

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 22, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by LMLID Vice President Pat Rath, standing in for President Cathy Larson, who was absent. A quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were: James Bradley, Pat Rath, Sue Woodard, Steve Olson, and Dan Westberg. Cathy Larson and David Warner were absent. Guests in attendance were Bruce and Terryl Patterson, from the LMA. Also present was recording secretary, Dora Potts.

Meeting Agenda

Pat Rath presented the agenda for approval.

Dan Westberg moved that the agenda be approved, and Steve Olson 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 May 2019.

Still to be subtracted from this total are payments to Aitkin SWCP, the Voyageur Press, and the recording secretary. These dispersals plus the purchase of the \$10,000 CD approved at the May meeting bring the balance to \$4,919.18.

Bradley has received news that a total of \$19,316.65 is on its way to the LMLID from Aitkin County. This will bring the total balance in the LMLID checking account to \$24,235.83 to begin the summer.

Westberg moved to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Sue Woodard and passed unanimously.

Report on Director Nominations

Corresponding Secretary Westberg reported that, as of this date, he has received four nominations for the three LMLID director seats that are up for re-election at the August membership meeting. The nominees are:

David Warner (incumbent)

Pat Rath (incumbent)

Steve Olson (incumbent)

Bruce Patterson

As stated in the May 2019 minutes: Potential candidates must notify Westberg either by email or postal mail by 10 days before the annual meeting. The annual meeting notice will contain a link to the LMLID website where the candidate list will be posted 10 days before the annual meeting. This year's annual meeting is on Saturday, August 24 at 10:00 a.m. at the McGregor Community Center.

The "Clean and Dry" Initiative

Rath shared information about the Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)'s initiative called "Clean and Dry" which is an attempt to bring awareness to the need to stop the invasion of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in our lakes by adhering to boat inspection and cleaning practices. In this regard, the SWCD mans a boat inspection station and has placed two boat washing stations on or near the Lake Minnewawa. One of these washing stations is permanently fixed at Willey's and the other is a portable one that is moved to various lake locations.

Big Sandy Lake Watershed Management Project (BSLWMP) has become involved in this effort by distributing coasters and boat plug holders to area locations for use by citizens in the area. Rath said that he has personally been active in the distribution of these products and hopes that, in addition to the placemats used by Bann's Bar and Restaurant that have a similar message, news of the "clean and dry" protocol will reach more people.

Westberg added that he had taken a plug holder with him on a trip to Canada and that residents there were very interested in the initiative. He added that Canada utilizes mandatory stop points for boat-washing along roads and that there is a \$300 fine for failing to stop for one. He suggested that things like this add another element of protection against AIS.

Other Discussion

Rath shared his experience speaking with the lake association at Farm Lake about the typical work of a LID in helping to manage AIS prevention efforts. There are AIS present in both Farm Lake and Bay Lake, but the lake association is exerting a great deal of effort to combat them.

Westberg suggested that a drainage system of some sort was necessary at the landing across Rt. 6 from the old Growlers establishment to prevent the current muddy situation that occurs with boat washing and may discourage boaters from using this apparatus.

Rath reminded the board of the upcoming "We Are Water" event in Grand Rapids from August 2 through September 16, 2019. It will include many informative displays and presentations with regard to water care.

Dan Westberg made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Steve Olson. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary
June 24, 2019

Approved by Cathy Larson, LMLID Chairperson
June 24, 2019

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
June 24, 2019