

LLID OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Saturday, October 25, 2025 Lida Township Hall

Members Present: Brian Graftaas, Dee Dee Stephenson, Mike Spangler, Roger Sundby, Marshall Johnson and David Braton(via Teams).

Member Absent: Zach Herrmann

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. Vice Chair Brian Graftaas called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Agenda Item II. Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge led by Brian Graftaas.

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements.

Vice Chair Brian Graftaas thanked outgoing board members David Hilber and Sheldon Poss for their service and welcomed new LLID board members Marshall Johnson and Roger Sundby. Zach Herrmann and Lake Coordinator Moriya Rufer had conflicts to attend and no guests were present. Graftaas announced the area's game warden Luke Schalekamp has quit and a replacement is expected in December.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda (Board Action)

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Spangler, seconded by Johnson. Carried

Agenda Item V. Election of Officers

The board reviewed LLID officer's duties. Brian Graftaas confirmed his willingness to serve as Chair and Dee Dee Stephenson as Vice Chair. Zach Herrmann and David Braton have stated their willingness to continue as Treasurer and Secretary.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 LLID Executive Board of Brian Graftaas, Chair; Dee Dee Stephenson; Vice Chair; Zach Herrmann, Treasurer; and David Braton, Secretary; by Sundby, seconded by Johnson. Carried.

Agenda Item VI. Board Member Committee Assignments

Graftaas reviewed the work of the Lake Management Committee. The Committee is limited to three board members. Marshall Johnson will join Stephenson, Graftaas, and Moriya Rufer and on the committee.

Braton plans to provide new LLID board members a summary of committee responsibilities and duties. He also will provide LLID contacts and By-laws. Braton reviewed the Executive Committee work and moved to responsibilities of the Communication Committee that includes the newsletter, website and social media. Braton suggests we take a deep dive on reviewing our

website. Braton will also develop a calendar of LLID activities. Braton asked Johnson and Graftaas to assist in reviewing the website and additional communication tools. Mike Spangler, Roger Sundby and Zach Herrmann will be board members on the Fish Committee.

Motion to appoint Stephenson, Chair of the Lake Management Committee; Braton, Chair of the Communications Committee; and Spangler, Chair of the Fish Committee by Braton, seconded by Sundby. Carried

Agenda Item VII. Approval of August 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve August 16, 2025 Board Minutes by Stephenson, seconded by Spangler. Carried

Agenda Item VIII. Treasurer's Report (Board Acton)

In the absence of Herrmann, Graftaas presented the October 25, 2025 Treasurer's Report prepared by Herrmann. The beginning balance on October 15, 2025 was \$79,352.89. Posted Expenses to be paid include Klug's Fish Farm total of \$32,300, Houston Engineering Lake Coordinator expense of \$1,035, Houston Engineering Lida Clean Water grant expenses of \$19,752.45, Mike Spangler water quality sampling \$75, and Tim Lund water quality sampling \$75. Available checking On Hand totals \$90,935.07. The estimated second half tax income of \$17,700 is expected in November.

Motion to approve the October 25, 2025 Treasurer's Report including payment to Klug Fish Farm of \$32,300, Houston Engineering Lake Coordinator expenses of \$1,035, Houston Clean Water Grant expenses of \$19,752.45 and \$75 each to Spangler and Lund for water sampling totaling \$53,237.45 by Stephenson, seconded by Johnson. Carried

Agenda Item IX. Lake Coordinator Report

Graftaas summarized Rufer's Lake Coordinator Report in her absence highlighting progress on the comprehensive lakeshed assessment, shoreline and septic surveys and the ongoing lake survey. Rufer encourages board members to promote survey participation. Rufer is working on data analysis for a lake model and expects to present an update at the January board meeting. Rufer indicates a low survey participation rate with only twenty-two respondents and asks board members to reach out to property owners to increase the number of respondents. Braton will send another request to Beach Captains asking property owners to fill out the survey.

Agenda Item X. Lake Management Committee Report

Graftaas reviewed the 2026 lake coordinator service agreement with Houston Engineering for \$14,800, recognizing the value provided by Rufer.

Motion to approve the Houston Engineering Lake Coordinator Client Service Agreement in the amount of \$14,800 by Braton, seconded by Spangler. Carried.

Graftaas reviewed the Keep It Clean initiative and outreach efforts. In the past, the LLID Board has prepared signage at the public access and Erv's Landing along with posters at bait shops, convenience stores and other locations promoting Keep Lida Lakes Clean. Graftaas suggested LLID look at other promotional tools such as custom window stickers and coasters featuring Keep It Clean and LLID. Spangler and Graftaas plan to work on this initiative having David Swang design a specific template for LLID/Keep It Clean.

Agenda Item XI. Fish Committee Report

Fish Committee Chair Spangler reported the DNR's fish stocking included 8–20-inch Carry-over walleye. Earlier in the year the DNR stocked 412 pounds in South Lida. This Fall the DNR placed 308 pounds in North Lida and another 80 pounds in South Lida. The DNR place a total of 1211 pounds of walleye in North Lida and 492 pounds of good size Carry-Over walleye in 2025. On October 15/16, 2025, LLID stocked walleye from Klug Fish Farms. On North Lida we placed 1200 pounds of walleye in North Lida and 500 pounds in South Lida.

The DNR conducted their Fall shocking surveys which indicated moderate walleye population(16-17/hour), with lower-than-expected natural reproduction. A good yield would be 40/hour. Spangler asked the DNR about other lakes. Rush Lake was stronger with 28/hour. Little Pine, Big Pine and Pelican Lake had difficult years with little to no reproduction. The vegetation seemed little this year on Lida Lakes. Zebra Mussell seemed smaller this year but higher in number.

Braton mentioned his conversation with an East Battle Lake property owner in their effort to reduce the number of small northern. Each year they conduct a Hammerhead (small Northern Pike under 22 inches) Fishing Contest. The Fish Committee along with Braton will seek more information and details for the January Board Meeting.

Agenda Item XII. Communications Committee Report

No further reporting was necessary as Braton discussed the goals and objectives earlier in the meeting. Sundby asked about the DNR's plan for work on the North Lida pubic landing. Stephenson plans to have an update at the January meeting.

Agenda Item XIII. Future Meeting Dates

The board reviewed dates for the remainder of the 2025-2026 LLID Fiscal Year and set Executive Committee Meeting and Board Meeting dates.

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 4:30 PM Teams Call

January Board Meeting: Saturday, January 24, 2026 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 4:30 PM Teams Call

April Board Meeting: Saturday, April 18, 2026 9 AM Township Hall

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 4:30 PM Teams Call

June Board Meeting: Saturday, June 13, 2026 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 4:30 PM Teams Call

2026 Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 15, 2026 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Agenda Item XIV. Adjournment at 10:34 AM