

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting

July 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by LMLID, President, Bruce Patterson. A quorum was confirmed.

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

Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented by Patterson. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bradley and seconded by Montour. The agenda was approved unanimously.

1. Budget Report

Treasurer, Jim Fletcher presented the financial report.

Beginning balance \$15,394.98

Deposits:

from Aitkin County	1,550.74
	18,890.25

Payments made:

USPS	34.00
Voyageur Press	350.00
LMA: Water Quality Operations	2381.06
	2444.40
LMA: Loon Nesting Initiative	1,100.00
LMA: Fish Ladder	5,763.00
LMA	3,035.96
Check Refill Order	30.28

Current balance \$20,697.27

The LMLID also maintains 4 CDs, two of which have just been renewed. These are in reserve for use in the event of AIS in the lake or another catastrophic event. Each was purchased in the amount of \$10,000 and, in total, have earned \$828.00 interest.

The LMLID has received funding requests from:

The LMA for harvester repair and other miscellaneous expenses:	\$3763.00
Dora Potts for reimbursement for the LMLID website yearly site fee:	176.99

Westberg moved to approve these payments. The motion was seconded by Larson, and it passed unanimously.

2. Recent Phishing Emails to LMLID Members

Several members of the LMLID board of directors and the recording secretary have recently been targets of bogus emails from an unknown source or sources. This was discussed and details were provided.

- The emails are sent from several email accounts that are different than those of any LMLID board members.
- The emails almost always ask for an action involving sending some form of money to the sender, while posing as another board member.
- All board members are aware of this phishing activity and no money has been sent, nor will it be sent, in response to future emails. The LMLID does not ever conduct any financial activity through emails.
- The board has contacted and is working with both the Aitkin County Sherriff's Office and their website hosting service to ensure that all security precautions are in place, which they are.
- This activity is an annoyance, but is useless and poses no threat to LMLID operations.

3. Annual Meeting Planning

The LMLID annual membership meeting will be at 10:00 on August 26, 2023 at the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club. Meeting announcements will be mailed this coming week to all lake property owners. These postcards will contain meeting details and the procedure for obtaining an absentee ballot for the election to be held at this meeting.

Besides the election of board members, the main activity is the presentation of the 2024 LMLID budget for membership approval and activity updates.

4. Board of Director Positions

a. According to LMLID bylaws, board members have the authority to remove any board member by a two-thirds vote if a formal call is made for a vote to remove. Larson moved to remove Jeff Johnson from the LMLID board of directors due to his lack of attendance at meetings and the inability to contact him about this. Multiple attempts to make contact have been made by both past and current LMLID presidents over the past two years: in person, by phone, and by email.

None have been successful. Jim Bradley seconded and the vote to remove Johnson was unanimous.

b. Also according to LMLID bylaws, vacant board positions may be filled for the remainder of the term if approved by a majority of the board. Westberg nominated lake resident Diane Seefeld to assume Johnson's position. Patterson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Seefeld will assume the position vacated by Johnson until his term ends at the end of 2024.

c. At the end of 2023, both Cathy Larson and Jim Bradley will have served the maximum consecutive terms as board members (3) according to the LMLID bylaws, so they will not be running for re-election.

d. LMLID bylaws state that the board may consist of between five and nine members. There are six members currently serving terms: Dan Westberg, Steve Olson, Bruce Patterson, Bonnie Montour, Jim Fletcher, and Diane Seefeld. This means that there are three possibly open positions on the board.

An LMLID board of directors member must own property within the Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District and may be nominated by any LMLID property owner. Nominations to be on the ballot at the August 26, 2023 membership meeting must be submitted in writing to Dan Westberg by August 16, 2023. Members can find Westberg's contact information on the LMLID website.

5. Update from the Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA)

Tim Rinowski presented the following news from the LMA:

- The weed harvester driver quit, but there is now a new operator and there are two new drivers splitting the duties.
- The harvester recently experienced some operating issues, but the LMA found a diesel mechanic who advised replacing the water separator. This solved the problem.
- The LMA is currently shopping for a hydraulic winch to pull the harvester out of the water.
- There will likely be upcoming costs for dealing with beaver issues on the lake.
- The loon platforms have been removed from the water for the season. This year, one platform was used successfully for nesting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Patterson and seconded by Larson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary
July 23, 2023

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
July 24, 2023

Approved by Bruce Patterson, LMLID President
July 24, 2023