

The winter may not appear to have been an active lake season but the newly formed Lida Lakes Improvement District (LLID) has been busy since its official formation last July. This past week, Lida Lakes property owners received an update in the mail. Lida Lakes Improvement District is comprised of properties on North Lida, South Lida and Venstrom Lake. Seven property owners serve as the board of directors. They include: David Hilber, Chair; Robert Neilson, Vice-Chair; Zach Herrmann, Treasurer; David Braton, Secretary. Sheldon Poss, Brian Graftass, and Mimsi Weckworth complete the board of directors.

LLID held its first Annual Meeting on August 31, 2021, where the annual budget was set. Funding of LLID is to be collected using a flat-rate tax of \$50 per qualifying parcel. Property owners will see the yearly \$50 tax on their next property statements. The Board of Directors are currently working to complete the organizational structure for the LLID, defined in the By-Laws, which will be adopted at the next LLID board meeting at 10 AM on April 9, 2022. Board Meetings are held at Lida Town Hall.

Communication with Lida Lakes property owners and the general public is a high priority for the Board of Directors. To help with this, a website is under development that will serve as a central location to access meeting notices, minutes, financial documents, and other important information. The LLID website will be "live" by May of 2022 and will be found at www.lakelidalid.com. LLID will also have a Facebook page that can be found at Lida Lakes Improvement District on your Facebook search bar.

In addition to establishing our organizational and communication procedures, the Board of Directors are continuing the former Lake Lida Property Owners Association's efforts to preserve the quality of our lakes. RMB Labs has been contracted to provide technical support to determine management strategies that will best serve the Lida Lakes. Strategies include continue identification and treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed, water sampling and testing, and an update to the Lake Management Plan. The Board of Directors are also pursuing outside funding opportunities to maximize our return on local tax dollars invested. Currently the LLID has a grant application for up to \$10,000 for Aquatic Invasive Species efforts that would assist with our on-going curly leaf pondweed program. This past Fall the organization used designated fish funds to stock walleye in North and South Lida.

The 2022 LLID Annual Meeting will 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 2023 Budget.
- Approval or disapproval of any projects having a cost in excess of \$5,000.

If property owners have additional agenda items they would like included for the 2022 Annual Meeting, they must be emailed to lidalakelid@gmail.com by April 8, 2022. The Board of Directors will review any submitted requests and finalize the agenda during their regularly scheduled meeting on April 9, 2022. Inclusion and time allowed for submitted agenda items is not guaranteed and will be determined by the Board.

Since the board was formed with staggering terms, two members; David Hilber, Backroad Trail-North Lida (a fulltime resident) and Sheldon Poss, Pierce Trail-North Lida (a seasonal resident) are up for re-election. Both incumbents are eligible to run for a full 3-year term. Other property owners in the LLID

may also submit their name to be on the ballot. As required by MN Statute 103B.551, a majority of the board members must be residents in the Lake Improvement District. Since two seasonal residents continue serving on the Board of Directors, a maximum of one seasonal resident may be elected in 2022. The LLID will provide ballots for mail-in voting a minimum of 8-weeks ahead of the 2022 Annual Meeting. Due to the logistics of developing packets for mailing, we require that all candidates that would like to be included on the ballot to notify the LLID Board of Directors by April 8, 2022. A write-in option will be available for candidates that decide to run after the April 8, 2022 deadline.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors and would like your name included on the ballot, please email lidalakelid@gmail.com by April 8, 2022. Please provide your name, lake address, permanent address, and a brief statement (1-page maximum) describing yourself and purpose for running for the LLID board.