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MISSION STATEMENT

The LLID was officially established by Otter Tail County on July 13th, 2021. The purpose of LLID is to preserve and protect the lakes and to increase and enhance the use and enjoyment of the lakes. It is in the public interest that the LLID work to: preserve the natural character of the lakes and their shoreline environment where feasible and practical; improve the quality of water in the lakes; provide for reasonable assurance of water in the lakes, where feasible and practicable; and to assure protection of the lakes from detrimental effects of human activities and certain natural processes.

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2023 BOARD MEETINGS & ANNUAL MEETING

ALL MEETINGS HELD AT 9 AM AT LIDA TOWN HALL
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BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

MESSAGE FROM DAVID HILBER, CHAIR LLID

Welcome to the inaugural Lida Lakes Improvement District (LLID) newsletter. Our first year saw another successful Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) treatment on South Lida, the development and fielding of our website, and increased water quality sampling to include inflow locations on our lakes. This year – without any additional cost to our members – we will be increasing our CLP surveying and treatment, participating in a project to reduce harmful runoff into South Lida, and developing a Lake Management Plan to help guide future LLID activities. Here you will find a synopsis of LLID activities, our budget, links to surveys and our website, and a listing of Board members and contact information. Most importantly you will find information on how you can actively participate in the LLID as a volunteer, or as a Board member. Each year two or three board seats are up for re-election and details on how and when to submit your name are included. So read on, enjoy, and let us know what you think.



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Visit **lakelidalid.com** and click
Membership Survey under
"Programs"

2023 LIDA LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT INITIATIVES



2023 LLID INITIATIVES

- 2022 Survey of South Lida found the least amount of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) since we started treatment in 2018.
- 2022 Survey of North Lida found minimal amounts of CLP - predominantly in Bagley Bay.
- Surveys for CLP in 2023 will include all of South Lida and a treatment survey for North Lida.
- 2023 permits have been submitted for treatment of South Lida and the Bagley Bay area of North Lida.
- Spring 2023 Walleye stocking planned and contracted for North and South Lida.
- Work with Soil and Water Conservation District, Maplewood Township and property owners to address Moonlight Bay runoff.
- Develop plan of action and seek funding for Lake Management Plan.
- Continue to develop website and other forms of communication with property owners.
- Work with the "Keep It Clean" Coalition to reduce pollution of Lida Lakes both in summer and winter.

FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT - MIKE SPANGLER

It has been a number of years since the property owners of Lida Lakes stocked walleye on their own. In the spring of 2019 and 2021 the Minnesota DNR stocked walleye fry in North and South Lida. The Minnesota DNR will again be stocking walleye fry in Lida Lakes the spring of 2023 and 2025. In the fall of 2021, LLPOA stocked 8-10" walleye in both North and South Lida. That total was 72 lbs of walleye in North Lida and 33 lbs in South Lida. At the August 2022 Annual Meeting Lida property owners approved a budget of \$5,000 for walleye stocking. The board approved this expenditure for Fall 2022 stocking. Unfortunately the supplier was not able to trap the walleye fingerlings in their rearing pond due to the early/bad ice conditions. Fishing Committee Chair and Board Member Mike Spangler has contacted Jim Walters (DNR) and the supplier regarding stocking walleye fingerlings this coming spring once the ice is out. The 250 lbs of walleye fingerlings to be stocked will still be 8"-10" size. Starting May 13th (2023 Fishing Opener) Minnesota DNR will be conducting a Fish Creel Survey. The survey will end February 25th 2024. More details on the Fish Creel Survey from Jim Walters of the DNR are available on our website at lakelidalid.com.



LAKE COORDINATOR REPORT - STEVE HENRY

RMB Labs provides a Lake Coordinator to the Lida Lakes Improvement District on an hourly contract for services basis. Lake Lida's Coordinator is Steve Henry. Steve assists the Board of Directors in planning and carrying out programs and field work of the LLID. The Lake Coordinator works in the field sampling runoff, responding to residents' concerns, and surveying aquatic plants. At LLID meetings the Coordinator is available to provide background on items that come before the Board or address questions posed by residents. Monitoring State and Federal grant programs and awards, Steve provides the LLID information on grants, clean water regulation and guidance on lake management issues. Steve Henry brings over 20 years of local lake and water quality experience to the LLID. Steve also serves as Pelican Lakes Coordinator.

Walleye Reproduction and Walleye Recruitment Post Zebra Mussels:

MN DNR is researching what is interfering with recruitment of young walleyes after zebra mussel infestation. To date they have not issued their findings but there has been some success as seen in Lake Minnewaska. Like Lida, walleye reproduction-recruitment was interrupted in the lake after infestation and resulted in a drop of 66% in their walleye count. Minnewaska has stocked the last ten years with 2000 pounds of fingerlings (40,000 individual fish) plus several million fry. The 2022 fisheries survey of Minnewaska is positive. Walleye abundance has risen to almost 20% pre-infestation averages. Good numbers of 12-15" and 15-18" walleyes were found in the test nets. Minnewaska is over 8000 acres, nearly double the size of North Lida, so this stocking rate is quite high.

Clean Water Council

Steve Henry, Lida Lakes Coordinator, is regularly in contact with the Clean Water Council on projects that could have a beneficial impact on Lida. Carp Control is a project in the Alexandria area that removed 34,000 pounds of carp from an impaired lake. The Clean Water Council is hopeful carp control can allow impaired lakes to meet their **Clean Water Legacy Grants**. In 2022 there was \$9 million recommended for Clean Water - Project and Practices Grants in Minnesota. The Pelican River Watershed District had the **#1 ranked Clean Water Grant** application this year. Pelican's \$640,000 application was supported by being listed as part of the \$24 million in water quality projects proposed by the Watershed District in the new Otter Tail River One Watershed One Plan. This grant will support Phase 2 of the Rice Lake Restoration Project, keeping 600 pounds of phosphorus from running downstream directly into Detroit Lake annually. This permanent pollution reduction project will help preserve our lakes for generations to come, One million dollars will be available through the new Clean Water Legacy Partners Grant Program. Half of the funding is reserved for Tribal Governments and half is available for Lake Associations. This is the first opportunity for Lake Associations to apply directly for Clean Water Legacy dollars.

LAKE MANAGEMENT UPDATE - BRIAN GRAFTAAS

The lake management committee is building off the work that was done in the previous Lake Management Plan, but also modeling the One Watershed/One Plan, focusing on clean water projects. We have submitted a grant request which will multiply the funding committed by the LLID. Project goals are to develop an understanding of the current condition of the lakes in relation to the surrounding watershed and internal functions within North and South Lida, to identify resource management targets that will provide long-term protection and improvements to water quality, and target projects that will make meaningful progress toward protecting and improving both North and South Lida. Our first project, the Moonlight Bay clean water project, should be moving forward this spring – all parties have committed funds, and the West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District is in process of getting final estimates. This will make a significant impact on the health of our lakes.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE - KATIE GALL

The purpose of the communications committee is to keep all members informed of LLID initiatives, board updates, member meetings and more. We are in the early stages of creating a plan for our LLID communication efforts and welcome any and all feedback to provide the most accessible methods of communication. Please share your feedback with any of the board members, or feel free to reach out to me at gall.katiem@gmail.com. **Don't forget to like us on Facebook, at [Facebook.com/lakelidalid](https://www.facebook.com/lakelidalid)**



WANT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE?



Along with a 7-member board, the LLID has Executive, Lake Management, Communications, and Fishing Committees. Property Owners are welcome to submit their name to serve on the board or committees. Board members are elected to three year terms. Committee members are appointed by the board. At the 2023 Annual Meeting two current board members, Brian Graftaas, Bass Harbor (seasonal) and David Braton, Bagley Bay (resident) will be up for election of a 3-year term. As required by MN Statute 103B.551, a majority of the board members must be residents of the LLID. Because two seasonal residents continue to serve, a maximum of one seasonal resident may be elected in 2023. The LLID will provide ballots for mail-in voting a minimum of 8-weeks ahead of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Due to the logistics of developing packets for mailing, we require all candidates that would like to be included on the ballot notify the LLID Board of Directors by April 21, 2023. A write-in option will be available for candidates that decide to run after the April 21, 2023 deadline. **If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors and would like your name included on the ballot, please email lakelidalid@gmail.com by April 21, 2023. Provide your name, lake address, permanent address, and a brief statement (1-page maximum) describing yourself and purpose for running for the LLID.**

2023 Budget

*INCOME*

Estimated Carry-Over	\$45,000.00
2023 LLID User Fee (\$50/Parcel)	\$41,800.00
Income Subtotal	\$86,800.00

EXPENSES (ESTIMATED)

<u>Administrative</u> (Insurance, Website, Mailings, Legal Notices, Organizational Dues)	\$(5,640.00)
<u>Clean Water Projects</u>	\$(7,500.00)
<u>Recreation</u> (Fisheries Support and Water Navigation)	\$(10,000.00)
<u>Aquatic Invasive Species</u> (Survey, Treatment, Public Notice)	\$(26,340.00)
<u>Planning and Research</u>	\$(36,250.00)
(Water Quality Sampling and Testing, Water Quality Assessment/Modeling, Lake Management Plan Update, Lake Coordinator Assistance/Member Concerns)	
<u>Contingency Fund</u>	\$(1,000.00)
Expenses (Estimated) Subtotal	\$(86,730.00)

Balance**\$70.00**

(Note: Due to space limitations in the newsletter the budget descriptions have been condensed. Details are available on the website at Lidalakeslid.com.)

2023 LLID ANNUAL MEETING - AGENDA ITEMS

The Board of Directors is seeking input from members of the LLID on the agenda for the 2023 Annual Meeting, to be held in August. As required by MN Statute 103B.571, the Annual Meeting of the LLID will include, at a minimum, the following items:

- Election of Directors.
- Approval of the 2024 Budget.
- Approval or disapproval of any projects having a cost in excess of \$5,000.

In addition to the statutorily required items above, the LLID Board of Directors will give an update on current financials and LLID activities. If you have any items that you would like included for the 2023 Annual Meeting, please email them to lakelidalid@gmail.com by April 21, 2023. The Board of Directors will review any submitted requests and finalize the agenda during their regularly scheduled meeting on April 22, 2023. Inclusion and time allowed for submitted agenda items is not guaranteed and will be determined by the Board of Directors. Property Owners will receive a mailing prior to the Annual Meeting outlining candidates for the Board, 2024 Budget and Proposed Agenda.

Have an item you would like included in the annual meeting agenda? Please submit your request by April 21, 2023 using the LLID email, lakelidalid@gmail.com. The request will be reviewed at the April 22, 2023 Board meeting for inclusion.

