs and will have Marketing prepare a mockup for committee review.

## Public / Committee Discussion

Loch Lomond no-wake buoys: Edmonton Drive residents requested returning buoys near Granton Landing to the farther-out location used briefly after the drawdown, saying it shifted turns into wider, deeper water and reduced wakes, erosion, seawall damage, and movement of docked boats.

Staff / committee response: Staff said the initial location resulted from an employee error, not preferential treatment, and the buoys were returned toward historical positions using

satellite imagery. Members differed on homeowner protection, usable wake area, consistency, and whether moving the buoys would shift impacts elsewhere.

Follow-up: Staff will measure cove widths and depths, compare buoy locations and no-wake zones, and return with objective information. No decision was made.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.