

**LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, August 17, 2024, 9:00 A.M.
Lida Township Hall**

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

Guests: Marshall Johnson, Neal Gaugler, Shane and Courtney Peterson, Roseann Lund, John Lund, Joe Hilber, Kathy Arntson, Richard and Carol Lewis, Clark Hohman, Violet Hohman, Steve Lawrence, Carol Nielsen, John Ohman, Laurie Hanson, Stephen Mullen, Twyla Nielsen, Sharon Kline, Connie Schoenack, Byron Nelson, Greg Slotto, Patsey Croke, Pat Simmers, Doug Dorow, Dave Swang, Daryl and Carla Hanson, Donna Anderson, Ottertail County Commissioner Wayne Johnson, DNR Area Supervisor Jim Wolters.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. David Hilber called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

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

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements. Chair Hilber introduced the Board, guest speaker Jim Wolters, DNR Area Supervisor, and property owners present.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda (**BOARD ACTION**)
Motion to approve agenda as presented by Graftaas, seconded by Spangler. Carried.

Agenda Item V. Approval of June 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes (**BOARD ACTION**)
Motion to approve Minutes of June 15,2024 by Graftaas, seconded by Stephenson. Carried

Agenda Item VI. Treasurer's Report

Current Financial Report presented by Treasurer Zach Herrmann. The first installment of tax income has been received in the amount of \$24,109.71 from Otter Tail County. The posted 2024 expenses total \$63,323.57. Outstanding Expenses for board approved projects total \$51,414.17. On Hand Checking currently is \$47,463.08. Estimated second half tax collection expected in November is \$17,700. Estimated Accrual Balance is \$13,748.91.

Motion to approve the August 17, 2024, Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion by Spangler, seconded by Stephenson. Carried

Agenda Item VII. Board Activities Report

Administration: Braton reviewed administrative items including updates to website that include meeting minutes, financials and other information beneficial to property owners. Facebook and communication through our Beach Captains are key to the success of LLID.

Lake Management: Graftaas reviewed Lake Management activities in FY2024. This included the hiring of Moriya Rufer as Lake Coordinator. The Lake Management Committee meets monthly. Graftaas reviewed the Spring survey on South Lida and the more detailed survey in June on both North and South Lida. A review of the 2024 Curley Leaf Pondweed was discussed along with potential treatment in 2025. Graftaas reported the surveying showed our treatment is working. Rufer has provided a separate Lake Coordinator Report that is separate from the minutes and posted on the website.

Graftaas thanked our volunteers Nielsen and Spangler for their dedicated water sampling.

The MN Keep It Clean Initiative was reviewed by Graftaas and LLID plans to continue messaging to Ice Fisherman and others to help keep our Minnesota lakes clean.

Graftaas reviewed the Moonlight Bay project that had been delayed. The project has yet to be started and will be reviewed this Fall. Herrmann gave details on LLID financial commitment of about 12% of the overall project with the majority of expense paid by the State. Ditch 51 is also being reviewed by the committee and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

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Agenda Item VIII. 2025 Budget Consideration (MEMBERSHIP VOTE)

Herrmann reviewed the Proposed 2025 LLID Budget. Estimated income is \$41,800 based on a tax of \$50 per Lida Lake property in the District. Total cash balance entering FY2025 is \$55,500.00. Expenses for 2025 are estimated to be \$55,500.00 with \$5,640 for Administration, \$3,000 for Clean Water Projects, \$16,500 for Recreation, \$26,340 for Aquatic Invasive Species and \$3,750 for Planning and Research leaving \$270 for Contingency. Details are included in the Budget that set aside \$20,000 for Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment and \$15,500 for Fisheries Support.

Hilber opened the meeting up for discussion by attendees. A question on the COLA expense was raised by a resident, Herrmann provided a response regarding the increased expense based on the number of members of the LLID vs members of the former Lake Lida Association.

A resident asked if the LLID has primary control of expenses. Herrmann reviewed that the LLID has control through the board and ultimately by a vote of the property owners. A follow-up question was raised regarding the amount of treatment and cost.

Prior to a verbal vote by the property owners present the board of directors made the following motion.

Motion for Board approval of the 2025 LLID Budget and recommend approval to the property owners was made by Spangler, seconded by Braton. Carried

Hilber called for a vote of the membership to approve the 2025 LLID Budget by a raise of hands. Approved.

Agenda Item IX. Election of Directors (MEMBERSHIP VOTE)

Hilber reviewed this is the last election or reelection of the original board. At the 2025 annual meeting we will be electing new board members for two members whose terms will expire. Hilber reminded attendees that we request interest in serving on the board be submitted in the Spring of 2025. A question was asked when and if an existing board member could be reelected. Braton reviewed the staggered board member terms and that our Bylaws require a board member be off the board at least one year after being on the board two full terms before serving again.

Agenda Item X. Informational/Education Item(s)

Jim Wolters, MN DNR Area Supervisor was invited to discuss fish surveying, results, issues and concerns on the fishing of Lida Lakes.

Agenda Item XI. Announcement of Election Results

Braton and Poss served as election judges and reported the results. A total of 108 certified ballots were cast. The results were:

Mike Spangler: 90 votes
Dee Dee Stephenson: 94 votes
Zach Herrmann: 97 votes
Davie Boe: 5 votes (write-in)
Al Nieber: 2 votes (write-in)
Byron Nelson: 1 vote (write-in)
Roger Sundby: 1 vote (write-in)

Braton reported Spangler has been elected to his first 3-year term as a full-time resident Board position. Stephenson was elected to her first 3-year term as a full-time resident Board position. Herrmann was re-elected to his second 3-year term as a seasonal resident Board position.

Agenda Item XII. Public/Membership Comments

Agenda Item XIII. Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates:

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 4:30 PM Teams Call

October Board Meeting: Saturday, October 26, 2024 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2024, 4:30 PM Teams Call

January Board Meeting: Saturday, January 18, 2025, 9 AM Lida Township Hall