

## **LLID APRIL 2026 BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026 Lida Township Hall**

**Members Present:** Brian Graftaas, Dee Dee Stephenson, Zach Herrmann, Mike Spangler, Roger Sundby, Marshall Johnson and David Braton.

**Lake Coordinator Present:** Moriya Rufer

**Agenda Item I.** Call to Order. Chair Brian Graftaas called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

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

**Agenda Item III.** Introductions and Announcements.

Chair Brian Graftaas introduced the Board. No guests in attendance or Teams call.

**Agenda Item IV.** Approval of January 31, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Board Action)

**Motion to approve January 31, 2026 Board Minutes by Stephenson, seconded by Spangler. Carried**

**Agenda Item V.** Treasurer's Report (Board Acton)

Herrmann presented the April 25, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Herrmann reported LLID is currently on track financially. Expected treatment expense should be less than budgeted due to less acreage of treatment and the additional grant funding. Bills to be paid include Lida Township Hall (Annual Rental), \$250; Houston Engineering (Water Quality Assessment/Modeling), \$1,295; Houston Engineering (Lake Coordinator), \$2,192.25; Houston Engineering (Lake Coordinator), \$760.50; Ottertail County COLA (Annual Membership), \$1,010; MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates (Annual Membership), \$375; and Victor Lundeen (Newsletter Printing/Postage), \$772.56. Outstanding Expenses total \$6,655.31. Current checking balance minus outstanding expenses to be paid is \$54,092.66. Estimated June 2026 tax income is \$31,500 and November 2026 estimated income tax is \$22,840.00.

**Motion to approve the April 25, 2026 Treasurer's Report including Outstanding Expense payments of \$6,655.31 by Graftaas, seconded by Sundby. Carried**

**Agenda Item VI.** Lake Coordinator Report

Rufer presented the April 22, 2026 Lake Coordinator Report reviewing the Comprehensive Lakeshed Assessment that will be presented in final version at the 2026 Annual Meeting. Once completed, the study will be posted on the LLID website.

Rufer reviewed the 2026 Curly-leaf Pondweed treatment and the requirement to conduct a pre and post survey of the North Lida treatable area to satisfy the grant funding. Braton has asked Brent Jongeward to be available with his boat for lake access in the next two weeks. Rufer will be joined by Hannah Passholt from Houston and possibly Director Sundby. It is estimated the cost of treatment for LLID will be \$9357 with North Lida treatment covered by the 2026 grant.

Rufer provided the preliminary results of the Comprehensive Lakeshed Assessment. The Lake Management Committee met Friday with Aaron Larsen and Board of Water and Soil Resources to review results and provide them with a background of our study. Long term goals, 20-50 years out, were reviewed showing how modeling with the data will show impact. We've been informed future grants for implementation of potential projects could be available now that we have the study. The review provided the Board the opportunity to discuss low-cost ways for property owners to improve water quality. The Board also brainstormed ways for the LID to assist property owners separately or working with other partners. The primary review at the April Board meeting was to provide Rufer direction for the Annual Meeting presentation.

Moriya Rufer informed the Board she has taken a position with the Board of Water and Soil Resources and will be available to LLID for the next two weeks. Rufer is arranging with other Houston Engineering staff to cover LLID needs. Houston is under contract for LLID service in 2026. Hannah Passholt with Houston is a plant specialist who we will continue to work with LLID. Passholt has a similar background as Rufer who also has a passion for the lake country.

LLID has received 57 responses to the online lake quality survey that will continue to be open into June.

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

Graftaas indicated he has introduced Johnson and Stephenson with the MN-Keep It Clean organization as his term will expire prior to ice fishing season. MN-Keep It Clean is moving to a 501c3 non-profit organization.

**Agenda Item VIII. Fish Committee Report**

Spangler reported he has confirmed Luke Schalekamp, DNR Area Supervisor will speak at the August Annual Meeting. The DNR will start netting walleye in their carry-over ponds in May for additional Spring fish stocking.

Sundby and Spangler reviewed the DNR meeting held in Alexandria. The DNR discussed several issues from weed control, stocking, pan fish issues and limits, deep water fishing loss, technology impacting fishing, bait issues in Minnesota, and overall direction of MN-DNR. Sundby recommended we join MN-Fish individually and possibly as an organization. Sundby will contact MN-Fish to review LLID's membership.

Braton has reached out to Carl Loge regarding their northern pike fishing contest on East Battle Lake to reduce the number of small northern pike. He hopes to hear back from them for the June meeting.

**Agenda Item IX. Communications Committee Report**

Braton reviewed the April newsletter designed by David Swang. The format allows us to use the same format for the required Annual Meeting notification. The Board would like to use the same format for the Annual Meeting notification. Spangler will review our request with Victor Lundeen and provide a

price quote. The Board discussed ways the LID could communicate with new property owners working with Realtors or Otter Tail County.

The board discussed the timing for the Annual Meeting and the need to have candidates for the Board. Herrmann suggested forming a nomination committee made up of former Board Members. The board was encouraged to visit with property owners on becoming board membership. The mailing deadline for the Annual Meeting is set for July 10, 2026.

The Board reviewed our need to have organizational structure of duties and tasks that are timely. Braton has been working on Standard Operating Procedures for processes. This led to a discussion of having a Microsoft 365 license for Teams calls. Graftaas recommended one business license and one family license. Herrmann suggested including a "Teams" connection with the Lake Coordinator contract to cover our needs.

Braton is in the process of reviewing our Board of Director's liability insurance and will request new bids.

We are in the midst of the website review. We have provided recommendations to Tony Flippance and will follow-up for finalization.

Respectfully submitted by David Braton, Secretary LLID.

**Agenda Item X. Future Meeting Dates**

**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 XI. Adjournment at 12:25 PM**