

## **Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)**

Annual Membership Meeting

August 27, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by LMLID President, Bruce Patterson. A quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were: Bruce Patterson, Jeff Johnson, James Bradley, and Dan Westberg. Also present was recording secretary Dora Potts. Pat Rath, Cathy Larson, and Steve Olson were absent. There were 11 guests present as well, representing 7 properties. In total, 11 properties were represented.

### **Meeting Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was presented by Patterson. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dan Westberg and seconded by Bradley. The agenda was approved unanimously.

#### **1. Statement of Meeting Purpose**

Patterson informed the attendees of the purpose of the annual meeting:

- Review previous year finances
- Approve any planned expenditures greater than \$5000
- Approve 2023 Budget
- Election of open Board of Director positions
- Activity status

#### **2. Review of 2022 Finances**

Patterson reviewed the financial statement for 2021 in entirety and for 2022 to date.

The current LMLID bank balance is \$32,836.

Four \$10,000 CDs have been purchased.

There is a pending request from the LMA to total approximately \$15,000.

We expect to receive approximately \$14,000 from Aitkin County in November.

It has been the LMLID approved practice to purchase CDs for future needs regarding Aquatic Invasive Species.

#### **3. Presentation of Planned 2023 LMLID Budget (with approval of any expenditures over \$5,000)**

2023 Proposed LMLID Budget

LMLID Administration	\$ 3,000
LMA Operations	20,000
Weirs Dam project	10,000
Misc. Contingency	<u>800</u>
	\$33,800

Income from 220 property owners @\$65 each \$33,800

Unused District funds up to \$10,000 can be used to provide funding for LMA weed harvesting equipment as needed in addition to funding for AIS.

Jim Bradley made a motion to approve the 2023 LID budget as proposed. Dan Westberg seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **4. Election of LMLID Board Directors**

Dan Westberg made a motion to increase the number of board members from 7 to 9. It was seconded by Jim Bradley and passed unanimously.

Bruce Patterson and Steve Olson were up for re-election as their 3-year terms will expire in 2023. Additionally, Bonnie Montour and Jim Fletcher were on the ballot.

The in-meeting ballots and one mail-in ballot were counted by non-board-members and the results submitted to Dan Westberg.

All four nominees were voted in.

#### **5. LMLID Activity Status**

Patterson reminded the membership that the purpose of the LMLID is to make improvements that benefit the entire lake. To date, all funding requests that satisfy this requirement have been submitted by the LMA, so the LMLID continues to support their efforts.

Patterson also stated that there is a significant contribution to the Weirs Dam project in the 2023 LMLID budget.

Sue Westberg, of the LMA, gave further details on that project:

- The planning procedure for the Weirs Dam has been going on for four years. The COVID pandemic slowed the process considerably, but they seem to be back on track.
- A Weirs Dam is needed to slow the exit of baby walleye from the lake. It will consist of a series of seven "pools" through which the small fish can swim to return to the lake.
- A contractor has been selected.

- A grant for most of the funding was received and the remaining expenses will be shared by the LMA, the LMLID, and the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club.
- The LMA is encouraging Aitkin Soil and Water and the DNR to get moving on the project.

Patterson also reminded the group that the LMLID serves as a bank for tax money and distributes it according to LMLID bylaws.

New board members Bonnie Montour and Jim Fischer were welcomed to the LMLID board. Their terms will begin in January 2023.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dan Westberg and seconded by Bruce Patterson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as Recording Secretary  
August 28, 2022

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary  
August 28, 2022

Approved by Bruce Patterson, LMLID President  
August 29, 2022