

**Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
September 23, 2017**

Members Present

President – Dick Sudmeier	Vice President -
Treasurer – Jim Peterson	Secretary- Geneva Sorum
Dr at Large – Jeff Johnson	District 9 - Elaine Greer, Andy Lopez
District 1 – Jerry McClure, Wes Smith	District 10- Joyce Tomasulo
District 2 –	District 11- Don Erstad, Dave Murphy
District 3 – Jim Phillips, Jeff Sorum	District 12-
District 4 –	District 13- Leon Bresley
District 5 –	District 14-
District 6-	District 15-
District 7-	District 16- John Dahl, Cliff Drenttel
District 8- Bud Nielson	District 17-

President Dick Sudmeier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda. Leon Bresley made the motion to approve the agenda. Jeff Sorum seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report. Geneva Sorum asked if there were any corrections needed to the minutes of the August 26, 2017 Directors meeting. None needed. Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes. Cliff Drenttel seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Jim Peterson presented the Treasurer's report. There were total assets of \$107,008 as of September 21, 2017. Paid memberships of 394 so far for 2017. Jim had the following bills to be paid:

- Dick Sudmeier \$ 53.86 treats, paper, ink;
- RMB Labs \$124.00 water testing ditch 23;
- Jim Peterson \$28.42 postage due and stamps.

Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Joyce Tomasulo seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Betsy Ross Road. Dick Sudmeier reported that the Soil & Water district and the DNR met in August to evaluate the runoff. They consider the existing drainage from the north and west of the farm sufficient, and not the reason for water flowing over the road. The engineer

hired by ILA drafted a proposal to deal with the water coming from the south under Betsy Ross Road with two options to correct the problem:

1. Install new drain tile in the field and attach it to existing culvert under the road, or
2. Dig new tile line under the road (more expensive option).

The engineer will create a project proposal soon for ILA.

Old Business

Betsy Ross Road, *continued*. Several members disagree with Soil & Water assessment because a 20" culvert is capturing three drain tile lines now and water is flowing over an existing berm, directly from a field with manure, across from the feed lot. Many agreed on the urgency for the association to correct these problems before the ground is frozen.

The Board of Directors decided to hold a special meeting meet on October 14th at 9am to discuss this issue. Any members unable to attend will have an opportunity to vote by email, look for email communications directly after that meeting.

Ditch 23. Two engineering firms (Widseth Smith Nolting of Alexandria and Barr Engineering of Bloomington) have been contracted to study the problem. A meeting will occur soon in the fall, and soil borings will be conducted in the spring. Their full report will be issued in late spring/early summer 2018. ILA Soil and Water will need to get another grant and ILA will get help with that effort.

Christopherson Road. There is uncontrolled sediment flow from a farm field from rain, but the culvert is buried underneath buildings. Soil & Water has higher priority issues at this time.

Curly-leaf Pondweed. The DNR has confirmed 22 plus acres on curly-leaf pondweed in the bays on the west side of the lake. The areas will have to be treated in the spring. Jerry McClure reported on options from the DNR regarding required signatures from landowners. The preferred method of notifying individual landowners will require a new mailing, sent USPS First Class, sent to targeted lake districts all property owners annually. Owners would be able to opt-out of treating their lots. ILA would document all opt-out responses. Jerry McClure to write the letter, which will be sent to Diane Achterkirch for inclusion in the ILA Newsletter.

Jeff Johnson made the motion to approve a mailing this fall. Jim Phillips seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). Members discussed whether the current monitoring program is effective means of controlling, delaying and minimizing invasive species. Reports of past monitoring haven't been provided to ILA.

Fish Stocking. Leaf Valley Sportsmen association provided a check of \$2,500 for fish stocking, bringing the existing amount available to \$19,370, without any additional ILA general fund spending. Discussions about prior spending. ILA designated funds by year:

2014: \$5,000

2015: \$2,000

2016: \$3,500

Permits must be filed with DNR by October 15th. Bud Nielsen made a motion to cap fish stocking spending at \$20,000 for 2018, with any additional voluntary donations added to the following year, 2019. Elaine Greer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

By-Laws. A committee met to review existing By-Laws and recommended some revisions.

Article 2: Membership. Proposal to remove the dollar amount of annual dues. No motion to delete.

Article 3: Officers and Duties, Section C. Remove following wording: “The Secretary will co-sign all checks issued by the Treasurer”.

Article 3: Officers and Duties, Section D. Remove following wording: “All checks issued by the Treasurer will require the co-signature of the Secretary.”

Discussion: This process doesn’t occur now or during the past 18 years, because this requirement was preventing the timely payment of bills. It’s an inconvenience for the Treasurer, who has bond insurance coverage against theft. Elaine Greer made a motion to remove the wording. Bud Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Article 7: Amendments to the By-Laws, Section 1. Revise existing first sentence, “These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided written notice is given to Board member at least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which the action is to be taken.” New proposed sentence: “These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Directors, provided written *or electronic* notice is given to Board member at least **10** days in advance of the meeting at which the action is to be taken.” Add sentence: ***“If an electronic (email) vote has been called, votes will be counted up to 10 days after a vote has been called.”***

Jeff Johnson made a motion to revise and add the wording. Jim Phillips seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Article 8: Disbursements, Section 1. Revise existing first and second sentences. Existing sentences: “The Executive Board, by a majority vote may authorize expenditure items to a maximum of \$500. Any expense item or aggregate sum of any one item over \$500 shall require a 2/3’s majority vote of the Board of Directors.”

Revised sentences: “The Executive Board, by a majority vote may authorize expenditure items to a maximum of \$1,500. Any expense item or aggregate sum of any one item over \$1,500 shall require a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a board meeting, or who vote electronically.”

This change raises the level of \$500 to \$1,500, which supports spending more efficiently. Jeff Johnson made a motion to revise and add the wording. Elaine Greer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Welcome Packet for New Members. A binder has been provided to new members in the past. We need supplies for new binders. Discussion about existing Directory provided to all members, at a much lower cost. Bud Nielsen made a motion to cease publishing a Welcome Packet, and instead refer members to the ILA website. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

ILA Member Directory. Last one issued in 2015, at a cost of approximately \$2,000. Jim Peterson keeps an accurate current listing of members, available on the ILA website to all members. Jeff Johnson made a motion to publish a new member directory on a five-year cycle (next one in 2020). Elaine Greer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

New Business

Treasurer. ILA needs a Treasurer to replace Jim Peterson soon.

Vice President. ILA VP position currently vacant. Duties are stated in the By-Laws. There will be an election for open board positions at the next Board of Directors meeting in August, 2018. Elaine Greer graciously volunteered to serve as Interim VP. Andy Lopez made a motion to approve Elaine Greer as Interim VP. Jeff Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Website Administrator/Webmaster. ILA needs to find a replacement for this position, Andy Lopez needs to resign in a few months. Please consider serving in this role if you have an interest.

Members by Districts. Some districts are unbalanced by number of board members. Board of Directors will evaluate over the winter.

Water Softener Systems. Lake Ida homeowners are encouraged to replace their older water softener systems with new electronic systems that reduce amount of salt needed, which reduces amount of sodium chloride entering the sewer systems. Cost savings on softener salt are significant.

Members Encouraged to Attend Important Area Meetings. Local area meetings of Douglas County, Township meetings, Water Plant Board, and Soil & Water District meetings are some of the meeting members are encouraged to attend. Please learn about water quality issues and speak up on behalf of Lake Ida residents at these open meetings.

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10am.

Respectively submitted,
Geneva Sorum, ILA Secretary