

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

April 26, 2025 Lida Township Hall

Members Present: David Hilber, Brian Graftaas, Mike Spangler, Dee Dee Stephenson, Sheldon Poss, Zach Herrmann and David Braton

Lake Coordinator: Moriya Rufer **Guests:** Roger Sundby and Dallas Isrealson

Agenda Item I. Call to Order. David Hilber, 9:00 AM.

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

Agenda Item III. Introductions and Announcements.

Chair David Hilber introduced Board members and guests.

Agenda Item IV. Approval of Agenda. **(Board Action)**

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

Agenda Item V. Approval of January 18, 2025 Minutes **(Board Action)**

Spangler clarified there won't be fry stocking in South Lida. The correct statement was posted in the newsletter and are to be correctly stated in the January Minutes.

Motion to approve January 18, 2025 Board Minutes with corrections by Herrmann, seconded by Spangler. Carried.

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

Zach Herrmann reviewed the April 26, 2025 Treasurer's Report showing a beginning balance of \$47,463.08. Bills to be paid total \$6,273.50 included Lake Coordinator services (\$4,628.50), OTC COLA membership (\$1,020), MN Lakes and River membership (\$375) and Lida Township Hall rental (\$250).

Herrmann reviewed adjustments to the 2025 budget reflecting anticipated expenses for lake management plan and final costs related to clean water projects.

Motion to approve the April 26, 2025 Treasurer's Report and payment of outstanding bills totaling \$6,273.50 by Graftaas, seconded by Poss. Carried.

Agenda Item VII. Annual Meeting

Hilber announced Poss and himself have board terms expiring in August. Two individuals, Roger Sunby and Bob Green have submitted their names for the seasonal board seat. Marshall Johnson has submitted his name for the resident board seat. These names will be on the August ballot mailing. Others may be added to the ballot at the annual meeting as "write-ins".

Herrmann raised the concern for attracting members to the LLID board. Herrmann suggested we review the By-laws to clarify language regarding vacant board seats and appointments by the board. Herrmann and Braton will also review the date in which board submissions are due and will forward recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Speakers for the Annual Meeting were discussed. Graftaas suggested Aaron Larsen with West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District be at our Annual Meeting to review the Moonlight Bay project. Rufer will plan to present information on the lake study and management plan. The Board discussed having a DNR representative at the annual meeting to discuss current treatment issues, the proposed redesign of the boat access and staff changes. Graftaas will request Aaron Larsen and Spangler will request the DNR Fisheries staff to be at our August annual meeting. Graftaas and Rufer will request a DNR treatment specialist to be at our June meeting.

Agenda Item VIII. Lake Coordinator Report

Moriya Rufer presented the January 2025 Lake Coordinator Report that will be available on LLID's website.

Rufer reviewed the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources grant. Lida Lakes Property Owners Association was awarded a \$57,000 grant for collecting data, phosphorus research and identify opportunities for clean water and habitat improvements. A lake management plan can be created from this research. Braton recommended we budget and execute a lake management plan in concert with the research. LLID is allowed to serve as the coordinator and fiscal agent of the LLPOA grant. The board recognized the efforts of Moriya Rufer for successfully applying and receiving this significant grant. Members of the Lake Management Committee will participate in an upcoming Teams call coordinated by MN Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Rufer reviewed water collection duties, June surveying, Curley-leaf pondweed treatment. A lower cost chemical is approved and will be applied this Spring. LLID received a MN DNR Curley-leaf treatment grant of \$5,500 for South Lida that can be used over the next two years. As we prepared for 2025 treatment, the DNR informed LLID that South Lida may have an endangered species plant that could restrict Curley-leaf treatment. The matter is under review by the DNR. Rufer and the Lake Management Committee will review the DNR decision and keep the Board informed on the matter. All main areas, larger than five acres, identified with Curley-leaf in the June 2024 survey are targeted for 2025 treatment.

Agenda Item IX. Lake Management Committee Report

Graftaas covered Keep It Clean initiatives. Permanent land signage is still in the works at the north DNR public access. Graftaas plans to keep in contact with the DNR on possibilities. Braton will check with Andrew Johnson for placing our "Keep It Clean" signage at his North Lida swimming beach this summer.

Agenda Item X. Fish Committee Report

Spangler reported the DNR recently stocked additional 11-14" carry-over Walleye in Lida. A total of 602 lbs. (903 fish) were stocked in North Lida and 275 lbs. (412 walleyes) in South Lida. Spangler provided information on the 2023-2024 Creel Survey conducted by the MN DNR. The survey will be posted on the website. He reviewed survey findings that showed support of slot limits on Lida. Interviews in the survey were taken at various time including the ice fishing season. Spangler would also like to see information on barometric pressure fishing studies on the website. Braton and Spangler will review resources.

Herrmann and Spangler will review opportunities of using LLPOA as a tool to increase funding for fish stocking.

Agenda Item XI. Communications Committee Report

Braton discussed the newsletter mailing. Cost was \$150 higher than previous year as LLID sent mailings First Class vs Third Class. This allowed our mailing to be forwarded. Braton will to ask Katie Gall to post the newsletter articles periodically on Facebook.

Braton reported he has been in contact with Trevor Nielson who produced the past directory. He has files he is willing to share but he himself is not interested in coordinating a new directory. Stephenson volunteered to work with Braton on development of an updated directory and have information for the June board meeting.

Agenda Item XII. Future Meeting Dates

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call

June Board Meeting: Saturday, June 14, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall

Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 4:30 PM Teams Call

2025 Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 16, 2025 9 AM Lida Township Hall

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

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

Agenda Item XII. Adjournment at 10:40 AM