

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 28, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Pat Rath. A quorum was confirmed. Board members present were: James Bradley, Pat Rath, Sue Woodard, Steve Olson, Cathy Larson and Dan Westberg. David Warner was absent. Also present was recording secretary, Dora Potts. There were no guests in attendance.

Meeting Agenda

Rath presented the agenda for approval.

Jim Bradley asked about adding an item concerning the placing of docks on public property. Rath responded that, since the land and water are public, the concerns do not fall under the jurisdiction of the LMLID. He also said that the situation had been investigated by the public land authorities and that the docks were, indeed, legal. Rath suggested that the concerned parties contact public authorities with their questions.

Cathy Larson move that the agenda be approved, and Sue Woodard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Treasurer, Jim Bradley, reported that the balance in the LMLID checking account at the end of June 2018 was \$25,050.38.

Items paid from this balance at the meeting were:

Dora Potts	secretarial services in June and July	\$ 100.00
McGregor Printing	printing and preparation of notification postcards for annual meeting	\$ 298.72
Postage	for above postcards	\$ 186.30
LMA	for itemized expenses (insurance for harvester and trucks, tax preparation, tax filing)	\$ 2329.83
Website	cost of operation	\$ 107.99
Remaining balance		\$ 22027.54

Dan Westberg moved for approval of the financial report. The motion was seconded by Sue Woodard and passed unanimously.

Review and Approval of the LMLID 2019 Budget

Rath presented a draft of the proposed budget for 2019. Planned expenditures over \$5,000 must be approved at the annual LMLID meeting in August. The proposed budget contains provisions for:

LMLID Administration Costs	\$ 3,500
Fish Ladder Project Contribution (if not covered by the DNR)	\$ 3,000
Vegetation Management (harvester operation and its associated costs)	\$15,000
AIS Long Term Contingency Fund (in case of sudden need)	\$10,000
Miscellaneous Contingency	\$ 2,300
Funding for this: 530 district property owners @ \$65 each	\$33,800

There was some discussion about the possible inclusion of fish stocking in this list. However, the DNR is not going to stock in 2019 and then re-evaluate for 2020, so members will wait to see if the LID needs to stock then or supplement any stocking done by the DNR. Reports of growth in the walleye population have been favorable, both from fishermen and from recent DNR studies. This matter will be considered again when the board has more information.

Pat Rath moved that the budget proposal be approved, and Cathy Larson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This proposed budget will be presented and voted upon by total LMLID membership at the August membership meeting.

Plans for August Membership Meeting

Pat Rath presented a suggested agenda for the August membership meeting. He also stated that postcards notifying members of this meeting had been mailed out before the required one-month deadline, as stated in the bylaws. The meeting is on August 25th and the cards were all in the mail by July 24th.

The suggested agenda includes the following:

- a. Financial Report: Jim Bradley presenting, including the full year 2017 and year-to-date for 2018.
- b. Approval of 2019 budget: Pat Rath presenting
- c. Election of the two open LMLID Board Director positions: Cathy Larson coordinating

Two board seats are up for re-election this year and the two current board members are currently the only ones who have sent written notification to the board for consideration. They are Sue Woodard and Dan Westberg. If no other nominations are received in writing and confirmed by 10 days prior to August 25, 2018, the current board members will retain their seats. If there are additional nominations received, there will be a secret ballot election at the August 25th meeting, with each property being allocated one vote.

- d. Review of ongoing LMLID activities: Pat Rath presenting
- e. Possibility of additional speaker about lake management

Proposed Changes to the LMLID Bylaws

After several months of discussion and reflection, the LMLID board reviewed chairman Rath's proposed changes to the bylaws concerning board member nominations and elections. These changes are necessary to accommodate absentee voting by LMLID members who cannot attend the annual meetings, beginning in 2019. This accommodation had been requested by members and was proposed by David Warner at the May and June LMLID board meetings. After board approval, these proposed bylaw changes will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting:

Article 7: Board of Directors

Section 4 – Nomination of Directors

Directors for open Board positions may be nominated by any Member of the Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District. Notice of open Board positions and call for nominations will be done ~~with annual meeting notice 30 days in advance of the annual meeting.~~ **with a mailed notice to all District Members.**
~~Nominations must be submitted to the Secretary no later than 10 days prior to the annual meeting.~~ **See Attachment "A" for LMLID BOD Election Process.**

Section 5 – Election of Directors

Directors shall be elected by secret ballot with the annual meeting. **See Attachment "A" for LMLID Election Process.**

Article 8: Board Officers and Duties

Section 4 – Duties of Officers

- c. The Secretary shall keep accurate records of the Annual Meeting and all meetings of the Board of Directors and collect and distribute correspondence and perform all other duties normally associated with this office.
Secretary is responsible for all Director Elections.

Proposed Attachment A: LMLID BOD Election Process for Open Director Positions

- a. **A 'Call for Nominations' postcard will be mailed to all District members by June 5.**
- b. **Nominations must be submitted in writing and received by the LMLID Secretary not later than June 15.**
- c. **Nominees must accept nomination before being placed on the ballot.**
- d. **If more nominees are available than Open Board of Director positions; Ballot forms will be mailed out to all District members.
These ballots will be mailed with the Annual Meeting notice.**
- e. **Absentee ballots received by the LMLID Secretary no later than the Wednesday prior to the annual meeting will be included in the election.**

- f. Absentee Ballots mailed to Members will be the same as those used at the Annual meeting.
- g. Directors shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting.
- h. Absentee ballots will be opened at the Annual Meeting and tallied with the collected ballots from those in attendance.
- i. Directors will be elected with a majority of ballots cast. In the event of a tie, one recount shall be conducted. If a tie persists, a coin toss shall determine the winner.
- j. LMLID Secretary will be responsible for oversight of the election process.

There was discussion about methods of maintaining the “one property/one vote” LID requirement. It was decided that ballots must contain the same content but did not have to be identical in other ways to allow the desired “secret ballot” vote. While ballots submitted by mail will not be opened until the meeting and will be mixed in with the ballots distributed at the meeting prior to ballot counting, the two ballots may be printed on different colored paper to prohibit double voting. With this in mind, Rath moved that part “f.” be stricken from Attachment A. Dan Westberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Then followed a motion to approve the proposed bylaw changes, as amended, by Dan Westberg. Cathy Larson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Long-Term AIS Contingency Fund

Rath proposed that a dedicated amount of possible \$10,000 be dedicated to AIS in the form of some sort of separate account. Discussion ensued concerning the type of plan, including the possibilities of a certificate of deposit and an investment account. The general opinion of board members was that, while a cd would not yield the growth that an investment account might, the money would be safer from loss in a cd.

Pat Rath moved that \$10,000 specifically for AIS containment be placed in a CD immediately. Cathy Larson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Review of the LMLID Funding Request Form

Rath reminded board members of the contents and function of the LMLID funding request form and asked board members to spread the word about this form and its use among interested parties.

Open Discussion

Sue Woodard withdrew a recommendation made at the July LMLID meeting that the LMLID join the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR). She said that, while it

was a good resource, it was more appropriate for individuals to acquire membership, instead of the LMLID committing its funds to such an endeavor.

Cathy Larson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dan Westberg. The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary
July 29, 2018

Approved by Pat Rath, LMLID Chairperson
July 30, 2018

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
July 30, 2018