

Meeting Minutes
LAKE NOKOMIS LAKE DISTRICT
P.O Box 740
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The LNLD Board of Commissioners held a meeting on December 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Nokomis Town Hall.

Call to order and roll call

Scott Swenty called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and roll call of the commissioners was taken:

- Scott Swenty, Chair - present
- Larry Beaumont, Treasurer - present
- Russ Wadzinski, Vice Chair - present
- Cara Kurtenbach, Secretary (Town of Nokomis Representative)- present
- Linnaea Newman, Oneida County Representative - present

Approval of the 9-14-23 meeting minutes

- Russ Wadzinski made a motion to approve the 9-14-23 meeting minutes. Newman seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

- No public comments

Oneida County Report

- Linnaea Newman reported the following:
 - The Oneida County Board wake boat discussion is ongoing. The Felzkowski draft rule requires wake boats to stay 200 feet from shore. There is a lot of concern that this draft rule does nothing to protect shoreline habitat. Minnesota and Michigan both started deep research projects. Research to date shows that wake boats shouldn't be on small and shallow lakes since the wake boats eliminate loon nests and remove spawning habitat. The studies also show issues with invasive species being transferred from lake to lake in the ballast water. The eggs of spiny crayfish also can not be removed from the ballast water and get

transferred from lake to lake. Current rules do not prevent wake boats from going on lakes, so regulation is needed to restrict access. The draft Felzkowski rule also says that communities cannot enact stricter rules, so this draft rule is very wake boat friendly. It was noted that the Supervisor on the Oneida County board sells wake boats. Wadzinski mentioned that some lakes limit water skiing to specific times of the year. Maybe the same can be done with wake boats. Beaumont suggested that Dave Nycz (LNCC) should post the dates of the open wake boat hearing on LNCC's website/Facebook page to let members know about this issue.

- The Oneida County Board 180-day moratorium on campgrounds is currently in effect until May 2024. The Oneida County Board will not do anything about zoning changes. The Town of Nokomis is one of the more active communities working on zoning changes.

Treasurer Report

- Larry Beaumont presented the 12-6-23 Treasurer's Report showing a total account balance of \$121,047.28 on 12-5-23. Newman made a motion to approve the 12-6-23 treasurer report. Wadzinski seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

- **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** – Swenty read the summary from the Onterra Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWF) report sent from Dave Nycz. Nycz recommended that we put the 2024 treatment on hold. He felt that this would give us a better chance in 2025 with the added benefit that we would let others fight the wild rice/herbicide battle. In addition, Nycz thought that Bridge lake would get some benefit from the Deer Lake treatment. Nycz said that WDNR does not like to approve large treatment areas, such as the one that exists in south Bridge Lake which is around 30 acres. Newman agreed with Nycz's assessment that the better restraint a Lake District shows, the better the success of getting a grant increases. Wadzinski had concerns about leaving the large EWM invasion in south Bridge Lake untreated for another year and wondered if it would be even more beneficial to treat south Bridge Lake at the same time as the Deer Lake treatment to maximize the benefit. Beaumont suggested that it would be worthwhile to treat south Bridge lake by ourselves (without applying for a WDNR grant) at the same time that Deer Lake is being treated. Beaumont also suggested that we could agree to perform downstream testing of ProcellaCOR levels. Swenty asked Nycz if there is a negative to going after small areas every year and Nycz indicated that there was not. Swenty suggested that we determine, based on our budget, how many acres we could treat. Swenty made a

motion to self-fund an EWM treatment up to a maximum of \$100,000 (\$75,000 approved in 2023/2024 budget plus contingency) in spring /summer 2024.

Wadzinski seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- **Education** – no new information
- **Safety** – Russ Wadzinski presented the following information:
 - WVIC has indicated that they need to purchase a barge and a boom in order to put the buoys in. Niffenegger, WVIC, has not been responding to Wadzinski's email. Swenty or Kurtenbach will try to contact Niffenegger or his supervisor.
- **WVIC** – Beaumont reported that Niffenegger was calling around about a rework of the dam in August 2023 and he hasn't heard anything since. Apparently, WVIC has a plan to add riprap and reinforce the bank around the dam and they were asking for money to support the project since the project was going to cost millions of dollars. Niffenegger also wanted LNLB and LNCC to communicate to membership about the project. Niffenegger was asked to provide a message to be distributed and he has never responded with a proposed message. It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled with WVIC to discuss this issue as well as the installation of the Buoys issue.

Discussion of Research of current LNLB membership and ensure that all members defined by current policy are included in the special charge on their annual tax statement.

- Swenty reported that he contacted everybody that he was aware that was involved in the creation of LNLB. He found out that several properties with deeded access (Doolittle Gardens & Running Acres) were not included in the Lake District boundaries. Beaumont will research the procedure to change the lake district boundaries. Beaumont indicated that a title search will be needed to confirm which properties have deeded access.

Discussion of multi-parcel ownership policy changes which would affect membership special charges.

- Beaumont reported that he believes the procedure to no longer exempt duplicate properties from the annual fee would be to bring the suggestion to a vote at the 2023/2024 annual meeting.

WVIC 30-foot Strip Discussion

- Kurtenbach will forward an email from Niffenegger summarizing his thoughts on the transfer of the 30-ft strip to LNLB board members. She recommended that the LNLB board meet with Niffenegger to kick off a discussion of this topic.

Kurtenbach will contact Niffenegger to set up a meeting to discuss 1) the buoy issue, 2) the dam repair issue, and 3) the 30-ft strip transfer issue.

Recommendations for May 9, 2024 Meeting agenda

- No additional recommendations

Meeting adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Kurtenbach, LNL D Secretary