

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
August 28, 2021 8:00 a.m.

Members Present

President – Elaine Greer	Vice President – David Geddes
Treasurer – Mike Kleve	Secretary – Pamela Phillips
District 1 – Jerry McClure	District 10 – Frank Steen
District 2 – Janet Vandendriesche, Grace Alberg	District 11 – Bob Reed, Dave Murphy
District 3 – Jeffrey Sorum, Jim Phillips (Zoom)	District 12 – Dan Montgomery, Mary Saarion
District 4 – Rob Everson, Todd Searcy	District 13 –
District 5 –	District 14 – Jim Connn
District 6 –	District 15 – Roger Schultz
District 7 –	District 16 – John Dahl
District 8 – Bud Nielsen	District 17 –
District 9 – Dian Lopez, Andy Lopez	District 18 – Matt Gunlogson
Past President – Dick Sudmeier	Lee Gustafson

President Elaine Greer called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Meeting Agenda Dick Sudmeier moved to approve the agenda. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Secretary's Report Roger Schultz moved to approve the minutes as emailed to the Directors with the correction that Dave Murphy had attended that meeting via Zoom. Dave Murphy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report as of August 22, 2021. Mike Kleve will be transferring \$10,000 from the checking account back to the investment account. ILA must pay PLM for CLP treatment and then submit for reimbursement from the grant that was approved. Therefore, ILA borrows from the investment account to pay the bill, and when the grant money is received it is transferred back.

Current investment assets of \$57,353 (once the \$10,000 is transferred back in), and cash of \$17,014 (after the \$10,000 is removed). Total assets \$74,366.
 Membership dues paid so far in 2021: \$9,125. ILA has 412 paid memberships for 2021 (some have paid ahead into future years).

Bills:

- 459.17 paid to Insty Prints for the fall newsletter (up from \$453.49 last year).

Open commitments: None

Fish Stocking Fund: Balance of \$6,893 is \$1000 ahead from this time last year.

Bob Reed moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Dian Lopez seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Old Business

Pilgrim Point Shores Committee: Bud Nielsen talked to the Swansons – the road going in will be started by Mark Lee in a week or so. The lots on the south side are up for sale. There are a couple left on the north side.

Ditch 23: Elaine spoke with Jerry Hagenmiller (District Coordinator for the Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District (DCSWCD) – Barr Engineering had a meeting with the permitting agencies, which includes the DNR, Corps of Engineers, and Board of soil and water resources, for the diversion project. Once permitted, it will be put out for bids. They expect to award it this fall. They are anxious to work through the winter as it is the best time for putting it in.

DCLA Report (Dian Lopez):

They will hold a general meeting on September 13 at Legacy of the Lakes Museum and would like everyone to come. Schedule includes a 5:30 meet and greet, a meeting from 6-7, and a Water Talks presentation from 7-8 for those who wish to stay. Dr. Kenny Blumenfeld will be the speaker on Understanding Hydro Climatic Change in Minnesota.

September 2nd DCSWCD will be conducting free water testing. If you have a well, you can bring a sample to DC Soil & Water from 9-4 (they are located behind Cash Wise Liquor and Neighborhood National Bank at 800 Northside Dr.

Run a faucet that doesn't go through a water treatment system for 10 minutes. Bring it in a doubled plastic bag or a glass jar.

Nelson Lake – The petitioners withdrew the petition to have the water pushed down to us by draining the lake. The county (Otter Tail) took over the project and will raise the road. But that won't fix the non-county roads, so we need to keep an eye on this.

Water Quality Legacy Fund – They are still \$9,000 short of paying for all of Ditch 23, but they have \$9,000 committed for next year already, so they are not worried about it.

Land & Resource report – There were lots of boat inspections and decontaminations. Bus tour on September 8th – SWCD will bus people around to see several conservation projects. projects. Talk to Soil and Water or look at their website. Douglasswc.com

AIS Report: David Geddes – Treatment for CLP was completed this year. ILA will be planning the 2022 survey and treatment. We know the areas where we need to expand treatment to catch the margins. There is a need to manage smaller patches in shallow water on Ida, and those will be incorporated. (CLP was first found in Lake Ida in 1966.)

There was an article in the Echo Press about cutting excessive plant growth. Zebra mussels have increased clarity and lower lake levels has increased vegetation growth.

Fish Survey/Stocking: Fund balance noted above. No stocking this year. Committee will meet in the spring and talk to suppliers.

Lake Level: The weed problem is horrendous this year. With recent rain, the water may be flowing over the dam, but the stream into Lake Charlie doesn't look like it's flowing at all. Dave Murphy asked whether anyone has had problems taking their boats out? No one is aware of any. Bud mentioned that the South landing has an area of washout at the end of the concrete because of people powering their boats out. Pilgrim Point landing appears to be the best right now.

Investment Committee Report: Mike has talked to two people informally to gather information. Has asked Raymond James for a detailed listing of the funds we are in. The committee will be meeting to discuss the investments and rebalancing options.

New Business

Interim District Director: Elaine introduced Todd Scearcy, who has volunteered to be a District 4 Interim Director. He is the 3rd generation of family on his property on Big Horn Bay Road. He is a volunteer fire fighter with Leaf Valley. He has three daughters. He is very interested in helping to preserve the lake. Bob Reed moved to approve him as an interim director. Jim Conn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Culvert Testing: Rod Johnson from Lobster Lake who is also on the DCLA contacted us asking about whether we do culvert testing on our lake. ILA is not aware of anyone currently taking samples. The first engineering study when looking at Ditch 23 did go all the way around the lake. One of Mr. Johnson's concerns is Lake Milton. Elaine will look into this further. Soil & Water in Detroit Lakes is where test results go.

Voting Procedures: Pamela Phillips explained what the voting procedures would be at the annual meeting, with President and Secretary being voted on by the full membership, the meeting being dismissed, and even-numbered district members excused. Odd-numbered district members would then be asked to stay and caucus for their directors.

Vacancies (Dian Lopez Nominating Committee): Dian announced that Lee Gustafson has agreed to run for President. She had him introduce himself to the directors so we could know more about him. He has a good background for lakes. He is a Marine Corps vet and a Civil Engineer by trade. He has chaired a lot of different volunteer groups and been

Treasurer, Secretary, VP, etc. He has a good understanding about 501c3 organizations and insurance requirements. He has a lot of background in water quality projects, and he has even worked for Barr Engineering in the past. He has been involved with a lot of water quality projects. And he has worked with the Township to divert water into a ditch before it flowed into the lake.

Next Directors Board Meeting: Saturday, September 25, 9:00am.

Adjourn: Dian Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Reed seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Pamela Phillips, ILA Secretary