

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting

May 19, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

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

Board members present were Bonnie Montour, Jim Fletcher, 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 (LMA president), Tim Rinowski (LMA vice president), and Nikki Johnson (LMA treasurer).

Meeting Agenda

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

1. Election of Officers

Cathy Larson moved to keep the same slate of officers, with the exception of Pat Rath, who was the former treasurer. Rath's allowed term expired at the end of 2022 as he had served three consecutive terms on the LMLID board. Larson suggested the treasurer position be filled by Jim Fletcher. Patterson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. LMLID officers for 2023 will be:

President: Bruce Patterson

Vice President: Jim Bradley

Corresponding Secretary: Dan Westberg

Treasurer: Jim Fletcher

Note: Patterson and Fletcher will arrange to meet at the bank to arrange authorized signature changes necessary with the change in treasurer.

2. Review Meeting Dates for 2023

The LMLID bylaws only require one annual meeting, but the current meeting schedule also includes meetings in May, June, July, and October. There was discussion about the importance of the May, June, July, and October meetings and Patterson presented the option to omit the June meeting as a motion. There was no second. The LMLID meeting schedule for 2023, as approved in October 2022, remains:

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 26 (annual membership meeting)

October 20

3. Designation of LMLID newspaper of record (currently Voyageur Press)

Patterson made a motion to keep the Voyageur Press as the LMLID newspaper of record. The motion was seconded by Larson and passed unanimously.

4. Designation of primary LMLID financial institution (currently Grand Timber Bank, McGregor)

Patterson made a motion to keep Grand Timber Bank as the LMLID primary financial institution. The motion was seconded by Larson and passed unanimously.

5. Dora Potts (recording secretary) Informational Update

Potts asked board members to confirm their contact information and informed them of the procedure for receiving the minutes after each meeting.

6. Budget Items

Bridging the treasurer change, Patterson gave this information:

- The current balance in the LMLID checking account is \$16,945.72.
- The only bills received so far this year are:
 - Voyageur Press (for required notifications): \$350.00
 - Post Office Box rental \$34.00

There will be a complete treasurer's report at the June LMLID meeting.

7. LMA Funding Requests

There was one LMA funding request left from November 2022:

- Payroll taxes: \$2444.40

Nikki Johnson introduced herself as the new LMA treasurer and presented these new funding requests:

- New loon nesting platform: \$1,100.00
- LMLID share of payment toward the fish ladder 5,763.00
- Start-up costs 2,381.06

The total of the November 2022 and the current LMA requests is: \$11,688.46

Dan Westberg moved that these requests be funded. Cathy Larson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Following this action, Jim Bradley moved that, moving forward, the president and treasurer be allowed to approve payment for end-of-year expenses occurring after the October meeting and bring records of those payments to the first meeting of the next year. Cathy Larson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. News from the Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA): Sue Westberg

- The fish ladder is now complete as a result of the LMA, LMLID, and the Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club working jointly on the financing necessary after grant money was exhausted. Westberg also noted that the fish ladder is located on private property which is not accessible to the public. The best way to view the completed ladder is by viewing drone footage on the LMA Facebook page.
- One new loon nesting platform has been added, along with extra signage to protect the nesting areas.
- The DNR is *very* responsive to the needs of our lake. One effort in this regard is the stocking of walleye fry this year.
- SCAP testing (counting of already hatched walleye eggs along the shore) has been completed. This is one way to assess the walleye population and production in the lake.
- The weed harvester operation is looking good for 2023 and will begin around June 5.
- The Kids' Fishing project will occur again this year on June 26. Due to the number of youth who previously had to be turned away, the activity will have two sessions this year: from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. for ages 8–11 and from 12 noon–2 p.m. for ages 12–14. Lunch will be served to all between the fishing sessions.

Westberg reported that all the youth who participate are excited to be there and are extremely well-behaved. She also asked that any Minnewawa residents who would be willing to offer their pontoon for the day to please contact the LMA. There will be 3 to 4 young people on each pontoon, supervised by an adult LMA member.

- The annual LMA Barbecue will be held on August 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bann's Bar and Restaurant. Westberg reminds all lake residents to think about donating time and/or prizes to this main LMA fund-raising effort.

9. Welcome New LMLID Board Members

Patterson welcomed the two newly elected LMLID board of directors' members, Bonnie Montour and Jim Fletcher to the group and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Patterson and seconded by Larson. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary
May 21, 2023

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
May 22, 2023

Approved by Bruce Patterson, LMLID President
May 22, 2023