

**LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Saturday, June 15, 2024  
Lida Township Hall/Teams Online**

**Members Present:** David Hilber, Brian Graftaas, Mike Spangler, David Braton, Zach Herrmann, Dee Dee Stephenson, Sheldon Poss.

**Lake Coordinator Present Teams:** Moriya Rufer

**Guests:** Roger Sundby, Loren Klimek, Mike Krueger, Randy Stoick, Kathy Arntson, Dave Swang, Brad Bellmore, Pat Simmers, Phyllis Poss, Shane and Cortney Peterson, Scott Richardson, Greg Slotto.

**Agenda Item I.** Call to order David Hilber, 9:02 AM

**Agenda Item II.** Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair David Hilber.

**Agenda Item III.** Introductions and Announcements. Chair Hilber introduced Board Members, Lake Coordinator, and guests.

**Agenda Item IV.** Review/Approval of Agenda.

**Motion to approve agenda by Graftaas, seconded by Herrmann. Carried.**

**Agenda Item V.** Approval of April 27, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to Approve Minutes of April 27, 2024, by Herrmann, seconded by Spangler. Carried**

**Agenda Item VI.** Treasurer's Report

Herrmann presented the June 13, 2024, Treasurer's Report. LLID balance of funds total is \$60,575.20. The first installment of tax income received in the amount of \$24,109.71. The second half tax income is expected to be \$17,700. Estimated 2024 Carryover is \$13,773.95. Herrmann stated we are on track to budget estimates.

**Motion to approve the June 13, 2024, Treasurer's Report as presented and pay outstanding bills of \$201.40 and \$33.97 by Braton, seconded by Poss. Carried**

Herrmann reviewed moving funds to an interest-bearing money market account. Herrmann plans to investigate and move funds. No board action is required at this time.

**Agenda Item VII.** By-Laws Review

Stephenson reviewed the Bylaw Committee action to update minor changes in the language of the LLID Bylaws along with clarification on board member and interim board member terms. This also included format improvements. Braton had the County Attorney review our Bylaws, provided clarifications and recommendations. The Board reviewed the time off any board member must have before coming back on the board. Kathy Arntson, Beach Captain, recommended changing Article VI., Section 3 TERM to state "An individual shall be eligible for re-election to the Board of Directors after a one-year absence".

**Motion to approve Bylaw change from a three-year absence for board re-election to one year absence by Hilber, seconded by Graftaas. Carried**

**Motion to approve Bylaws as amended on June 15, 2024, by Braton, seconded by Spangler. Carried**

**Agenda Item VII. Beach Captain Issues/Suggestions/Comments**

Hilber thanked Beach Captains for coming and opened the meeting to those present for discussion. Dave Swang stated the “Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship” was excellent and wanted to know it was available to everyone. Hilber stated due to costs the LLID purchased forty copies and wanted each Beach Captain to have one. Braton will check if Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates have the book available online to post on LLID’s website.

**Agenda Item IX. Annual Meeting**

Braton provided Annual Meeting packets with a proposed letter to property owners, Annual Meeting Agenda, proposed 2025 Budget and ballot. The board reviewed and made corrections to the ballot. The board reviewed the language related to full time and seasonal board members. The Bylaws state simply that the majority need be residents. The board currently has four residents and three seasonal property owners.

Herrmann reviewed the letter to property owners. Moriya will provide a Lake Coordinator update for the letter.

Herrman discussed the 2025 Proposed Budget. Herrmann recommended reducing Clean Water funding to \$3,000 as we do not see any new projects in 2025. Herrmann discussed expenses related to walleye stocking and recommended increasing the budget to \$15,500. In his review, he recommended keeping Aquatic Invasive Species budgeted at \$20,000, as we have indications that Curley-leafed pondweed is on the rise due to last year's mild winter.

Shane Peterson questioned the surplus and potential reduction of tax rate to \$40. Kathy Arntson stated she wanted to have the carryover and was comfortable with the \$50 tax rate. LLID board members reviewed potential increase in expenses for AIS treatment and fish stocking. Graftaas gave a preliminary review of past treatment and a need for more thorough surveys due to early 2024 reporting. Rufer reviewed what was seen in the Spring survey. Plans are for a June 19, 2024, survey in both North and South Lida. Rufer requested from those who have seen Curley-leaf to send coordinates for the June 19<sup>th</sup> survey.

The Annual Meeting notice to property owners from LLID is to be mailed by 6/22/2024.

**Agenda Item X. Lake Coordinator Report**

Rufer provided a printed report that will be filed with the minutes and place on the website. Rufer discussed surveying and the four 2024 treated areas for Curley-leaf pondweed. Surveying in South Lida showed a healthy variety of native plants which will help fish thrive. Rufer discussed potential grants for Lida Lakes management plan. On May 29<sup>th</sup> Rufer inspected inlets to Lida Lakes. Two new sites were inspected that we have not tested. One was small and non-flowing. Another on Inlet Road is far more active. Rufer sampled this new site and is waiting for results. She reviewed Mud Lake and stated this

body of water serves as a good filter for Lida. Moonlight Bay was also tested. Moonlight Bay is the site scheduled for construction of a filtration system. Graftaas reviewed the project led by the Soil and Water Conservation District. Hopefully, construction will start this summer or early fall. Spangler asked if Rufer had reviewed Isle View Lane near Maplewood Park's South Entrance. Rufer will look at this location. There has been a run model of the Watershed flow of water. Rufer plans to review.

Hilber received a call from a South Lida property owner regarding weeds in her area. Rufer stated she could put together an article regarding the matter for distribution on Facebook and Website. Rufer will also look at MN Lakes and Rivers for guidance or reference.

**Agenda Item XI. Lake Management Committee Report**

Graftaas added to Rufer's report that we had joined the MN Keep It Clean initiative. Our signage was effective, and we have plans to keep the signage at Erv's Landing and add the other sign will be placed at Johnson Farm swimming area for the summer. Braton will work with the DNR to see if LLID can place signage on the land during the ice fishing season. Graftaas discussed the geofencing that LLID had contracted with the Star Tribune and MN Keep It Clean. Documentation was received but details were vague. Based on the report and no feedback that anglers saw messaging, Graftaas could not recommend this geofencing in the future.

Graftaas discussed water levels. This has been an early concern this Spring. With recent rains water levels have improved. Herrmann has requested documentation from the DNR regarding lower water levels. Once we receive the documentation it will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

A question was asked about the DNR reconstruction of Lida's North Public Access. The reconstruction is planned for 2025.

Jim Wolters, DNR Area Supervisor, has been invited to our annual meeting to speak on several issues. Spangler will send Wolters topics property owners have asked to be addressed. They include watershed draining, water levels, flow gates, AIS treatment, public access plans for improvement and walleye stocking.

**Agenda Item XII. Fish Committee Report**

Spangler reviewed the DNR's Spring Assessment indicated the lakes had a sizable number of smaller 4–5-inch croppies in South Lida and 10 to 11-inch croppies in North Lida. In June, the DNR was doing a Bluegill netting assessment. Wolters will have the results before our annual meeting. In July, a gill net survey is scheduled by the DNR for both North and South Lida. The July assessment ties in with the Zebra Mussel study on Minnesota lakes.

Spangler has been in contact with private fish farms. They indicate they have 6 to 10-inch walleye available. Zach indicated LLID has \$15,500 available to purchase walleye this fall.

Herrmann reviewed the draft of developing an expanded group of the Fish Committee that could include property owners and outside organizations interested in improving Lida Lakes fishing.

Spangler was asked about fishing tournaments and how they report. Spangler will check with Wolters on how they report and if reports are available.

A question was asked regarding slot limits on Lida on whether we could change the slot. The question will be referred to the DNR for Wolters to address at the Annual Meeting.

**Agenda Item XIII. Communications Report**

Braton gave a quick recap of the masterful efforts of Katie Gall regarding updates of the Facebook page. The regular updates have been helpful. Braton will have the Communications Committee meet prior to the annual meeting to review the LLID website.

A question was asked regarding Printful.com for Lida wear. Hilber stated he has also used the site. Braton will create an online store for Lida property owners.

**Agenda Item XIV. Future Meeting Dates**

**Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 4:30 PM Teams Call**

**Annual Meeting, Saturday, August 17, 2024. 9 AM Township Hall**

**Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 4:30 PM Teams Call**

**October Board Meeting, Saturday, October 26, 2024. 9 AM Township Hall**

**Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2024, 4:30 PM Teams Call**

**January Board Meeting, Saturday, January 18, 2025, 9 AM Township Hall**

**Agenda Item XV. Adjournment 10:50 AM**