

BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
Saturday, June 14, 2025 Lida Township Hall

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

Lake Coordinator Present: Moriya Rufer

Guests: Shane Peterson, Courtney Peterson, Richard Lewis, Marshall Johnson, Mike Krueger, Dale Duerr, Roger Sundby, Greg Slotto, David Swang, Clark Hohman, Violet Hohman, Pat Simmers.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. David Hilber called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

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

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements.
Chair David Hilber introduced Board Members and welcomed guest including Beach Captains.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda (Board Action)
Motion to approve agenda as presented by Graftaas, seconded by Stephenson. Carried

Agenda Item V. Approval of April 26, 2025 Board Minutes (Board Action)
Motion to approve April 26, 2025 Board Minutes by Herrman, seconded by Graftaas. Carried.

Agenda Item VI. Treasurer’s Report (Board Action)
Herrmann presented the June 14, 2025 Treasurer’s Report showing a beginning balance of \$47,463.08. Bills to be paid are: \$2,163.75 for Lake Coordinator Services dated May 31, 2025; PLM Lake and Land Management for North Lida CLP Treatment \$5,450.70; and PLM Lake and Land Management for South Lida CLP Treatment \$11,700.30. Total bills to be paid: \$19,314.75. Estimated First Installment of 2025 Tax Income is \$24,100. Herrmann recommended line adjustments to the 2025 budget to target \$14,349 for Fall 2025 fish stocking.
Motion to approve June 14, 2025 Treasurer’s Report and payments of outstanding bills totaling \$19,314.75 by Braton, seconded by Graftaas. Carried.
Braton asked about cash-bearing bank accounts. Herrmann recommends reviewing the matter after Fall fish stocking and 2025 tax income is received. The item will be placed on the agenda for the October Board meeting.

Agenda Item VII. Annual Meeting

The board reviewing having three speakers at the annual meeting. Graftaas has confirmed that Aaron Larsen, manager of West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District will review the Moonlight Bay Project along with other clean water issues. Spangler confirms Luke Schalekamp, DNR Fisheries Area Supervisor will speak to fishing. Our Lake Coordinator, Moriya Rufer will also review Lake Management Plan.

Braton reviewed the documents that are required to be sent to property owners prior to the annual meeting. This includes program of work, 2026 budget, annual meeting agenda, and ballot. These will be sent out ASAP.

Herrmann reviewed having a QR code to allow individuals and companies to fund fish stocking separate from LLID through LLPOA. Rufer will develop a link for a new property owner's survey regarding the Lake Management Plan. The QR Code and Survey link would be included in the letter/newsletter sent to property owners.

Braton reviewed the ballot that included three candidates including Roger Sundby and Bob Green for the one seasonal position on the board along with Marshall Johnson for the open position for full time resident.

Herrmann recommended adding three Bylaw changes to the agenda:

- 1) Moving the deadline for board nominations to the June board meeting rather than April.
- 2) Mailing of the annual meeting packet to forty business days rather than eight weeks.
- 3) Move deadline to June for property owners to have items for the annual meeting agenda.

The three items will be placed on the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Herrmann presented the 2026 LLID Budget proposal. Two options were reviewed, one at the current \$50 tax rate per property and a second with \$65 tax rate per property. Budgeted expenditures are similar in most categories with the primary difference to fund fish stocking at a higher amount. Beach Captains provided their thoughts on increasing fish stocking and increasing the tax rate to \$65 which would take effect in 2026. The board reviewed past DNR fish stocking and Lida Lakes future stocking and determined additional LLID walleye stocking is vital.

Motion to approve the proposed 2026 Budget with a \$65 tax rate per property with the intent of holding the tax rate of \$65 for three years by Braton, seconded by Spangler. Carried.

Agenda Item VIII. Beach Captain Questions/Suggestions/Concerns

The meeting was open for discussion. The reconstruction of the DNR boat ramp was questioned. Graftaas and Stephenson will contact the DNR regarding the 2026 timeline and whether lighting can be added. Sundby asked if membership of COLA was needed. Herrmann and Graftaas provided a background on the importance of membership.

Agenda Item IX. Lake Coordinator Report

Moriya Rufer gave attendees a brief introduction of herself and the work of Lake Coordinator.

Rufer reviewed the state funded grant of \$57,000 Lida Lakes received through LLPOA. The LLID serves as the fiscal agent for the LLPOA. Details of the planning and management is attached to the Lake Coordinator's June 2025 Report. Data on land use, slope, dock density, septic tank history, oxygen of the lake, second tier property density, shoreline runoff, estimated phosphorus in the lake, and agricultural runoff will be researched with this grant. Rufer expects all work to be done July 2026.

Rufer presented the budget detail that totaled \$62,700 including LLID's match of \$5700.

Motion to approve the Comprehensive Lakeshed Assessment budget of \$62,700 of which \$57,000 is the BWSR grant and \$5,700 LLID match made by Graftaas, seconded by Spangler. Carried. (Herrmann abstained from vote.)

Rufer reviewed the Lake Management Plan that includes survey she has proposed for property owners. Ten questions are expected that would reflect concerns, priorities, goals and mission of LLID. Estimated costs for the survey is \$2,600, Planning/Brainstorming \$7,400, and \$10,000 for Plan Writing. Lake Management Plan services total \$20,000. The discussion was to have strong outreach through Beach Captains/Beach Meetings. The board reviewed timing and decided to survey this summer but have presentations available for beach meetings next year for beach meetings.

Motion to table the contract for services of the Lake Management Plan until Spring 2026 and approve surveying property owners with ten questions or less through an online survey at a cost of \$2,600 made by Braton, seconded by Graftaas. Herrmann abstained from vote. Carried.

Rufer provided maps of the June 5, 2025 Curley Leaf Pondweed survey. May treatment in the areas identified last year appears to be successful. The June survey provides areas that should be treated in 2026. The highest density on South Lida of Curley Leaf Pondweed is in the Erv's Landing Bay and west past the boat underpass. North Lida's densest area of Curley Leaf was the backside of Matson Point Trail near Oman's Beach/Twilight Lane.

Agenda Item X. Lake Management Committee Report
Graftaas reviewed signage required for the grant.

Agenda Item XI. Fish Committee Report

Spangler reviewed the DNR's Fall stocking along with their Carry-Over stocking. In September the DNR will be conducting shocking survey. Attendees gave their personal fishing experience which varied in results.

Agenda Item XII. Communications Report

The timeline for sending Annual Meeting information including ballots was discussed. The conclusion was it needs to be mailed as soon as possible.

Braton reviewed the past request to develop a directory of property owners. After discussion it was decided not to pursue a directory at this time.

Braton has heard from Otter Tail County and Maplewood State Park that the bike path is expected to be complete by July 4th.

Hilber discussed LLPOA organizational structure once his term with LLID expires. Currently Hilber is listed as President and Herrmann as Treasurer of LLPOA. Hilber recommends this be reviewed formally in the near future.

Agenda Item XIII. Future Meeting Dates:

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call

2025 Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call

October Board Meeting: Saturday, October 25, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Agenda Item XIV. Adjournment.

Hilber called for Adjournment at 11:16 AM.