

LLID 2025 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, August 16,2025 Lida Township Hall

Members Present: David Hilber, Brian Graftaas, Dee Dee Stephenson, Zach Herrmann, Sheldon Poss, David Braton and Mike Spangler (via Teams).

Lake Coordinator Present: Moriya Rufer

Guests: Shane and Courtney Peterson, Bob Green, Ryan Rastadt, Marshall Johnson, Michael Stark, Gerald Ness, Beth Kadowan, Don Bernhagen, Peter Preston, Jean McNaabb, Laurie Hanson, David Hanson, Deb Olafson-Monson, Connie and Mark Koch, Harry and Jodi Gilbertson, Tony Grenberg, David and Audrey Swang, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Darrel and Kathryn Forsgren, Neal Gaugler, Tim and Roseann Lund, Jon Sundby, Clark and Violet Hohman, Bobbie Holman, Mark and Anita Anderson, Pamela Swenson, Kathy Arntson, Aaron Larsen, Luke Schalekamp.

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. David Hilber called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

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

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements.
Chair David Hilber introduced Board Members and welcomed guest.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda (Board Action)

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Graftaas, seconded by Herrmann. Carried

Agenda Item V. Approval of June 14, 2025 Board Minutes (Board Action)
Motion to approve April 26, 2025 Board Minutes with corrections by Herrman, seconded by Braton. Carried.

Agenda Item VI. Treasurer’s Report (Board Action)
Herrmann presented the August 15, 2025 Treasurer’s Report. LLID received the first tax installment of \$24, 702.24 and the first installment of the BWSR Grant (Lake Study) of \$34,000.00. Herrmann detailed expenses to date, items to be paid and shifting of funds to fund Fall fish stocking and reductions of budgeted funds for Lake Management Plan now that we have received the BWSR Grant. This adjustment will allow budgeting of \$29, 349 for Fall fish stocking. Herrmann indicated LLID is in good financial shape.

Motion to approve August 15, 2025 Treasurer's Report including adjustments for fish stocking and payments of outstanding bills to Houston Engineering and Victor Lundeen Company by Braton, seconded by Graftaas. Carried.

Agenda Item VII. Election of Directors (Membership Vote)

Hilber reviewed the completion of Hilber and Poss terms. The Board thanked both board members for their contributions to LLID. Braton reviewed the voting process. Stephenson and Poss served as election judges and reported the following vote totals and election of directors: Full Time Resident Board Member: Marshall Johnson, 71 votes, and Brent Jongeward, Jon Sundby and Mike Stark each with one write-in vote.

Seasonal/Full Time Resident Board Member: Roger Sundby 39 votes, Bob Green 34 votes.

Voted to the Board of Directors: Marshall Johnson and Roger Sundby.

Agenda Item VIII. 2026 Budget Consideration (Membership Vote)

Herrmann presented the 2026 Budget recommended by the Board of Directors that includes increasing the tax rate to \$65/parcel. The \$15 increase would provide an estimated \$55,000 income. The 2026 budget would allow further funding for fish stocking and continued treatment for Curley-leaf Pond weed. Herrmann included discussion of additional opportunities for funding fish stocking through the LLPOA.

Motion to approve the 2026 Budget and present the Budget to the membership for a vote by Braton, seconded by Herrmann. Carried.

Hilber called for Membership vote of the 2026 Budget. The 2026 LLID Budget was approved by a hand vote of 34 voting Yea, 5 voting Nay. Budget Approved and Carried.

Agenda Item IX. Consideration of By-Law Revisions (Membership Vote)

Braton reviewed the proposed changes to the LLID By-Laws to move deadlines for nominations, Annual Meeting agenda items and notice of annual meeting to membership.

Motion to amend the LLID By-Laws Article VI. Board of Directors, Section 4: Nominations.

Nominations for the Board of Director positions are due to the LLID Board of Directors by the June regularly scheduled meetings for inclusion into the Absentee Ballots by Braton, seconded by Graftaas. Carried.

Motion to amend the LLID By-Laws Article X. Annual Meeting, Section 3: Agenda

The Board of Directors will propose a draft Agenda during the April regular Board of Directors meeting. Members of the LLID may provide suggestions for modifications to the draft Agenda by the June Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors will have discretion on the final Agenda. Motion by Braton, seconded by Poss. Carried.

Motion to amend the LLID By-Laws Article X: Annual Meeting, Section 1: Time.

At least four (4) weeks prior to the annual meeting, the Directors shall notify property owners, by mailed initial notice. Motion by Graftaas, seconded by Poss. Carried.

Agenda Item X. West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District Presentation-Aaron Larsen
Aaron Larsen, District Manager with West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District introduced himself, the Conservation District and the work on Moonlight Bay. His presentation slides are posted on LLID's website. Larsen reviewed how property owners and the Conservation District can be conservation friendly to help keep Otter Tail lakes clean. Larsen detailed the Moonlight Bay restoration project that LLID partnered with the Conservation District, Maplewood Township and the land owner. The project total cost was \$37,000 with the Conservation District covering 90% of the cost. The cost to LLID totaled \$1,300.

Agenda Item XI. DNR Fisheries Update- Luke Schalekamp, DNR Area Supervisor
Schalekamp became area supervisor this past year. He reviewed the DNR management plan, specifically walleye fishing. Historically, Lida was a strong naturally producing lake for walleye. That changed with the introduction of zebra mussel. Schalekamp reviewed the most recent DNR plan of stocking larger walleye. Starting in 2025 the DNR is stocking 1000/littoral acres (2.38 million) in North Lida. North Lida is also designated a "Carry-Over Walleye Lake" with plans to stock 2,380 pounds of walleye yearling or adult fish. South Lida is also designated as a "Carry-Over Walleye Lake" with plans to stock up to 480 pounds of walleye yearlings or adult fish. The DNR has made Lida their number one priority to increase walleye numbers. A number of questions were asked by property owners regarding walleye, pike, slot limits and fishing in general. Schalekamp stated the DNR collects data through the summer and fall including shocking surveys and will develop lake management plans during the winter.

Agenda Item XII. Lake Coordinator/Lake Management Reports-Moriya Rufer, Lake Scientist/Lake Lakes Coordinator.

Rufer provided an update on Curly-leaf Pondweed surveying and treatment. Rufer's August 2025 Lake Coordinator Report will be posted on LLID website that includes treatment maps. Rufer reported the progress on the Comprehensive Lakeshed Assessment. The study will continue with a full report presented at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Agenda Item XIII. Committee Updates

Graftaas provided information and updates on “Keep It Clean” efforts by LLID related to ice fishing season. Graftaas also recommended to property owners to keep the LLID board aware of water quality concerns and potential projects.

Spangler reviewed what the Fish Committee will be doing regarding Fall Stocking. Graftaas reminded attendees we can now take donations for fish stocking through LLPOA.

Braton was asked about developing a directory of property owners. This was discussed at the Beach Captains meeting and was determined a print publication was no longer necessary with other means available and the concern for privacy.

Agenda Item XIV. Public/Member Comments

The question was asked who would be the new Chair of LLID. The Board will determine the Executive Committee on October 25, 2025.

Swimmer’s itch was discussed. Lida property owners have experienced moderate levels of swimmer’s itch but not at the level Pelican Lake is reporting.

The Board of Directors and members present thanked David Hilber and Sheldon Poss for their service to Lida Lakes Improvement District.

Agenda Item XV. Adjournment

Hilber called for Adjournment at 11:20 AM.

Future Meeting Dates:

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call

October Board Meeting: Saturday, October 25, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall