

# LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

**Lida Township Hall**

**Members Present:** David Hilber, Mike Spangler, Sheldon Poss, David Braton, Brain Graftaas.

**Members Absent:** Mimsi Weckwerth, Zach Herrmann.

**Guests:** Tim and Roseann Lund, Chuck Cheney, David Swang, Pat Simmers, Scott Richardson, Stacey Foss, Brian Fosse, Roger Sundby, Shane Peterson, Greg Slotto.

**Agenda Item I.** Call to order David Hilber, 9:00 AM.

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

**Agenda Item III.** Introductions and Announcements. Beach Captains introduced themselves and indicated the beaches they represent.

**Agenda Item IV.** Approval of Agenda

**Motion to Approve Agenda by Graftaas, seconded by Poss. Carried**

**Agenda Item V.** Approval of April 22, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to Approve Minutes of April 22, 2023 by Graftaas, seconded by Spangler. Carried**

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

In Herrmann's absence Braton reviewed the May 23, 2023 Treasurer's Report prepared by Herrmann. Beginning Balance was reported at \$40,270.71. The 2023 Income at \$26,012. Posted expenses total \$20,944.17 with estimated outstanding expenses of \$74,865.02. Estimated Accrual Balance of \$12,273.52. Tim Lund from Matson Point Trail recommended to the Board we look at increasing funds for walleye stocking. Shane Peterson stated his concerns for potential low water and marking of rocks or potential dredging. The Board also discussed water inlet and outlet concerns.

**Motion to approve May 23, 2023 Treasurer's Report by Poss, seconded by Spangler. Carried.**

Later in the meeting Braton requested approval of two bills:

Otter Tail County Coalition of Lakes Association 2023 dues of \$920 and Pelican Press legal notices for invasive species control of \$305.80.

**Motion to Approve OTC COLA amount up to \$920 and Pelican Press of \$305.80 by Graftaas and seconded by Poss. Carried**

**Agenda Item VII.** Annual Meeting

Hilber reviewed the process and requirements for communication to property owners for the annual meeting. Herrmann provided a draft letter and ballot for review by the board. The board requested the ballot be modified to separate the "full time resident" and "seasonal resident" to eliminate any confusion. Since Secretary Braton is on the ballot, he cannot collect ballots by mail, oversee voting or be

involved in the vote tally. Mike Spangler volunteered to distribute, collect, and count ballots. Hilber will check the LLID mail box just prior to the annual meeting. The agenda for the annual meeting was discussed. Fishing is important to property owners and needs to be a discussion point at the annual meeting. Beach Captain Shane Peterson requested spraying for tent worms be included on the Annual Meeting agenda as well. Spraying was discussed, Braton reminded the board this was discussed at a prior board meeting. Braton reminded the board an item over the cost of \$5,000 must be approved by the Property Owners. Several beaches on Lida Lakes contracted for spraying which was done this past week. West Central Air was contracted by those beaches. Braton will contact them to get an estimate of cost to spray all Lida beaches excluding the State Park. (Talked to Ryan at West Central Air Tuesday. He will provide an estimate and map of potential spray area.)

Hilber asked if the board had any questions regarding the Proposed 2024 LLID Budget. Graftaas reviewed the recreational section, specifically buoys. Walleye stocking was well received by property owners and Graftaas discussed increasing funds and Keep It Clean initiatives that include signage to pick up trash and keep our lake clean during winter ice fishing. We also discussed potential clean-up prior to ice out. Braton wants to review Board insurance options as MCIT had a significant increase. The Board discussed increasing Fish Stocking to \$10,000 or more. Spangler is going to review with walleye stocking suppliers for this budget cycle and into 2024. Spangler reviewed a recent study of zebra mussel's impact on walleye production. Lida is not seeing natural reproduction of walleye. Peterson asked about discontinuing the slot limit on Lida Lakes. Spangler does not support this action and reviewed options to maintain and grow our walleye population. Others talked about a standardization of slot limits across the state rather than have current variables.

**Motion to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting Letter and Ballot by Spangler, seconded by Graftaas.  
Carried**

#### **Agenda Item VII. Lake Management**

Hilber announced Steve Henry resigned from RMB Labs. Henry served as LLID's Lake Coordinator through our contract with RMB. Hilber talked to the owner of RMB Labs and they do not have a person available to take his position at this time. Hilber discussed the Board has options and how we will work with RMB Labs. Hilber has also indicated there are others that expressed interest in working in this role for LLID.

Hilber reviewed findings of South Lida Curley Pond survey. Surveys found we have the least amount of Curley Pond since we have been testing. Treatment followed earlier this year. North Lida had a high infestation in 3 ½ acres of Bagley Bay. On June 13<sup>th</sup> we are scheduled for survey work. Inflow testing will also be done in June and July.

Graftaas reviewed the Moonlight Bay Clean Water project. Three companies were asked to bid the project with one submission that was significantly higher than estimated. The land owner is uncomfortable with the higher cost. Aaron Larson of East Otter Tail Soil and Water is reviewing next steps. Graftaas reviewed the inlet known as Ditch 51 at Mud Lake. Water sampling indicates this is the dirtiest water coming into Lida Lakes.

There was a question of where water comes in to North Lida. Inlets include Mud Lake, Ditch 51, Moonlight Bay, County Road 3, and Isle View Road. Graftaas will check on locations of inlets as we believe there are six.

Graftaas discussed Lake Management Plan. The last Plan was done by Bob Nielsen. He reviewed the grant application this past year that was unsuccessfully funded by state agencies. Feedback from the grant application process gave us better information for submission in 2023/2024. Soil and Water will also be working with us in our application process.

Spangler asked about fall walleye stocking of the remaining \$3600 budgeted. Spangler indicated the suppliers are starting over again due to winter kill. Graftaas and Braton indicated we could be more funds available and \$8,000-\$10,000 would be available for funding. Spangler will research fall availability of walleye stocking. Graftaas and Spangler have had a number of property owners discuss improvement in stocking. Graftaas also indicated some property owners would be willing to contribute specifically to a walleye fund.

**Agenda Item IX. Communications Update**

Braton indicated he has not been able to connect with our webmaster Tony Flippance. Graftaas will reach out to him next week. The Board wants to give the Communications Chair Katie Gall administration rights to make changes and additions to website.

Peterson requested access for property owners to live board meetings remotely. Graftaas and Herrmann provide access through Teams meetings. Braton will check with Herrmann on access.

Braton indicated the Township Board will now charge \$100 for use of Lida Town Hall. They also plan to limit the use of the Township Hall to organizations such as LLID. Graftaas and Hilber will follow-up with Township Commissioners to discuss LLID usage and fees for meeting at the Town Hall.

Braton reviewed he has a meeting with Tom Pace of MNDOT next Thursday to review HWY 108 reconstruction. He plans to discuss signage, the underpass, bike access on 108 to the new bike trail near Maplewood State Park, dredging of the channel, and Ohana Beach designated crossing. One resident indicated they were required through the permitting process to place proper signage for crossings.

In final comments, Braton met with the Park Superintendent and will check on the number of State Parks that are on lakes with private property owners. Hilber stated to attending Beach Captains they should think of serving on future boards. Hilber will be speaking to Long Lake property owners in organizing a LID.

**Agenda Item X. Next Meeting Dates**

- Annual Meeting, August 19, 2023 Lida Town Hall 9 AM
- October Board Meeting Tentative Date: October 28, 2023 Location TBD 9 AM
- January Board Meeting Tentative Date: January 20, 2024 Location TBD 9 AM

**Agenda Item XI. Adjournment at 10:50 AM**

