

**LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, August 20, 2022 10 AM
Lida Township Hall**

Members Present: David Hilber, Robert Nielsen, Zachary Herrmann, Mimsi Weckwerth, David Braton, Brian Graftaas (virtual), Lake Coordinator Steve Henry. **Absent:** Sheldon Poss

Guests: Carla Hanson, Doug Hanson, Jim Bullis, Dave Weckwerth, Patsy Crooke, Randy Crooke, Pam and Sucher, Kathryn Rosendahl, Sherry Josephsen, Pat Simmers, Paul and Steph Lindemann, Tim and Roseann Lund, Randy Stoick, Robin Williams, Marshall Johnson, Daren Berube, Leon Kratzke, Jill and Peter Preston, Natalie Hilber, Paulette Neva, Roger Sundby, Nancy and Joseph Hilber, Twyla Nielsen, Stephen Mullen, Eugene Gast, Sue Gast, Erwin Beilke, David Rossum, Joel Sellin, Pamela Swenn, Gwen Koski, Paul Harvego, Mike Spangler, Donna Anderson, Laurie Hanson, Greg Slotto, Todd Fisher, Bob and Diane Reff, Janice Huwe, JoAnn Jameson, Scott Stenseth, David Swang, Kathy Arntson, Deana Mosby, Ron Smischwy, Lynne Auten, Neal Gaugler, David McNabb.

Agenda Item I: Call to order David Hilber, 10:15 AM.

Agenda Item II: Pledge of Allegiance led by David Hilber.

Agenda Item III: Introductions and Announcements.

Agenda Item IV: Approval of Agenda
Motion to Approve Agenda by Graftaas, seconded by Weckwerth. Carried

Agenda Item V: Approval of June 4, 2022 Minutes.
Motion to Approve June 4, 2022 Minutes by Nielsen, seconded by Herrmann. Carried.

Agenda Item VI: Treasurer's Report.
Herrmann presented financials with Cash-on-hand of \$40,270.71. Estimated Year-End Balance is \$47,301.92. Herrmann reviewed how we operate using Year-to-Date Financials. He reviewed collection of revenue from tax, how we budget, and handle statements to be paid. Bills paid since the last meeting approved in June total \$2,715.46. We estimate a second tax collection from the County in the amount of \$16,878.51. Bills to be paid that have been approved by the Board total \$15,182.90. Two additional bills were presented for approval: MCIT Insurance in the amount of \$947.00 and \$439.35 to Tony Flippance of Splash5 for website development.

Motion to Approve bills to be paid in the amount of \$15,182.90 (Clarke Aquatic Services, Victor Lundeen Co. and RMB Labs) along with insurance bill to MCIT of \$947.00 and Splash5 for website of \$439.35. Motion by Graftaas, seconded by Weckwerth. Carried.

A property owner questioned membership costs to Otter Tail County COLA and MN Lakes and Rivers. Hilber responded to questions as they both advocate and lobby for Ottetail lakes including Lake Lida on the state level and provide the board access of vital information.

Motion to approve the August 20, 2022 Treasurer's Report made by Weckwerth, seconded by Nielsen. Carried

Agenda Item VII: Board Activities Report.

Herrmann provided information on our By-Laws and how they are important for operating procedures. By-Laws are available on our website.

Steve Henry, Lake Coordinator, gave an update on the 2022 Curley Leaf Pondweed Surveys and Treatment. Henry also provided information on water inlets to Lida and how they are monitored. Hilber reviewed the Annual Lake Management Report that was recently submitted to the County, DNR and other key agencies/partners. Henry answered questions to chemicals used to treat Curley Pond Leaf and nutrients impacting water quality. Weckwerth asked to consider non-herbicide methods to reduce or eliminate evasive plant growth. Graftaas reviewed property owner Pete Waller's letter to the board.

Graftaas reviewed updates on the website (Lakelidalid.com). A lot of information has been added including historical water levels. Meeting schedules, Minutes, and Treasurer's Report are added once approved by the Board. A membership survey will be added within days of the annual meeting and property owners are invited to respond.

Agenda Item VIII: 2022 Budget Review and Vote

Herrmann reviewed the budget up for membership vote that was sent in June. Income is estimated to be \$86,800 including a Carry-Over of \$45,000 and 2023 LLID User Fee (\$50/Parcel) of \$41,800. Estimated Expenses total \$86,730. Administration expenses account for \$5,640; Clean Water Projects, \$7500; Recreation, \$10,000; Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment, \$26,340; Planning and Research, \$36,250; and Contingency Fund, \$1000.

Braton reviewed the process, according to our By-Laws on approving the Annual Budget. The Board has a discussion and the Board votes to recommend the Budget to the Property Owners. Property Owners are then allowed to ask questions followed by a vote of property owners in attendance.

In the Board comments Braton stated his support to retain the \$50 tax rate and the expenditure of \$30,000 for the Lake Management Plan/Model. With no further board discussion the meeting was opened up to Property Owners for questions/comments. Shane Peterson spoke against budgeting \$30,000 for the Lake Management Plan. He also recommended an administration line item for Board Members to attend state legislative matters. Peterson recommended LLID pay for Tent Worm spraying. He requested approval for reimbursement to beaches who paid for Tent Worm spraying in 2022 and pay for spraying in 2023. Herrmann spoke as a property owner in support developing a plan as it is imperative for State support. Herrmann was further asked on intended outcome including Cause/Effect. Using data, he stated, we would have support to improve lake quality. The board emphasized that the \$30,000 is a simple budget line item and a more detailed request for proposal would be developed.

Graftaas added his support and how we could gain leverage. Braton asked property owners how many beaches spray for Tent Worms. Ten responded. Braton asked how many support the LID paying for Tent Worms. About five supported the expense. Hilber reviewed what Pelican does for mosquito spraying and what Lake owners could support. Hilber stated the Board should discuss Tent Worm spraying in future meetings. Weckwerth stated quality of water is first and foremost. Herrmann stated the discussion supports the importance of a lake management plan. A resident recommended better communication and education with a review of implications of such things as spraying or water quality treatment. Another property owner questioned the difference in spending \$86,000 with only \$42,000 in income.

Braton made the motion to approve the 2023 Budget of \$86,800 in Income and \$86,730 in Expenses and take it to a vote of the Property Owners present at this Annual Meeting. Weckwerth seconded the motion. Carried

Ballots to ratify the 2023 Budget were handed out to Property Owners for a vote. **A total of 60 property owners voted. The results were 42 in Favor, 18 Against. The 2023 Budget Approved.**

Agenda Item IX: Election of Directors (Membership Vote)

Hilber reviewed how ballots are cast. Braton reviewed the staggered terms set forth by the County as we organized the LID. Braton reported 87 absentee ballots were received. Braton and Herrmann will count ballots and each candidate was given an opportunity to have a person verify the vote. Todd Fischer was appointed by Shane Peterson. Ballots were distributed to those who had not cast a vote prior to the annual meeting.

Agenda Item X: Informational/Education Items

Hilber introduced Mike Spangler a resident of South Lida. Spangler had met with Jim Wolters, DNR contact prior to the annual meeting. Spangler reviewed the Fish Survey earlier this year. The survey has been ongoing since 1982. A key point is what affect Zebra Mussel has had on the fish count. He also discussed the slot limit. Spangler reviewed the details on the fish stocking by the LID this past year. Spangler indicated the DNR plans to stock over a million walleye fry in the lake next spring and have plans for an every-other-year stocking. The DNR will review their over-all stocking plans in 2024. Pelican Lake seems to be doing better with their walleye count. Pelican LID stocks walleye in addition to efforts by the DNR.

Agenda Item XI: Announcement of Election Results

Braton announced the results for the election of directors for Lida Lakes Improvement District:

David Hilber received 101 votes for the full-time resident position.

Sheldon Poss received 70 votes for the seasonal resident position.

Shane Peterson received 43 votes for the seasonal resident position.

Susanne Jacobs received 1 vote as a write in.

Lundstrom received 1 vote as a write in.

Byron Nelson received 1 vote as a write in.

Voted in for three-year terms were David Hilber, full-time resident and Sheldon Poss, seasonal resident.

Shane Peterson congratulated the winners of the 2023 Election of Directors. Herrmann stated those that have been elected have 30 days to accept their appointment. David Hilber acknowledged this and officially accepted his position. Braton contacted Poss after the annual meeting and confirmed his official acceptance of his position as a LLID Director.

Agenda Item XII: Public/Membership Comments

Hilber asked for any further questions. A resident asked about Bull Rush as they are seeing more growth. Henry responded to the comment regarding what a resident can and can not do regarding removal. Another resident commended the board for moving things along and being well organized. Braton/Hilber welcomed others to consider running for board positions.

Weckwerth was thanked for bringing donuts and raffled off remaining boxes to those attending.

Agenda Item XIII. Next Meeting Date: October 29,2022 10AM Lida Town Hall

Agenda Item XIV. Adjournment.
12:15 PM Adjournment