

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

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 18, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by LMLID President, Cathy Larson. A quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were: Pat Rath, Bruce Patterson, Cathy Larson, Steve Olson, James Bradley, and Dan Westberg. Also present was recording secretary Dora Potts. Jeff Johnson was absent. Guests in attendance were: Sue Westberg and Tim Rinowski, representing the LMA, and Diane Seefeld.

### **Meeting Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was presented by Cathy Larson. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Larson and seconded by Pat Rath. The agenda was approved unanimously.

#### **1. Financial Report**

The current LMLID checkbook balance is \$28,464.58. The LMLID also has three CDs, now at these listed values:

- \$10,218.62
- \$10,176.31
- \$10,030.02

Bruce Patterson moved to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dan Westberg and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Planning for the 2022 Budget**

Items for consideration were discussed:

- Harvester repair to be requested by the LMA (see later section for details on harvester repair).
- Sue Westberg of the LMA shared the organization's concerns about the need for additional funding in 2022 and beyond. She listed these anticipated expense issues:
  - General rising cost of materials, operations, and labor
  - Lack of interest in the harvester operation position, requiring a higher pay rate to obtain a qualified operator.

- Proportion of current allotment from the LMLID going to payroll, alone: \$11,000 of the current \$15,000 budgeted for LMA.

The LMLID has maintained the same budget for LMA funding for five years and board members agreed that an increase was needed.

Jim Bradley asked that the funding of harvester repair be kept separate from the general LMA funding.

The LMA was asked to further separate items in funding requests and to be sure to submit all funding requests in as timely a manner as possible. Sue Westberg assured board members that both of these would be done.

Pat Rath moved to raise the LMA funding amount to \$20,000 in the proposed 2022 budget. Jim Bradley seconded the motion and it passed, unanimously.

- Weirs dam: Whereas it was previously thought that access to the project could be accomplished in winter (removing the need to shore up the access road which is on private property), the new schedule shows the need for this access will be in the fall which requires road work to avoid damage to the property. The project progress report indicates that contractors for this are currently being sought.

Rath will have a complete proposed budget prepared for the July LMLID meeting.

### **3. General Preparation for the August 2021 Annual Membership Meeting**

Proposed items for the annual meeting agenda were discussed:

- Financial report
- Budget for 2022
- LMA update
- Weirs dam update
- Loon nesting project update
- Election of board members whose terms expire in 2021

### **4. LMA: Harvester Repair Needs**

Dan Westberg shared the current status of the weed harvester with the board, noting that the main problem concerns the hydraulic system. Westberg has been fortunate to have initiated contact with a lake resident who happens to be one of the leading hydraulics experts in the country. This expert has met with Westberg and thoroughly examined the harvester. These were his findings:

- Immediate need: The malfunctions/inadequacies in the cooling system are causing the harvester to operate at dangerously high temperatures and the machine requires an efficient cooling system.
- Additional need: The harvester also requires a "split pump system" to operate safely and efficiently.
- These repairs are necessary to avoid both injury to the operator and further damage to the entire machine.

Westberg and others have done additional research and found the expert's statements and recommendations to be highly accurate.

As a result of the expert's recommendations, a cooling system has been ordered and plans have been made to construct the stand necessary for installation. This repair should take place as early as next week.

The expert has been able to secure much lower than market price costs for the cooler and other parts. For example, the LMA will be able to get the normally \$7,000 cooling system for only \$2,000. Total estimated cost for all the needed repairs could be as high as \$12,000, but this will be requested from the LMLID in increments, as needed.

The LMLID agreed to address these requests as they are submitted. The board also considered that the planned purchase of an additional CD in 2021 may have to be postponed in order to cover the emergency harvester expenses.

## **5. Open Discussion**

Sue Westberg shared that there is a lake resident interested in overseeing the installation and maintenance (processing of contents) of collection boxes for used fishing line and lures at lake access points. Westberg said that this person has obtained a commitment from Ace Hardware in McGregor to donate the PVC pipe necessary for these boxes. Westberg was encouraged to ask the person to submit a funding request for other expenses involved to the LMLID board.

Regarding the loon nesting platform project initiated by the LMA, there has already been one loon spotted using one of the platforms to nest.

Westberg also noted the upcoming Kids Fishing event this month and thanked the board for their support.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cathy Larson and seconded by Bruce Patterson. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary  
June 19, 2021

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary  
June 19, 2021

Approved by Cathy Larson, LMLID President  
June 20, 2021