

**LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Saturday, January 21, 2023 9AM  
Lida Township Hall**

**Members Present:** David Hilber, Robert Nielsen, Zachary Herrmann, Brian Graftaas, Sheldon Poss (Teams call), David Braton (Teams call), Lake Coordinator Steve Henry (Teams call).

**Members Absent:** Memsy Weckwerth

**Committee Chair Present:** Katie Bultman-Communications (Teams call)

**Guests:** Shane and Courtney Peterson, Robert and Twyla Nielsen.

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

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

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

**Agenda Item IV.** Approval of Agenda

Requested discussion to add non-board members to have access to meetings through Microsoft Teams virtually. Also added to the agenda discussion of listing upcoming meetings on website.

**Motion to Approve Agenda with additions by Braton, seconded by Graftaas. Carried**

**Agenda Item V.** Approval of October 29, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion to Approve Minutes of October 29, 2022 by Herrmann, seconded by Spangler. Carried**

**Agenda Item VI.** Annual Meeting

Herrmann reviewed the schedule for communication to Property Owners of the 2023 Annual Meeting. He also stated those with terms expiring will need to submit their request to run for a three-year term by April 22, 2023. Property owners will also be invited to submit their names for consideration in the March newsletter. Braton and Graftaas have terms expiring in 2023.

**Agenda Item VII.** Treasurer's Report

Herrmann noted the second half tax receipt from Otter Tail has been received in the amount of \$16,161.14. LLID also received \$9,850.86 MN 2022 DNR Grant reimbursement. Herrmann presented financials with Cash-on-hand of \$48,398.36. Estimated Accrual Balance is \$83,902.96. The 2023 surveys and treatment are not included in the cost estimates and will be added in the April Treasurer's Report. Hilber reminded the board that the DNR grant was a two-year grant and we are not eligible to request funding in 2023.

**Motion to approve the January 20, 2023 Treasurer's Report made by Graftaas, seconded by Spangler. Carried**

**Agenda Item VIII. Lake Management**

Hilber reviewed the proposal to survey South Lida. In 2023 we plan to map the entire territorial area of South Lida. Cost is estimated at \$2,980. Hilber has submitted the permit requests and is waiting for treatment estimates. Survey will be done in May.

**Motion to approve 2023 survey for South Lida by RMB Labs by Herrmann, seconded by Graftaas.**

**Carried**

Hilber reviewed North Lida surveying. Curley Leaf Pond (CLP) weed was found in Bagley Bay and off the shore of Dawn Drive. The proposed plan is to survey Bagley Bay this spring and Hilber is submitting permit to the DNR for survey. The cost for surveying the area of North Lida is \$700.00. Hilber will work with Steve Henry on the exact surveying and treatment areas to insure we have approval from property owners within 150 feet of treatment. Discussion on timing of approval of treatment costs followed and funds that have been approved for 2023.

**Motion to approve 2023 survey and treatment as budgeted not to exceed \$20,000 and allow the Executive Committee, with direction from the Lake Management Committee, to determine treatment areas by Braton seconded by Poss. Carried.**

Braton asked if treatment for CLP will also impact other weeds. Hilber will discuss the matter with RMB Labs.

**Motion to accept RMB proposal to survey North Lida at a cost of \$700.00 by Herrmann, seconded by Spangler. Carried.**

Graftaas reviewed the Moonlight Bay project and indicated it will be moving forward. Hilber read Aaron Larson's (West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District Project Manager) update. Further review is set for April.

Graftaas is working on a monthly meeting of the Lake Management Committee. Details forthcoming to those members of the committee. Recommendations from the Committee will be discussed in April. Graftaas discussed grant availability and possibly utilizing the LLPOA as funding request from a non-profit. Herrmann requested board's approval to move forward using the LLPOA as an organizational tool to request funding. The grant requires 10% funding by the organization so the LLID may be able to assist the LLPOA in funding. No action required at this time.

Question to Henry by Herrmann regarding water testing both in the spring and fall. The committee will review doing inlet testing this spring. Robert Nielsen brought up that only 39 property owners have responded to survey on lake quality. Despite a low number, these are likely interested parties. Grafts will review the survey questions for further analysis. The newsletter will also have details on how to take the survey.

**Agenda Item IX. Communications**

Braton reviewed the December 19, 2022 Communications meeting introducing committee members: Sheldon Poss, Brian Graftaas, Twyla Nielsen, Connie Evenson, David Braton and Chair Katie Bultman. Committee structure was discussed including improvements and use of website. Graftaas will set up a call with Tony Flippance, Dave Braton, Katie Bultman and himself.

Braton reviewed details of the proposed newsletter. The Board had a chance to see Bultman's design template. Bultman then reviewed details of the newsletter. Hilber will draft a message to property owners along with Moonlight Bay project, surveys and treatment. Spangler will provide details on walleye fish stocking. Graftaas will provide information from the Lake Management Committee. The newsletter needs to go out the last week in February. The nomination for board members needs to be highlighted. Executive meeting will review the newsletter document prior to printing. Herrmann discussed a shorter review of budget. Hilber thought we should condense the Treasurer's report. Hilber asked when do we need their input for the newsletter. The deadline for submission is set February 15<sup>th</sup>. Hilber and Graftaas were asked to submit their reports by February 12<sup>th</sup>. Braton asked about mailing and elimination of duplicate addresses. The newsletter mailing can be simplified whereas, the pre-annual meeting mailing must be sent to the total mailing list. Twyla suggested including information to direct property owners to the website for further information. Hilber asked if we could use the newsletter as a format for the August mailing.

Graftaas discussed Mailchimp as a software to allow property owners to receive emails. The cost is \$13/month. Herrmann asked about the details on how the logistics work with Mailchimp in managing emails. Hilber asked the Communications Committee to review Mailchimp for the April meeting and will not include information on the software in the newsletter.

**Added Agenda Item.** Access to Microsoft Teams

Herrmann reviewed ways to allow non-board members to access board meetings. Currently we use Houston Engineering's Microsoft Teams membership. Hilber requested the Communications Committee review options for Teams Meetings for non-board meetings and how the LLID may access Teams on it's own. Graftaas reviewed the basic Teams program and will assist in review. Presently Herrmann and Graftaas have access to Microsoft Teams that the LLID can use.

Braton gave an update on the Pelican Rapids to Perham Trail system that allows use of snowmobiles on the new bike trails. Braton also stated the completion of the Maplewood State Park portion will in 2024. Graftaas asked if there was a link to the trail system that we could add to our website.

Braton reviewed his discussion with Longweekend Wear regarding wearables with LLID logos. It is an early discussion that will be reviewed by the Communication Committee and taken under advisement with the County.

**Agenda Item X.** Next Meeting Dates

- Board Meeting, April 22, 2023 9 AM Lida Town Hall
- Board Meeting, June 3, 2023 9 AM Lida Town Hall
- Annual Meeting, August 19, 2023 9 AM Lida Town Hall

**Added Agenda.** Keep It Clean MN

Herrmann reported attendance at a Winnipeg conference on addressing pollution from ice activities during winter. Following discussion on how we could address this matter on Lida, Spangler suggested signage on the ice, Henry reviewed what is legal. Herrmann suggested reaching out to Keep it Clean MN. Herrmann will email the Keep It Clean and copy Braton. Henry reviewed what the Conservation

Officer does to check issues. Robert Nielsen reviewed what he and David Boe have done in the past in collecting garbage after the ice fishing season. Bill Landmark is the DNR contact we can reach out to. Herrmann will contact Keep It Clean MN for approval to print or purchase posters and stickers for this year. Spangler offered to take the lead on contacting the Conservation Officer and review options for 2023 clean-up.

**Agenda Item XI.** Adjournment at 11:01 AM

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