

**Meeting Minutes**  
**LAKE NOKOMIS LAKE DISTRICT**  
P.O Box 740  
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The LNLB Board of Commissioners held a meeting on September 14, 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 8-12-23 meeting minutes**

- Linnaea Newman made a motion to approve the 8-12-23 Annual meeting minutes. Beaumont seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Russ Wadzinski made a motion to approve the 8-12-23 meeting minutes. Newman seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

**Public Comment**

- Tom Gerum expressed concern that multiple property owners are not paying fees toward the Lake District. He made a motion to charge every property the fee and discontinue the current policy of only one fee for property owners of multiple properties. He said this should be done so that it is fair. This would especially be the case if, some day, the fee is no longer a minimal fee. Mr. Gerum helped with CBCW surveys this summer and his personal observation was that about one-third of the boat landing users are property owners, one-third are renters and one-third are people just coming to Lake Nokomis to fish. He is concerned that there are currently deeded access properties that are not being charged the fee. He feels that all deeded access properties should also be charged the LNLB fee.

## **Oneida County Report**

- Linnaea Newman reported the following:
  - The Oneida County Board approved a \$10,000 fee to hire a Madison Environmental Lawyer to fight the WDNR's attempts to impose more stringent boat house requirements.
  - The Oneida County Board approved a 180-day moratorium on campgrounds.
  - Newman will send a link to a summary of what the WDNR is trying to enforce on boathouse construction.

## **Treasurer Report**

- Larry Beaumont presented the 6-8-23 Treasurer's Report showing a total account balance of \$168,644.26. He also indicated that the Worker Compensation Insurance issue has been resolved.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)** – Dave Nycz was not present at the meeting to present; however, he had indicated that there is no new information since the last meeting.
- **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. Wadzinski will contact Ben N. to find out what it will take and cost to get the buoys put in.
- **WVIC** – Beaumont indicated that Jim Hosom has issues with erosion off Crystal Cove Island. Ben Niffenegger told Jim that WVIC would take a look at it. Beaumont emailed Niffenegger requesting an update and Niffenegger has not responded. Jim says that this island is a WVIC island. Beaumont also reported that WVIC is apparently working on erosion on Big Island on Bridge Lake.

## **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 indicated that South, Center and North Roads off River Road are currently not being charged and he will look into whether or not any language exists that exempts them.
- Wadzinski indicated that the Lake District Boundary Map exists showing where the boundary is.
- Tom Gerum mentioned that Nancy Drive has many deeded access properties.

- Beaumont said that the legal description of the properties do not indicate if there is deeded access.
- Tom Gerum asked about the status of the houses on the old Bridge Lake. Someone said that they did not believe that the houses off the water have deeded access.
- Scott Swenty made a motion to look for any language exempting deeded access and also to determine who has deeded access to the lake. Beaumont seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Beaumont will work with the county to identify all parcels with deeded access.

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

- Swenty indicated that the current policy states that multiple property owners are only charged once. A policy change to charge all properties will need to be voted on by the members.
- Swenty made a motion to pursue the necessary steps to place a change to the LNLD special charge policy on the 2023-24 LNLD Annual meeting agenda as a membership vote. Wadzinski seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Swenty will talk to the Town of Nokomis to look for records surrounding the original creation of LNLD.

**Discussion of the possibility of taking a year off from aquatic invasive species treatment**

- This topic was tabled until the next meeting.

**Recommendations for December 7, 2023 Meeting agenda**

- WVIC thirty-foot strip discussion

**Meeting adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Kurtenbach, LNLD Secretary