

**LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, April 27, 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: Moriya Rufer

Guests: Roger Sundby and Randy Stoick.

Agenda Item I. Call to order David Hilber, 9:00 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. Approval of Agenda.

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

Agenda Item V. Approval of January 13, 2024, Board of Directors Minutes.

Motion to Approve Minutes of January 13, 2024, by Herrmann, seconded by Spangler. Carried

Agenda Item VI. Annual Meeting

Herrmann reviewed the annual meeting process. Three property owners submitted nominations for board positions. Zach Herrmann submitted his nomination for the seasonal position. Mike Spangler and Dee Dee Stephenson submitted their self-nominations for the two resident positions. All three will be on the ballot for the August Annual Meeting. Roger Sundby asked how property owners can add or amend By-laws and how items can be on the agenda. The board informed Sundby that By-laws can be amended at any board meeting.

Braton led a discussion regarding board member terms. LLID By-laws state no board member will serve more than two complete terms. Since an elected term is 3 years, the board discussed whether those board members that appointed to shorter than three-year terms by the County and those appointed by the board to an unexpired board term qualified for two three-year elected terms. Braton will request an opinion from the County Attorney. This will be a discussion item on the June board meeting agenda.

Hilber asked Sundby if we addressed his question and if Sundby had a specific issue or concern. Sundby would like to get more property owners involved or nominated to the board rather than just see incumbents on the ballot. Board members Graftaas and Hilber reviewed our past nominations and property owners who have requested to serve. Braton also reviewed past nominations that were for seasonal and resident board positions. Sundby requested we indicate each Board member's status as a seasonal or resident property owner along with their term expiration date in future newsletters and on

the website. Herrmann reviewed the concept of having a nomination committee. Braton will get the property status and terms of board members on the website.

Agenda Item VII. Treasurer’s Report

Herrmann presented the April 27, 2024 Treasurer’s Report. LLID balance of funds total is \$55,669.95. Posted expenses \$31,006.99. Lake Coordinator Services of \$1,584 is the only outstanding bill. Funds available in checking total \$31,403.90. Estimated 2024 Tax Income is \$41,800. Herrmann indicated we should have the first half of 2024 Tax Income prior to our June board meeting. LLID is on track to have a year end balance of \$10,396.10. Herrmann is waiting for clarification on COLA dues and will report back in June. Spangler informed the board that the water testing goes through COLA and he has picked up the coolers used in the Summer testing.

Motion to approve the April 27, 2024 Treasurer’s Report as presented and pay outstanding bills of \$1,584 for Lake Coordinator services by Braton, seconded by Graftaas. Carried.

Agenda Item VIII. Lake Coordinator Update

Moriya Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report for the first quarter ending April 27, 2024. She reviewed the 2024 Lakes Monitoring samples for North and South Lida taken by Mile Spangler and Bob Nielson. A “Bathtub” lake model will help determine where the most loading is coming from in each lake. It will help determine where to focus efforts—whether its inlets and ag lands or shoreline practices. Rufer is checking with Otter Tail County when the last lake-wide septic system inspection has been taken.

Rufer reviewed the data on inlets and where monitoring will be done. Monitoring Moonlight Bay will added once the project is complete. Lida Greens site was limited and monitoring in 2024 is not necessary. The northeast inlets will continue to be monitored. Rufer reviewed the monitoring sampling and discussed looking at a “volume assessment”. Spangler indicated there are also inlets on County Road 3 and another near Isle View Lane. Spangler indicated the locations and Rufer will review these additional locations. Lida has no major rivers flowing in. Rufer is seeing an improvement in water quality in Lida Lakes. Sundby asked about outflow and lake levels. Braton indicated the concern for holding back water on Lida to maintain higher water levels. Rufer shared the DNR controls the flow of water out of Lida. The board discussed the expected concern by property owners of low water levels if we do not have significant moisture this spring. Rufer indicated we could monitor water load. The board discussed the last time we had the Otter Tail Hydrologist at our meeting and should have the hydrologist at a board meetings.

Rufer provided an update on the Curlyleaf Pondweed survey conducted in early April with Graftaas. Rufer is waiting to hear from the DNR regarding 2024 treatment. Rufer feels the past treatments on Lida has been effective. The recent survey showed growth was minimal and about 3 inches in length. Rufer feels another survey in June is in order.

A question was raised as to when we will treat Curlyleaf Pondweed. The water needs to be below 60 degrees. The permit for treatment expires May 15. Herrmann recommends a more comprehensive review for Curlyleaf Pondweed in June. Randy Stoick asked if it was feasible to form a group of

Curleyleaf Pondweed spotters. Some basic training by the Lake Coordinator of those who actively fish or are on the lake could assist in identifying Curleyleaf Pondweed. The board will target the June survey to train those interested in becoming spotters.

Agenda Item IX. Lake Management

Graftaas stated the Moonlight Bay project is set to start this spring.

Graftaas reviewed the “Keep It Clean” initiative that had positive results. He will check with the Star Tribune for quantitative results. We discussed having Keep It Clean signage year-round. The board also discussed signage at the DNR landing and will have further discussion with the DNR on placement.

Braton also discussed other location options, such as Johnson’s Beach, where boaters congregate in the summer.

Graftaas gave a quick update on Ditch 51. There are no new changes but it’s on our radar.

Agenda Item X. Fish Committee

Spangler provided the Fish Committee update. The August fish shocking survey will hopefully tell us how last fall’s stocking fared through the winter. Spangler also indicated the DNR will likely increase the fry quantity in Lida. Herrmann shared that we have spent the budgeted amount for 2024 stocking but could use other funds for stocking if other costs are less. Spangler will do a preliminary check with the fish farms for fall stocking if we have the funds this fall.

Herrmann discussed how we might leverage the Lida Property Owners non-profit status for increasing funds for fish stocking. The Fish Committee plans to review opportunities.

Spangler reviewed the crappie survey that shows a strong class year.

Spangler stated the DNR public access will have a significant facelift with improvements in 2025. LLID will want to alert property owners of the public meeting for the Lida public access once set.

Agenda Item XI. Communications

Braton reviewed updates our website and that Katie Gall has done a great job updating our Facebook page. Gall is loading our newsletter with good graphics that are informative.

Instructions on how property owners can virtually log in to our board meetings will be added to both the website and Facebook page.

Braton gave a quick review on the newsletter. In the past we used a bulk mail permit for postage. Unfortunately, under the bulk mailing, newsletters are not forwarded to property owners. We will look at going first class mail for the next mailing to insure they get to property owners. Braton plans to send newsletters to our representatives and County Commissioners. The newsletter is now on our website and portions will be on our Facebook page. Hilber asked that we add the 2023 newsletter to the website. Stoick suggested we may consider doing electronic opt-in delivery to property owners. The Committee will review.

Braton mentioned he created Lida Lakes wearables using the online firm Printful.com. Samples were reviewed and will be available to beaches who would like to personalize the logo with their beach name. Braton will have samples at the June Board meeting when beach captains are present.

Agenda Item XII. Next Meeting Date

June 15,2024 9 AM Lida Town Hall

August 17,2024 9 AM (Annual Meeting) Lida Town Hall

Agenda Item XIII. Adjournment 10:52 AM