

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting

October 2, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Home of President, Cathy Larson

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by LMLID President, Cathy Larson. A quorum was confirmed.

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

Opening Statement

Cathy Larson stated that this meeting would satisfy the LMLID's need to conduct necessary business since the scheduled meeting on September 28 did not satisfy bylaw quorum requirements. She thanked board members for their attendance and apologized for any inconvenience involved.

Meeting Agenda

Cathy Larson presented the agenda for approval.

Dan Westberg asked that Sue Westberg, president of the Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA) be added to the agenda.

Dan Westberg moved that the agenda be approved, as amended, and Pat Rath seconded. The agenda was approved, unanimously.

Financial Report

Jim Bradley presented the financial report.

As of the end of August 2019, there was a balance of \$24,104.55 in the LMLID checking account.

After operating expense payments, including post office box rental and printing/ mailing expenses for the annual meeting (\$743.74), a balance of \$23,360 remained in the account.

Outstanding bills are:

Sportsmen's Club rental	\$200.00
LMA	\$5613.03

Bradley noted that the LMLID should expect the following through the end of fiscal year 2019:

- An expense request from the LMA for up to \$2,000 (amount as yet unavailable) for LMA taxes
- Second payment of funds from Aitkin County to the LMLID

Bradley also reminded the board that an LMLID insurance payment would be billed in January, but that would come after the start of fiscal year 2020.

Westberg asked that a closing statement be prepared at the end of 2019. Bradley replied that he would send one to president Cathy Larson at the end of the year.

Westberg moved that all bills through the end of 2019 be paid as received. Larson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Westberg moved for approval of the financial report and Pat Rath seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

Scheduling of LMLID Meeting Dates for 2020

Board members confirmed that all LMLID meetings are public and that, as such, they would continue to be held at the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club.

Several board members asked that meeting days be moved from Saturday to a weekday so that scheduled weekend activities would not preclude their attendance. It was agreed to tentatively schedule 2020 LMLID board meetings on Thursday mornings at 10:00, pending availability of the Sportsmen's Club. If this meeting place is not available on Thursdays, an attempt will be made to schedule 2020 meetings for Fridays, at the same time. Dora Potts will contact John Montour concerning this and report back to the board by email.

Assuming the Sportsmen's Club is available on Thursday mornings, 2020 meeting dates will be as follows, with all meetings occurring at 10:00 a.m.:

May 28

June 25

July 23

October 22

The annual meeting is already scheduled for the McGregor Community Center on August 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

If Thursday meetings are not possible, 2020 meetings will occur on the Friday immediately following the above dates. Final dates scheduled will be posted on the LMLID website as soon as they are confirmed.

Dan Westberg moved that all of the decisions about meeting schedule be approved. Steve Olson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

LMA Report

Sue Westberg brought information about the LMA and its ongoing activities. She began by thanking the LMLID for its support and for maintaining a positive working relationship with the LMA.

Westberg also informed the LMLID of current accomplishments and current and possible future initiatives made possible, in part, by LMLID funding:

- A total of about 72,000 pounds of weeds were harvested from the lake in 2019.
- In a recent lake clarity evaluation, reports yielded a lake clarity depth of 6 to 7 feet. Lake clarity has been one of the LMA goals for some time.
- In weirs dam progress: The LMA is working hard on securing grants for the majority of the dam expenses (\$86,000) in collaboration with Aitkin County Soil and Water and the DNR. Westberg is hopeful that the grants will be approved the LMA will only need to provide 10% of the total cost. (The LMLID has budgeted money to help with this expense, if needed.) The timeline for the dam definitely extends beyond 2020.
- On fisheries: There will be an “electrofishing” study done in the spring of 2020 to assess the reproductive statistics, count, and evaluation of walleye in the lake. Future stocking will be done based on the results of this study.
- Other potential interests the LMA is pursuing include:
 - A waterfall
 - Investment in a loon-nesting program based on successful efforts at another lake
 - A partnership with Ducks Unlimited to provide wooden duck boxes
 - A new lake survey to update information gathered in the last survey which was done five years ago
- The LMA will be creating a five-year plan soon to better coordinate future activities.
- Westberg provided information about the Aitkin County Soil and Water meeting this coming Friday (10/5/19) during which the LMA will support a lowering of the walleye bag limit.

Jim Bradley asked about the possibility of a lake septic survey and whether the LMLID can promote such an initiative. Information can be obtained from Steve Hughes, according to Dan Westberg. Sue Westberg will contact Hughes about this.

LMLID Bylaw Review

Larson said that there seem to be a number of conflicting statements in the current bylaws and that they need to be reviewed early in 2020. Dora Potts will bring copies of the bylaws, with the conflicts marked for review, to the first meeting of 2020.

Board Member Contact Information

All board members were asked to consult the LMLID website to be sure their contact information was accurate and current.

Dan Westberg moved that the meeting be adjourned. Steve Olson seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary
October 4, 2019

Approved by Cathy Larson, LMLID Chairperson
October 4, 2019

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
October 6, 2019