

## **LLID JANUARY 2026 BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, January 31, 2026 Lida Township Hall**

**Members Present:** Brian Graftaas, Dee Dee Stephenson, Mike Spangler, Roger Sundby, Marshall Johnson and David Braton (Teams Call).

**Member Absent:** Zach Herrmann (Excused)

**Lake Coordinator Present:** Moriya Rufer

**Guests:** Michael (last name unavailable) on Teams Call

**Agenda Item I.** Call to Order. Vice Chair Brian Graftaas called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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

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

Chair Brian Graftaas introduced the Board and guests. Announced Keep It Clean stickers are available for distribution.

**Agenda Item IV.** Approval of October 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes (Board Action)

**Motion to approve October 25, 2025 Board Minutes by Johnson, seconded by Spangler.**

**Carried**

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

In the absence of Herrmann, Graftaas presented the January 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report prepared by Herrmann. The beginning balance on August 15, 2025 was \$79,099.98. Income from 2025 Tax totaled \$15,912.01. Income from MN Board of Soil and Water Resources (Water Quality Grant) totaled \$22,800. Total income totaled \$38,712.01. Bills to be paid include MCIT Insurance-\$1,564.00; Houston Engineering Water Quality Assessment/Modeling-\$22,191.50; Houston Engineering Lake Coordinator-\$672; Mike Spangler Water Sampling-\$75; Tim Lund Water Sampling-\$75; David Braton Website Domain Renewal (GoDaddy)-\$74.36; and Brian Graftaas Keep It Clean Stickers-\$312.65. Outstanding Expenses total \$24,964.51. Current checking balance minus posted expenses to be paid is \$38,064.23. Estimated June 2026 tax income is \$31,500 and November 2026 estimated income tax is \$22,840.00

**Motion to approve the January 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report including Outstanding Expense payments of \$24,964.51 by Braton, seconded by Sundby. Carried**

Graftaas reviewed the treasurer is the only LLID representative approved to sign checks or access our Bell checking account.

**Motion to approve Dee Dee Stephenson as an LLID authorized signatory at Bell Bank along with current Treasurer Zach Hermann by Graftaas, seconded by Johnson. Carried.**

Graftaas reviewed the arrangement with Lake Lida Property Owners Association for fish stocking. In future years LLPOA will be paying any contributions with a separate check rather than have funds from LLPOA flow into LLID.

**Agenda Item VI. Lake Coordinator Report**

Rufer presented the January 30, 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. Lida has a small drainage area into the lake. This is a benefit to control water coming in but Lida also has a small area where water leaves the lake. Land use types are identified in Rufer's preliminary report. The report also identified areas of development and higher concentrated housing areas. Septic tank data was assessed including system life spans and types of septic systems. The study reviews shoreline assessment including high quality vegetation that can filter water moving into the lake. Braton asked if slope was considered in the study since some lots drain away from the lake. Rufer reviewed modeling and the process in which the final report will be presented. Graftaas stated it appears our best opportunity to improve water quality on Lida is the agricultural runoff.

Rufer moved to other items listed in her report including responses to the Lake Survey and 2026 Lake Coordinator contract. Rufer completed her report reviewing the proposed treatment Curley-leaf Pondweed treatment which will be significant less than 2025. The contract for Curly-leaf Pondweed treatment is due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Estimated treatment area is 15 acres at an estimated cost of \$10,500.

Rufer will share priority projects that come out of the lake study in April, plans to discuss hosting a plant ID workshop in June and will provide a concise presentation of the lake study at the annual meeting.

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

Graftaas reviewed Keep It Clean progress. There's been some progress on permanent signage. The Ice Hole Bar announced they will host a Lida ice fishing tournament February 14, 2026.

Graftaas reviewed mapping available for wake boat operation. The map would show property owners where it's best to operate wake boats that will lesson the risk of erosion. Stephenson discussed good lake practices that could be developed and placed on the website to educate and inform.

The board discussed checking with the DNR on mapping. Braton suggested placing a map showing lake depth and the video that illustrates the damage done by wake board boats on our website and featured in the Spring newsletter.

Stephenson provided an update on the North Lida DNR lake access. The design is in the final stages. The DNR is advocating a Spring 2027 build. LLID will assist the DNR in providing information on the reconstruction once details are finalized.

**Agenda Item VIII. Fish Committee Report**

Fish Committee Chair Spangler gave the final 2025 DNR fish stocking report that 1211 adult walleye were placed in North Lida and 533 in South Lida. LLID stocked an additional 1200 pounds of walleye in North Lida and 500 pounds in South Lida. Total stocking for 2026 was 15,344 walleyes, totaling 3,147 pounds. Spangler reported Grey Corbus is the new DNR conservation officer. The board would like to invite the new conservation officer to one of our upcoming board meetings.

Braton will follow-up with his contacts on East Battle Lake's northern pike fish contest and have information at the April meeting.

**Agenda Item IX. Communications Committee Report**

Braton provided a review of the Communication Committee's efforts to update and redesign our website. Stephenson, Johnson, and Beach Captain David Swang are part of the committee. The committee has made several recommendations that have been forwarded to webmaster Tony Flippance. Braton provided data on our website with 5,510 unique visitors and 33,917 hits. July and August are the two most actively visited months. Flippance will rework the LLID site in the next few weeks. Braton discussed the concerns for "Get-In-Touch" that allows contact to board members. The Board decided to remove individual email address and address contact information to a LLID email address to cut down spam.

Braton indicated David Hilber wants to continue to post photos and information on LLID's Facebook page. Stephenson asked board members to take photos and share information as they access the lake.

Braton discussed the upcoming newsletter. Dave Swang will be reviewing the current design and make recommendations. The Spring newsletter will target for a April 10<sup>th</sup> mailing with a copy deadline of March 27th. The annual meeting informational newsletter would need to be mailed prior to July 10th.

Braton and Flippance have also looked at the option of an e-newsletter. This could be developed and provided to Beach Captains who in turn could distribute the e-newsletter to property owners since they have email addresses for beach property owners.

Braton provided copies of the 2025 Lake Lida Annual Report. This will be posted on our website. Spangler recommended we include Maplewood Township to the distribution list. Stephenson has been working on a schedule of LLID activities and Braton is developing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that will assist the organization.

Braton is also looking into information the County can provide regarding new property owners to develop a welcome packet for new owners.

**Agenda Item X. Future Meeting Dates**

- Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 4:30 PM Teams Call**
- April Board Meeting: Saturday, April 25, 2026, 9 AM Lida Township Hall**
- 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 10:58 AM**