

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

Board of Directors' Meeting

October 21, 10:00 a.m.

Minnewawa Sportsmen's Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by LMLID President, Bruce Patterson. A quorum was confirmed.

Board members present were: Pat Rath, Bruce Patterson, Cathy Larson, Steve Olson, James Bradley, and Dan Westberg. Jeff Johnson, was absent. Recording secretary, Dora Potts, was also absent so Cathy Larson recorded notes. Guest in attendance was Jim Fletcher, LMLID Board member-elect.

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 Jim Bradley. The agenda was approved unanimously.

1. Financial Report

Pat Rath presented the financial report including this information:

- September 2022 LMLID expenses:
 - Homestead website \$152.99
 - Community Printing 374.00
 - Total Expenses \$526.99
 - Ending balance \$32,309.12
- Checking account balance at end of October \$32,309.12
- Current requested expenditures:
 - Liability insurance for the LMLID \$748.00
 - Sportsmen's Club meeting costs 200.00
 - LMA operational expenses (broken down by item in submission) 9,125.00
 - LMA operational expenses (also broken down by item) 17,067.96

Dan Westberg moved to approve these payments. Patterson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Rath asked for the approval of payment of impending LMA payroll taxes which will be between \$2,500 and \$3,000. Westberg moved to approve, Patterson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Rath announced that the LMLID will receive the second deposit from Aitkin County which should be around \$15,000. After disbursing LMA expenses, the LMLID checking account should then show a balance then of about \$19,000.

2. LMLID Meeting Dates for 2023

Proposed 2023 meeting dates are:

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 26 (annual membership meeting)

October 20

Westberg made a motion to approve the meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Rath and passed unanimously.

3. Weirs Dam Project

After mostly Covid-related delays, this project is finally nearing completion and is expected to provide a way for walleye to swim back into the lake after spawning elsewhere, thus boosting the walleye population in Lake Minnewawa.

When contractors are finished, payment will be expected. The total cost of the dam contract is \$80,000, not including creation of the roads to it. The LMA obtained a grant for \$70,000 of that amount and the LMLID previously approved a \$10,000 contribution to the total. The LMA anticipates additional costs that were not in the original contract. When those costs are presented to the LMA, they will appeal to the LMLID for consideration.

With the above in mind, and considering that the LMLID will not meet again until May 2023, Patterson motioned to approve an additional LMLID contribution of \$4,999.00 toward the LMA's Weirs Dam estimated expenses. Rath seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. Open Discussion

Jim Bradley mentioned the possible water quality impacts of the Talon nickel mining in Tamarack. Discussion of this also included the possible benefits the operation might bring to the area. The board agreed that any action regarding a "testing well" should be brought by a concerned citizen and then expenses could be requested from the LMLID, but that initiating such a project is not a function of the LMLID. The LMLID is a funding arm, not a project creator.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Larson and seconded by Patterson. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Dora Potts, as recording secretary from notes of Cathy Larson
October 29, 2022

Approved by Dan Westberg, LMLID Secretary
October 30, 2022

Approved by Bruce Patterson, LMLID President
October 30, 2022