

LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Saturday, October 2, 2021 6:00 PM

Lida Greens Golf Course – Due to access issues at Lida Township Hall

Members Present: Sheldon Poss, David Hilber, Brian Graftass, David Braton, Robert Nielson, Zachary Herrmann, Lake Coordinator Steve Henry.

Members Apologies: Mimsi Weckwerth

Guests: Shane & Courtney Peterson, Deana Mosby, Sonja Jensen, Ron Smischny, Phyllis Poss.

Due to first organizational meeting no minutes to report.

Agenda Item I: Call to order by David Hilber. 6:09pm

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

Agenda Item III: Introduction and Announcements.

Agenda Item IV: Approval of Agenda. Added fish stocking, official address review, Insurance discussion, website development, and dredging to accommodate low water levels to New Business. Due to guest attending for dredging discussion it was moved up on the agenda.

Motion to Approve Agenda as Modified 1st Graftnas 2nd Braton Ayes all

Agenda Item: Dredging. David Hilber led the discussion as he was made aware of problems navigating an area in front of Lida Shores Loop. Sonja Jensen and Ron Smischny made the board aware of problems accessing the main body of the lake from their bay due to low water. Three areas of concern were identified: About 30 feet in and out of the Lida Shores Loop Bay, Bass Harbor (Large Rock), and the Highway 108 underpass between North and South Lida. Solutions were discussed including excavation. David Braton volunteered to contact the DNR and State Highway Department regarding options if water levels continue to be low next spring. Low water/rock marking buoys were also discussed. Steve Henry will check on sources including Franklin Lake Association, who may have used buoys.

Agenda Item V. Appointment of Officers.

Chair: David Braton made the motion and Nielsen seconded David Hilber as Chair of Lida Lakes Improvement District. Discussion of David's past leadership and interest. Motion Approved.

Vice Chair: David Hilber made the motion and Herrmann seconded Robert Nielson as Vice Chair. Discussion as to Vice Chair being primary parliamentarian and board lead in Chair's absence. Motion Approved.

Treasurer: David Braton made the motion and Nielsen seconded Zach Herrmann as Treasurer. Discussion as to Zach's interest in continuing in the treasurer's role from the Association. Motion Approved.

Secretary: General question was asked who would be interested in serving as secretary. Steve Henry outlined duties. David Braton volunteered. Nieslen made the motion for David Braton as Secretary and seconded by Graftnas Discussion on duties and working relationship with the lake coordinator. Motion Approved.

Agenda Item VI. Treasurer's Report. Since this is the first organization meeting of the LLID Board no official treasurer's report. Zach Herrmann did provide an estimate that the Lake Lida POA will have an estimated balance of \$20,000 once all 2021 dues are collected. He suggests keeping the Lake Association bank account open during transition. A motion was made by David Braton and seconded by Zach Herrmann to open a checking account for the Lida Lakes Improvement District at Bell Bank. Discussion followed identifying the Chair and Treasurer would have signature authority. Motion Approved.

Agenda Item VII. Lake Coordinator Report. Steve Henry reported on the following:

Partnerships

- Two Pelican River Watershed District Board meetings were attended. They have a new enhanced diagnostic sampling program and are wrapping up their \$2,000,000 Detroit Lake-Rice Lake project this fall. They are planning a project tour on or about October 20th.
- Three Hubbard COLA meetings were attended virtually. Several speakers were excellent, there are multiple programs (Loon Stewards) being implemented in that area.
- Several items related to the Otter Tail River One Watershed One Plan were encountered and shared with the Board.
- The PGOLID Board reports widespread reports of nuisance weed and slime growth which has been increasing in severity for the past several years. Reports were shared with the Otter Tail River 1W1P Technical Committee members.

Workshops and Research

- Sustainability and Resilience: The Coordinator took part in a workshop/exercise funded through the North American Glacial Lakes Partnership designed to help lake advocates frame and address lake issues.
- The coordinator is working with High School students who are independently researching "Why are the weeds so bad" on Lake Miltona in the Alexandria area. We will be on the lake next week. I can't wait to see what they come up with.

- The coordinator's discussions with MN DNR staff revealed that the UMN now has a limnologist, Lesley Knoll, doing research into zebra mussel's impacts on lake nutrient cycles and dissolved oxygen. Zebra mussels may alter internal lake nutrient cycles by capturing the 'turnover load' and retaining it in the nearshore. However, over time oxygen depletion and 'turnover load' may decline. Date review is ongoing.

Steve reported that Minnesota has a new water legacy grant program and he will research opportunities for LLID.

Agenda Item VIII. New Business.

- Mike Spangler reports there will stocking of fish, using designated Lake Association Funds Oct 10th. No action required.
- Dave Hilber acquired a Post Office box for official LID mailings. The address is PO Box 343, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572. He personally paid \$42 for the first six months. A motion was made by David Braton and seconded by Zach Herrmann to reimburse David Hilber \$42.00. No discussion. Motion Approved.
- Director and Officers Liability Insurance. David Hilber has done some research on liability insurance and was directed to Warner's Insurance in Fargo. David Braton volunteered to contact Warner's and report at the next Directors meeting.
- Depository of Record. Zach Herrmann spoke about the need to establish a bank account and transfer funds. Braton made a motion to use Bell Bank as the official depository seconded by Herrmann. Motion passed.
- LLID website. Development of a website was discussed and the board would like to contact website developers to design a site for the LID. Phyllis Poss will contact the individual she has worked with. David Braton, Sheldon Poss and Brian Graftass agreed to serve on a Communications Committee and make recommendations at the next board meeting. A motion by Herrmann and seconded by Nielsen was made to spend up to \$2000.00 for website development. Motion approved.

Agenda Item IX. Next Meeting Date.

The board has set dates for the following:

- Board Meeting: Saturday, January 15,2022 10 AM Lida Town Hall
- Board Meeting: Saturday, April 9, 2022 10 AM Lida Town Hall (Beach Captains invited)
- Board Meeting: June 2022 TBD
- Annual Meeting: August 2022 TBD

Agenda Item X. Adjournment. Brian Graftass made the motion, Bob Nielson seconded the motion to Adjourn. Motion Approved. 8:35 pm

