

**LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, April 22, 2023
Lida Township Hall**

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

Members Absent: Memsy Weckwerth

Committee Chair Present: Katie Gall-Communications

Guests: Courtney Peterson, Danny Gall, Carl Matson.

Agenda Item I. Call to order David Hilber, 9:07 AM.

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

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda by Poss, seconded by Spangler. Carried

Agenda Item V. Approval of January 21, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes of January 21, 2023 by Herrmann, seconded by Poss. Carried

Agenda Item VI. Annual Meeting

Herrmann reviewed nominations for Director positions that will be open at the end of this year (August 2023). Herrmann reported three qualifying applicants. David Braton submitted his name for consideration for the resident property owner position. Brian Graftaas and Shane Peterson submitted their names for consideration for the seasonal property owner position. Their names will be on the ballot for a vote at the Annual Meeting scheduled for August 19, 2023. Their submission documents are on file with the Secretary.

Nominations and topics for discussion at the annual meeting were due by email on Friday, April 21, 2023. Herrmann indicated no topics were submitted. The board discussed including the following for annual meeting agenda topics: DNR, Otter Tail SWCD Clean Water Opportunities, and 2023 Survey and Treatment. The board will finalize agenda educational topics for the annual meeting at the June board meeting.

Agenda Item VII. Treasurer's Report

Herrmann reviewed the April 20, 2023 Treasurer's Report. Beginning Balance as of 8/21/2022 was \$40,270.71. 2022 Tax Income \$16,161.14. 2022 MN DNR Grant \$9,850.86. Posted Expenses total \$20,066.21. Estimated Outstanding Expenses of \$29,069.54. Estimated Accrual Balance is \$58,946.96. 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 April 20, 2023 Treasurer's Report that includes \$5,000 expenditure for walleye stocking made by Graftaas, seconded by Poss. 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. Hilber reviewed North Lida surveying. Curley Leaf Pond (CLP) weed was found in Bagley Bay and off the shore of Dawn Drive. Hilber reviewed the different chemical treatments available. After discussions with the DNR and Clarke it was decided to continue using Aquathol K. Steve Henry provided a detailed explanation of treatment. Henry also provided detail on North Lida limited surveying in 2022. They mapped out seven areas likely impacted. Graftaas was present for the surveying. Bagley Bay had a high concentration of Curley Pond. Henry reviewed the recommended Spring 2023 North Lida surveying would be a comprehensive look through a meandering delineation technique. The 2020 survey was limited to key points based on predictability whereas this survey will be in greater detail of the entire lake.

Motion to approve expenditure of \$4,236.13 for North Lida comprehensive survey by Braton, seconded by Poss. Carried.

Water Quality Assessment

Herrmann reported LLID had applied for a grant to develop a lake water quality assessment through BWSR. The grants are limited and part of a pilot program. BWSR will indicate awards in the upcoming weeks. Herrmann will keep us posted and plans to review their assessment of our application. Initial feedback indicates LLID will not receive funding in 2023.

Water Quality Sampling

Inflow Water sampling at five locations, three different times is scheduled by RMB Labs at a cost of \$1,418.25.

Herrmann made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,418.25 for inflow water sampling by RMB Labs, seconded by Graftaas. Carried.

Fish Stocking

Mike Spangler reported we have filed a DNR permit for Spring walleye stocking that will occur at an appropriate time this Spring. The LLID has contracted with a supplier for 8-10-inch walleye fingerlings. (Approximately 2000 fingerlings) The DNR also plans to stock walleye fry in Lida Lakes within days of the Dead River run hatch. The board discussed doing another private stocking this Fall or potentially increasing our budget for walleye stocking.

Agenda Item IX. Communications

Braton will contact our webmaster Tony Flippance to set up a meeting with him and Katie Gall to review our website and get Katie set up as administrator. We also need to have updates for meetings on both Facebook and the website. We discussed placing the agenda on both sites. The committee will review MailChimp for capturing emails. Cost is \$13/month. Message board options were also discussed. The Communication Committee will meet to review these issues prior to our next meeting.

Added Agenda Item

Braton reviewed the annual report from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers and discussed ice fishing trash left on the lake and other matters that affect our waters. The Minnesota legislature is taking up the issue with potential fines, winter signage and ice fishing requirements to keep our lakes clean.

Braton gave an update on the bike trail system and potential expansion to include Dent and Vergas for 32 miles of bike paths in our area. The Maplewood State Park portion of the path is scheduled to be complete in the Spring/Summer of 2024.

LLID will be inviting Beach Captains to attend our June meeting. They and the public are always invited to join our Board meetings but we have designated the June board meeting as one to meet new Beach Captains and provide all Captains LLID information as the summer lake season begins.

A suggestion was made to have slot limit signage placed on Highway 108 by the underpass connecting North and South Lida. People fishing from shore may not know the limits. The sign for "Lake Lida" also needs to be replaced. Braton will contact MN DOT and DNR regarding the two signs.

Hilber received a call from the State Highway Department regarding the speed limit warning signs purchased by the Property Owner's a few years ago. The two on Highway 4 are now under the Township for maintenance but the two speed signs on Highway 108 are still the LLID's responsibility.

Agenda Item X. Next Meeting Dates

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

Agenda Item XI. Adjournment at 10:32 AM