

LLID 2026 Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 15, 2026 Lida Township Hall

Members Present: Brian Graftaas, Dee Dee Stephenson, Mike Spangler, Roger Sundby, Marshall Johnson and David Braton.

Members Absent: Zach Herrmann

Lake Coordinator Present: Hannah Passolt.

Guests: Clark and Violet Hohman, Jeff Schoenack, Richard Lewis, Pete and Jill Preston, Sharon and Randy Stoick, Barlow Trust, Karen and Tony Grindberg, Daren Berube, Michell Rudd, Patsy Crooke, Shane and Courtney Peterson, David Zupi, Beth and Todd Kadoun, Dawn and Steve Urman, Dave and Audrey Swang, Adam Bernier, Daryl and Carla Hanson, Greg and Sandy Slotto, Bob Green, Steve Gravalin, Brian and Sylvia Hamilton, Kathy Arntson, Stephen Mullan, John and Pam Suchor, Bobbie Holman, Dale Duerr, Pamela Hovland, Debra Hovland, Jon Sundby, and Pat Simmer.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. Chair Brian Graftaas called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Agenda Item II. Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge led by Brian Graftaas.

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements.

Chair Brian Graftaas introduced the Board and Lake Coordinator Hannah Passolt.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda (Board Action)

Chair Graftaas announced Luke Schalekamp had a family medical issue and was not able to attend the annual meeting.

Motion to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda without DNR's Fishing Update by Spangler, seconded by Johnson. Carried

Agenda Item V. Approval of June 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes (Board Action)

Motion to approve June 15, 2026 Board Minutes by Sundby, seconded by Spangler. Carried

Agenda Item VI. Treasurer's Report (Board Action)

In the absence of Treasurer Herrmann, Braton presented the August 15, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Beginning balance on August 15, 2026 totaled \$79,099. MN Board of Soil and Water Resources Water Quality Grant totaled \$28,500. Total income for the year \$81,295.48. Outstanding Expenses total \$49,720.50. On Hand Checking totals \$33,573.63. LLID estimates the second installment of 2026 Tax Income to be \$21,193.50 in November.

Motion to approve the August 15, 2026 Treasurer's Report including outstanding payment to Houston Engineering, Inc, for Lake Coordinator of \$4,870.50 by Stephenson, seconded by Sundby. Carried.

Agenda Item VII. Election of Directors

Braton made a final request for ballots. Results would be announced after the presentation by Lake Coordinator Hannah Passolt. Following Passolt's presentation, Chair Graftaas thanked those who placed their name on the ballot for the Board of Director positions. Director Johnson provided the results of the election with Mitch Rudd receiving 99 votes, Beth Strinden-Kadoun 88, Jeff Shoenack 18, and one write-in vote each for Dave Sogn and Katie Gall. With two open director positions, Mitch Ruud and Beth Strinden Kadoun were elected to the Board of Directors. The Board recognized and thanked outgoing Directors Brian Graftaas and David Braton.

Agenda Item VIII. 2027 Budget Presentation (Membership Vote)

The 2027 LLID Budget was present by Braton in absence of Treasurer Herrmann. LLID estimated revenue for 2027 is \$60,805.78 with no increase in the annual assessment of \$65 per parcel. The Board of Director's recommended expenditures of \$20,000 for Curly-leaf pondweed management and \$17,000 for Fish Stocking. The Board expects a reduction in the cost of Liability Insurance as we are now seeking bids. A proposal will be presented at the October meeting. Chair Graftaas called for a vote to approve the 2027 Budget.

Motion to approve the 2027 Budget as presented by Jeff Schoenack, seconded by Bob Green. Carried with 38 in favor and 3 opposed.

Agenda Item IX. MN Board of Water and Soil Resources Comprehensive Lakeshed Assessment Report- Presented by Hannah Passolt, LLID Lake Coordinator.

Passolt introduced herself and presented the Lakeshed Assessment conducted this past year. Total budget for the projects was \$62,000. The goal of the study was to measure the current condition of the lake and use the information from that to create a Lake Model which helps us understand where phosphorus may come from and create what is called a Phosphorus Budget that will help to improve water quality over time. The assessment evaluated watershed conditions, shoreline vegetation, septic systems and sources of phosphorus loading. Passolt reviewed why we should be concerned about the phosphorus level. Phosphorus is a natural nutrient element. It naturally runs into our lakes and streams from a number of sources and can increase algae growth which makes water cloudy, reduces sunlight into the lake and subsequently reduces oxygen need for fish. Phosphorus levels is a primary indicator for lake health. The study also reviewed land use in and around the lake and existing septic systems. Approximately 30 per cent of the shoreline septic systems were reported as "exceeding their expected service life". Shorelines around the lake were reviewed and North Lida had less shoreline vegetation due to greater development. South Lida benefited from substantial undeveloped shoreline in Maplewood State Park. A lake model and phosphorus budget were developed to evaluate sources and potential reduction strategies. The study established a goal of reducing phosphorus loading by 5 percent over ten years, with anticipated benefits including reduced algae and improved water clarity.

Recommended actions include enhanced shoreline vegetation and buffer strips, protecting adjacent forests and natural lands, promoting agricultural best management practices, and maintaining septic systems.

The presentation and supporting materials will be posted on the LLID website.

Following the Lakeshed Assessment report, Passolt provided an update on Aquatic Invasive Species. Four areas were treated for Curly-leaf Pondweed in May of 2026. Treatments were generally effective with two areas that had no Curly-leaf Pondweed observed during the post-treatment survey. A new infestation was identified on the north side of North Lida along with three additional areas that are planned for treatment in 2027. Treatment of those areas are subject to DNR permitting.

Passolt completed her presentation with a discussion on plant identification, treatment effectiveness, manual removal of certain weed and requirements and permits for vegetation removal. Flumioxazin has been the preferred chemical of use for treatment of Curly-leaf Pondweed by LLID for the second year. It is reported to provide similar effectiveness at a lower cost than the prior treatment product.

The group discussed the ongoing zebra mussel presence and possible predation by pumpkinseed sunfish and sturgeon along with the ongoing study conducted by the University of Minnesota. No active eradication method is currently available for use on Lida Lakes.

The Board also discussed concerns regarding Swimmer's Itch. Braton and Passolt attended Pelican Lakes Annual LID meeting on August 8th and reviewed Pelican Lake's initiative to exclude mergansers from nesting sites as a possible swimmer's itch mitigation strategy. Participants noted that the effectiveness is uncertain, and LLID will continue to monitor Pelican Lakes initiative.

Agenda Item X. Fishing Update by Luke Schalekamap, DNR Fisheries Area Supervisor. Spangler reported Schalekamp was unable to attend due to family medical concern.

Agenda Item XI. Committee Updates

Fishing Committee: Spangler reported the DNR has scheduled a fall electrofishing survey for September. In Fiscal Year 2026 the DNR stocked approximately 2.38 million walleye fry in the Spring. LLID is scheduled to stock approximately 18,000 walleye yearlings, measuring 6-9 inches in October. Spangler also reviewed Summer 2027 plans by the DNR to conduct a lake survey.

Communication Committee: Braton reviewed the redesign of the LLID website and thanked Stephenson, Johnson and David Swang for serving on the website review committee. Web Designer Tony Flippance has done a total redesign of the website that is easier to use and more functional. The website, Facebook and newsletters are the three tools used to communicate to property owners and the general public.

Nominating Committee: Graftaas reviewed the appointment of Braton, Graftaas and LLID's 2027 Chair to a new Nomination Committee to identify future Board and Committee candidates.

Lake Management Committee: Graftaas reviewed our continued involvement in the Minnesota Keep-It-Clean initiative. He also reviewed signage at the North Public Access, the planned improvements on the DNR public access and other lake management topics.

Agneda Item XII. Public/Member Comments

Members discussed the number of fishing tournaments held on Lake Lida. The Board noted that tournament permits are regulated by the Minnesota DNR and LLID has limited authority over tournament management. Overfishing and fish mortality were of concern. The group discussed educating anglers about barotrauma and best practices for releasing fish caught in deep water. Options included signage, newsletters, and other educational outreach.

Agenda Item XIII. Adjournment at 10:45 AM.

Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, October 3, 2026 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Respectfully submitted by David Braton, Secretary