

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

January 18, 2025 Lida Township Hall

Members Present: David Hilber, Brian Graftaas, Mike Spangler, Dee Dee Stephenson and David Braton (Teams Conf Call).

Members Absent: Sheldon Poss, Zach Herrmann

Lake Coordinator Present: Moriya Rufer

Guests: Roger Sundby

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. David Hilber, 9:01 AM.

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

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements.

Chair David Hilber introduced Board members present and guest.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda. **(Board Action)**

Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Graftaas, seconded by Spangler. Carried.

Agenda Item V. Approval of October 26, 2024 Minutes **(Board Action)**

Motion to approve October 26, 2024 Board Minutes by Stephenson, seconded by Graftaas. Carried.

Agenda Item VI. Treasurer's Report. **(Board Action)**

In the absence of treasurer Zach Herrmann, Chair Hilber reviewed the January 18, 2025 Treasurer's Report submitted by Herrmann. Beginning Balance is \$47,463.08. On Hand Checking balance is \$49,723.62. The November 2024 tax income totaled \$18,069.66. November payment to Klug's Fish Farm for Fall stocking totaled \$15,504.00. The board had questions for Herrmann regarding the MCIT Insurance amount and premium along with 2025 fish stocking funding.

Following the meeting Herrmann reported the MCIT premium of \$1,562 has been paid along with the Keep It Clean poster expense of \$22.00 to Victor Lundeen. Herrmann explained we expensed the 2025 fish stocking allocation of \$15,500 was expensed in October. Additional stocking expenses in 2025 will come out of other unexpended budget areas or planned in the 2026 LLID budget. Herrmann also provided detail on AIS funding following the board meeting in a memorandum. Herrmann indicated LLID has \$12,000 of unallocated Clean Water Project funding from the prior year's budget. LLID has \$3,000 set aside for the Moonlight Bay and other clean water projects. The Moonlight Bay project is expected to be less than the \$3,000 allocated.

Motion to approve the January 18, 2025 Treasurer’s Report and payment of outstanding bills of \$1,562 to MCIT, \$22 to Victor Lundeen for Keep It Clean posters, and reimbursement to Graftaas for “Lakelida.com” website URL made by Braton, seconded by Spangler. Carried.

Agenda Item VII. Lake Coordinator Report

Moriya Rufer presented the January 2025 Lake Coordinator Report which will be made available on LLID’s website. Rufer reviewed Houston Engineering’s contract for Lake Coordinator. Graftaas stated the Lake Management Committee has reviewed the contract with Houston Engineering for Moriya Rufer as our Lake Coordinator and makes the recommendation to approve the contract.

Motion to approve the 2025 Lake Coordinator Contract with Houston Engineering as presented by Graftaas and seconded by Spangler. Carried

Rufer informed the Board that the Water Quality grant was submitted January 7, 2025. This grant would fund a comprehensive lake assessment. This grant would assess where heavy concentrations of harmful phosphorus levels enter Lida Lakes along with other key factors to improve water quality. LLID is applying for a \$57,000 grant. LLID would be required to pay 10% of the grant or \$5700. The Board has set aside \$30,000 for a Lake Management Plan. Rufer should know if we receive the grant by April.

Rufer discussed 2025 Curley-leaf Pondweed treatment. Mapping is in her report. The board reviewed the areas where Curley-leaf were found in the June survey, cost of treatment, and 2025 budget. Rufer stated the spread from high density weed areas should continue to be our priority. The board prioritized areas A, C, F and G for treatment and asked Rufer to seek a second quote. The board will review and determine treatable areas at the April meeting. Graftaas will request treasurer Herrmann to review the budget to possibly increase funding of 2025 treatment.

Rufer provided a summary of North and South Lida Water Quality which is provided as an addendum to the minutes. Lida has seen improvement in clarity over the course of the sampling period of 1998-2024.

Agenda Item VIII. Lake Management Committee Report

Graftaas reviewed the Clean Water projects including Moonlight Bay. He recommends inviting Aaron Larsen with the Soil and Water Conservation District to our Annual Meeting for a review of the project.

Graftaas shared LLID “Keep It Clean” signs are positioned at the north public access and Erv’s Landing. The Pelican Press, on January 23, 2025, published a story on LLID’s efforts for keeping Lida clean and introduced Conservation Officer Matthew Boyle. Officer Boyle has worked our lake this winter and is educating anglers on the new law to keep trash off the ice.

Agenda Item IX. Fish Committee Report

Spangler visited with a DNR representative regarding their proposed 2025 lake management plan regarding walleye stocking. The DNR recommendation is to increase North Lida to 1000 fry/littoral acre stocking annually for three years. They also plan to designate North Lida as a “Walleye Carry-Over Surplus Lake”. A designated Surplus Lake would receive leftover walleye following completion of planned stocking. As a designated “Surplus Lake” the DNR hopes to stock walleye at the rate of 1#/littoral acre which is estimated to be 2,380 pounds per year for three years. South Lida is also expected to be stocked with walleye at a rate of 1000 fry/littoral acre with 356 pounds of walleye on an annual basis for three years. South Lida would also be designated a “Walleye Carry-Over Surplus Lake” and stocked with walleye up to 2#/littoral acre. That is estimated to be 712 pounds of walleye added annually for three years. The regional fisheries will be finalizing stocking plans this Spring. This is good news for Lida Lakes as we are now stocked at 500 fry/littoral acre and no additional “Surplus Stocking until this past Fall. The Board discussed budgeted private stocking and means to capture funds for stocking from other sources. Herrmann reported after the Board meeting that 2025 stocking funds of \$15,500 were used in the Fall 2024 stocking. Additional stocking in 2025 would have to come out of other unexpended budget areas, or planned in the 2026 budget that is approved in August of 2025.

Agenda Item X. Communications Committee Report

Discussions on feasibility of creating a property owners directory reviewed. The Barnesville Record, has produced a directory for Lake Lizzie, was not interesting in pursuing a Lida directory. Braton has reviewed opportunities to gather information from the County. Beach Captains might be our best way to capture information. Braton will contact the individual who organized the 2017 Lida Directory as he may have a digital format. We will also review a “property owners only” section on the website.

The board moved to a discussion of publishing a newsletter in late February/early March. Since we likely will know if the lake assessment grant is approved in February the Board decided to move publication and mailing to mid or late March. Braton indicated we will be sending the newsletter First Class Mail as we have learned bulk mail permits do not get forwarded. Newsletter content was reviewed by Braton. A priority for LLID is to request property owners to consider joining the Board as will need a new resident and seasonal property owner replacing Hilber and Poss as their terms expire in August 2025. Stephenson recommended we include an update on the north-end Public Access reconstruction scheduled for 2026. Assignments for the newsletter will be sent with meeting minutes to Board members.

Agenda Item XI. Future Meeting Dates

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call

April Board Meeting: Saturday, April 26, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call

June Board Meeting: Saturday, June 14, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call
2025 Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Agenda Item XII. Adjournment at 10:54 AM

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