

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by LMLID President Cathy Larson. A quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were: James Bradley, Pat Rath, Sue Woodard, Steve Olson, and Dan Westberg, and Cathy Larson. David Warner were absent. Also present was recording secretary, Dora Potts. There were no guests in attendance

Meeting Agenda

Cathy Larson presented the agenda for approval.

Dan Westberg moved that the agenda be approved, and Sue Woodard seconded. The agenda was approved, unanimously.

Financial Report

Jim Bradley presented the financial report.

The LMLID checking account showed a balance of \$15,478.03 as of the end of June 2019.

Debits during the month of June 2019 were:

Dora Potts	clerical	\$	50.00
Voyageur Press	lakes support		35.00
Aitkin Co. SWCD	conference		473.14
CD purchase	AIS contingency		10,000.00
	Total	\$	10,558.14

Credits during the month of June 2019 were:

Payment from Aitkin County	\$	19,316.65
Current balance:	\$	24,236.54

Bradley noted that this balance does not include two CDs at \$10,000 each.

Dan Westberg moved to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Pat Rath and approved unanimously.

New Bills:

- Cathy Larson asked to be reimbursed for \$50.00 to cover her payment to the McGregor Post Office for box rental and lock fee.
- Pat Rath asked for payment for the LMLID website charges totaling \$138.63.

Westberg moved that these bills be paid, and Steve Olson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report on Director Nominations

Secretary, Dan Westberg, reported that there are currently four candidates who have submitted their intentions to run for the three open positions. They are:

David Warner (incumbent)
Pat Rath (incumbent)
Steve Olson (incumbent)
Bruce Patterson

Jim Bradley noted that, according to the LMLID bylaws, the majority of board members must be full-time lake residents. All possible results of this year's election would satisfy that requirement.

Westberg reminds all LMLID members that the deadline for submitting an intention to run for an open seat is 10 days before the annual meeting (August 14 this year) and that this must be submitted to him in writing. Westberg's contact information is on the LMLID website (<http://www.lmlid.org>)

LMLID Publicity

Addressing a previous suggestion to seek additional publicity about LMLID operations and opportunities to apply for funding, the LID obtained pricing for such advertising. This type of publicity would go beyond the legally required and currently posted Community Calendar monthly meeting announcements and the legal page notice of the annual meeting.

Prices for the Voyageur Press for an announcement similar to a church sponsorship would cost \$5.00 per week or \$260 per year. A directory ad would cost \$10.00 per week.

Board members agreed that full information on project submission is now available to all LMLID members on its website, along with the necessary form. They also agreed that Voyageur Press circulation reaches a wider area than just Lake Minnewawa property owners, so further advertisement is not cost-effective or necessary.

The 2019 LMLID Annual Meeting

This meeting will be held on August 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the McGregor Community Center and all LMLID members are encouraged to attend.

Notice of Meeting

Postcard reminders will be designed and ordered this coming week with mailing to occur as soon as possible. Each LMLID member's postcard will display his or her property number with the address. (This number will be necessary for absentee balloting.)

Board Member Elections

There will be a sample ballot posted on the LMLID website for member viewing, only.

Absentee ballots will be accepted this year for the election of open Board of Director positions. Members who desire an absentee ballot are responsible for obtaining and submitting one according to these guidelines:

- Request an absentee ballot *in writing* (can be email) from LMLID Secretary, Dan Westberg. (The ballots can be sent to you by email.)
- Absentee ballots will be sent to you by email or U.S. Mail *only if one is requested* by a LMLID member.
- To be counted in the election on August 24th:
 - Absentee ballots must be received by Westberg exactly as described on the absentee ballot, with property owner name and property owner signature, and property number on the mailing envelope.
 - Absentee ballots must be received by Westberg at or prior to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 22, 2019 (2 days before the meeting as required by the LMLID bylaws).
- Absentee ballots will remain sealed until August 24 at the time of the board member election during the annual meeting.
- Members who returned an absentee ballot will not receive a ballot at the annual meeting. (determined by property number)
- Members who requested an absentee ballot but did not return it will be issued a ballot at the annual meeting. (determined by property number)
- All those attending the annual meeting are asked to check in at the table located near the entrance to the community center for attendance and ballot receipt purposes.

The final annual meeting agenda will be posted on the LMLID website, but plans are to include:

- Introduction of the LMLID Board
- Financial Report
- Information about the proposed fish ladder
- Vegetation management
- Progress of the LMLID's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) defense plan
- Election of board members to fill three seats that will become vacant in 2020.

- Possible presentation about the condition of Lake Minnewawa (speaker to be secured)

Pat Rath moved to approve the annual meeting agenda and the motion was seconded by Dan Westberg. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Discussion

Jim Bradley asked if spawning beds in the lake could be improved. It was suggested that he contact the DNR about this and report back to the board. Dan Westberg explained the sequence of fishing studies and improvements on the lake. It is done in this manner:

1. Stocking fry (done last year)
2. Refrain from stocking and monitor natural reproduction (this year)
3. Probably installing and monitoring results of the fish ladder (weirs dam).

Westberg concluded by saying that, with this number of steps/projects, the DNR would probably not add any new projects for about 10 years.

Cathy Larson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dan Westberg. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary
July 29, 2019

Approved by Cathy Larson, LMLID Chairperson
July 30, 2019

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
July 30, 2019