

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting
May 25, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Pat Rath. A quorum was confirmed. Board members present were James Bradley, Pat Rath, Sue Woodard, Steve Olson, David Warner, Cathy Larson, and Dan Westberg. Guests in attendance were Bruce and Terry Patterson, from the LMA. Also present was recording secretary, Dora Potts.

Meeting Agenda

Pat Rath presented the agenda for approval.
Dan Westberg asked that a discussion of LMLID meeting day and time be added to the agenda.

Pat Rath moved that the agenda be approved (with Westberg's addition) and Cathy Larson seconded. The agenda was approved, unanimously.

2019 Organizational Review

The following items were presented by Rath for review by the board. Any discussion or clarifying details are noted following each item.

- **Reaffirm funding request form and organizational guidelines**

Westberg asked about the inclusion of the new provision for absentee balloting. It was noted by several board members that this policy does *not* require an alteration of organizational guidelines but is simply an addition to them.

The full policy on absentee ballots will be added to the LMLID website (<http://www.lmlid.org>) and will be included in the legal notice of the August membership meeting in the Voyageur Press. The absentee ballot policy is as follows:

LMLID Absentee Ballot Policy

A. To obtain an absentee ballot

1. Contact the board secretary for an absentee ballot
2. Ballot must be received by the secretary 2 days prior to the LMLID annual meeting

B. When requesting an absentee ballot, this information must be included:

1. Land parcel ID number
2. Name of individual identified by Aitkin County records as responsible for property taxes.

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Also, I could not locate it on the website, so feel free to copy this as needed.

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3. There is one (1) vote per member property.

C. Contact Information: (to be updated with current information)

1. LMLID secretary phone number
2. LMLID secretary email address
3. LMLID secretary postal address

D. Absentee ballots will be opened and recorded at the LMLID annual meeting. Absentee ballots will be tallied with the collected ballots from those members in attendance.

This notice will be mailed out with the LMLID annual meeting information.

The annual meeting information will include the number of director positions that are open.

A list of open positions and a sample ballot will be available 7 days prior to the annual meeting.

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- Reaffirm LMLID Bylaws
 - Designate Voyageur Press as the newspaper in which LMLID meeting notices are published
 - Designate Grand Timber Bank as the LMLID financial institution
 - Reaffirm Dora Potts as the Recording Secretary. She will receive a stipend of \$50 for each regular LMLID Board of Directors meeting and \$75 for the annual meeting.
 - Confirm meeting dates for 2019:

May 25

June 22

July 27

September 28

All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Minnewawa Sportsment's Club.

Annual meeting: 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 24 at McGregor Community Center

Pat Rath moved that the organizational review be approved. The motion was seconded by David Warner and approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Jim Bradley presented the financial report.

A motion was made by Cathy Larson to purchase an additional \$10,000 CD at this time. Westberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Pat Rath nominated **Cathy Larson** for the office of **President**. The nomination was seconded by David Warner and passed unanimously.

Cathy Larson nominated **Pat Rath** for the office of **Vice President**. The nomination was seconded by David Warner and passed unanimously.

David Warner nominated **Jim Bradley** for the office of **Treasurer**. The nomination was seconded by Cathy Larson and passed unanimously.

David Warner nominated **Dan Westberg** for the office of **Secretary**. The nomination was seconded by Sue Woodard and passed unanimously.

Pat Rath reminded the board that the LMLID board seats presently held by Rath, Steve Olson, and David Warner will be up for re-election this year (2019).

Westberg reminded the board of the requirements of appearing on the 2019 LMLID Board of Directors' ballot: 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.

Open Discussion

LMLID Meeting Times and Dates

There was discussion about changing the LMLID board meeting dates to a weekday instead of Saturday. It was pointed out that this may be convenient for the board members (who are all retired now), but that it might pose a hardship for any members who were only at the lake on weekends and/or had weekday employment.

Dan Westberg mentioned that the current September meeting date conflicted with the opening of duck hunting season. It was agreed to table discussion about this until next fall.

New Survey Needed?

Terry Patterson, representing the LMA, asked whether a new survey of property owners would better inform board decisions. (The last survey of this type was taken in early 2016.) Board members agreed that, while a future survey would probably be helpful, the board should first re-assess the responses from the 2016 survey to be sure they had addressed property owner

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concerns as reflected in that survey. The 2016 survey results will be provided to members for reflection and discussion at the next meeting.

Solicitation of Projects

David Warner suggested the LMLID do more solicitation for possible projects for the LMLID to support. Westberg stated that the LMLID is not a “projects” organization, but rather the funding source for such projects. Other board members questioned whether the advertisement for projects would be misleading since the purpose of the LMLID (as stated in organizational documents) is to fund projects that improve the health of the *entire* lake and not just the well-being of individual property owners. They also said that the LMLID currently has a request form on its website that is accessible to property owners with an interest in obtaining funding. Projects are open to any property owners with ideas for improving the entire lake. So far, the LMA has been the only organization/person to apply for funding for projects that qualify under LID funding guidelines.

Warner moved that the LMLID advertise for project proposals. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Jim Bradley suggested that a sponsorship might be obtained with the Voyageur Press for the purpose of posting additional LMLID information in the newspaper. Dora Potts will secure information on this arrangement.

Monitoring of Fish in Lake

Westberg provided information about the recent testing for walleye eggs in the lake. He said that certain areas showed the presence of such eggs and detailed the testing process, which involves individuals walking along the shore in waders, “stirring up” the bottom, and counting eggs found in different locations. He said that walleye eggs are usually found along shorelines with rock and rubble.

Westberg added that the lake will not be stocked this year so that the DNR can determine the success of previous stocking by assessing “native” fish in the lake. The stocking practices for the next few years are unknown.

Cathy Larson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Dan Westberg. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary
May 26, 2019

Approved by Cathy Larson, LMLID Chairperson
May 26, 2019

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
May 26, 2019

