

Minutes
Ida Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Ida Township Hall
April 26, 2025

Members Present

President – Lee Gustafson (via phone)	Vice President – Dave Murphy
Treasurer –	Secretary – Jana Berndt
District 1 – Wesley Smith	District 10 – Frank Steen, Deb Oleson
District 2 – Grace Alberg	District 11 – Bob Reed
District 3 –	District 12 –
District 4 –	District 13 –
District 5 –	District 14 –
District 6 – Lyle Halvorson	District 15 –
District 7 –	District 16 –
District 8 –	District 17 –
District 9 –	District 18 – Matt Gunlogson
Past President – Elaine Greer	Jeff Peterson – water testing

President Lee Gustafson, via phone called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Meeting Agenda – Frank Steen moved to approve the agenda. Matt Gunlogson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roll Call - conducted by Jana Berndt.

Secretary Report Motion by Bob Reed, second by Elaine Greer. Motion carried for 9/28/24 Director Meeting Minutes. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website for general review.

Treasurer Report - January-February-March financial statements were emailed out. Motion by Bob Reed, second by Wes Smith to approve financial statements for January, February, March 2025. Motion carried.

Old Business

Walleye Stocking update –There are currently no plans for 2025. We will take a year off and build funds for 2026-2028, the next phase of stocking. We will be looking for another person to take over this committee. We will discuss at our annual meeting in May. It does not require that it be a director.

Invasive species update (AIS) – Curly leaf pondweed letter will be emailed out this year rather than mailed. AIS grant has been submitted. Our grant was declined by the DNR but \$3,750 was received from Douglas County. The association’s share will be \$3,000.

Highway Clean up – Grace Lambert:

A date of May 17th at 9:00 a.m. has been set for the spring clean-up. Still recruiting neighbors and others to help.

Pilgrim Point Update – Concerns have been expressed for the point and possible erosion. We have lost 30 feet between 2009-2022. The county continues to plant trees on the point to help the erosion. We will stay in touch with the county on their work and ours.

Swimming areas: County is working with the sheriff on a “swim only – no boating” area on both sides of the point.

County playground planning effort – Deb Oleson

Playground equipment is on hold because of funding. County is focused on other areas for now. The Rotary Club is still moving forward on the Pavillion depending on their funding from the Lake Brophy Concerts. Benches and signage have been added.

Lake Water Quality update

Ditch 23 - Upstream completed in January. Had a blow-out of the earthen dam this spring due to ice build-up. Land owner notified the county and they are working on a repair and fix so it won’t happen again. Grant money is available for this repair, which is positive for ILA.

AMA Wetland Ditch Cleaning – Completed in January. A minor restoration is needed on Lake Ida Way. Payment to the county was \$13,500 which was under budget by \$1,500.

Little Ida drainage issue – Project has been designed by WSD engineer. Currently waiting for land owner to review and approval.

Future Water Quality Improvement Identification – County has \$100,000 to spend in 2025 for water quality improvement. Waiting for director reports on spots on lake that may have drainage issues etc. We would like to hear from directors by July 4th, 2025.

New Business

Newsletter articles - Due to Tricia soon so we can send out mid - June to arrive before July 1. Suggested ideas include: ILA successes (Ditch 23, Lake Ida Drainage etc.) Pilgrim Point

update, Water quality testing, opportunities for water quality improvements, boat parade looking someone to lead this year, looking for emails for owners to email notices.

Pamela will email the current residents that we have emails for, reminding them of the association, renewing or becoming members and how to get involved. The idea of a postcard was too expensive for our purposes.

Consider having extra copies of the newsletter we can use to handout to prospective members or new home owners. Print an extra 100 copies for directors to use. Jana will talk to Julie about the additional cost of this.

Water Quality Testing – Lee has worked with Danielle Anderson, DCSWD on an improved process for 2025. Monthly in-lake testing similar to past years with first sampling due 5/19.

Monthly stream testing for large point source inlets to Lake Ida. (Ditch or culvert) Ditch 23 beginning at AMA – Lake Ida Way and end at AMA – Oakridge Road and Miltona drainage area with the Culvert under Big Horn Bay Road. First sampling due 5/19.

ILA will be billed directly for stream testing. In the past, this expense was shared with the Douglas County Lake Association for the in-lake testing, not the stream. We will get it rolling and then consider asking for funding.

Tamara and Jeff Peterson were contacted to do this again in 2025 and have agreed to the in-lake and stream testing. (Dave Murphy will be a back-up for the Ditch 23, if needed) It costs about \$50 a time and is done 4-5 times over the summer. Three different areas of the lake are tested plus now the streams.

Dave Murphy will be the director liaison for this process.

Motion by Frank Steen, second by Wes Smith to approve the 2025 Lake Ida Water Testing program to include monthly in-lake testing in 3 areas and monthly stream testing for Ditch 23 AMA wetland and Miltona drainage area by utilizing the volunteers, Tamara and Jeff Peterson with Dave Murphy as the liaison. Motion carried.

Water Quality Information on Web Site – we discussed having a separate tab to make our lake water quality more obvious, testing data, reports and links. Lee will work with Pamela develop a separate tab on the website.

May 24 Annual Meeting – directors meet at 8:00 a.m. followed by 9:00 full membership. Reminder to directors to put their signs out the week prior.

Adjournment – Motion by Lyle Halvorson, second by Bob Reed to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:06 p.m. Next meeting will be May 24, 2025.

Jana Berndt
ILA Secretary