

# **LLPA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Monday, October 20, 2025

## **ATTENDEES**

Sandy Campbell – President  
Jeff Linkenheld – Vice President  
Sage Dunham – Secretary  
Byron Crouse – Past-President  
Eric Anderson - Board Member  
Julia Arneson - Board Member  
Betty Brost – Board Member

Randy Champeau - Board Member  
Jessie Crane – Board Member  
Peter Donlan – Board Member  
Rich Hlava – Board Member  
Pete Stuckert – Board Member  
Joe Thrasher – Board Member  
Megan Sorensen – NWRPC Consultant

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Motion to approve by Jessie Crane.
- Second by Peter Donlan.
- Motion approved by voice vote.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **Check Approval**

Three checks were included:

- L&M Mail Service
- Rice Lake Printery
- Ron's Septic

Check approval

- Motion by Byron Crouse
- 2nd by Jeff Linkenheld
- Motion approved by voice vote.

### **Checking Account Balance**

- Sandy to follow up with the Finance Committee to meet to discuss balances on checking & savings accounts.

## **LAKE CONSULTANT - Megan Sorensen**

### **Grant application – Phosphorous Cores**

- Preapplication went in this month.
- Preapplication Meeting with a DNR biologist this Friday.
- Final deadline November 15th.

### **Water Samples**

- Friday taking last water samples of 2025

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES**

### **Executive Committee - Sandy & Jeff**

#### **Authorizing Resolution**

We understand that the LLPA will be responsible for meeting the financial obligations of the phosphorus sediment cores grant. We authorize Sandy Campbell to sign an agreement and other documents relating to this grant.

- Motion by Peter Stuckert
- 2nd by Julia Arneson
- Motion approved by voice vote.

#### **Discussion & notes:**

- LLPA to earmark any additional funds needed to meet financial obligations for the grant when we create the 2026 budget.
- Need letters of support from local stakeholders in support of the grant by November 10th at the latest.

### **Lake Monitoring – Byron & Eric**

#### **Clean Boats Clean Water Grant**

“LONG LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC. requests grant funds under the Department of Natural Resources’ Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant Program and hereby authorizes JOE THRASHER to act on its behalf by signing and submitting an application for financial assistance; completing and submitting periodic reports, if needed; and taking necessary actions to direct and complete the Clean Boats, Clean Waters project. LONG LAKE PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, INC. will meet the financial obligations of the AIS program.”

- Motion by Jeff Linkenheld
- 2nd by Julia Arneson
- Motion approved by voice vote.

#### **Loon Watch**

- Up and down year for loon chicks, but our numbers are average for state-wide production.
- Byron Crouse to share an abridged version about the Loon Watch program report to the three local townships and LLPA board members.

#### **Zebra Mussel Traps**

- No evidence of zebra mussels on Long Lake.
- Traps pulled for winter season.

### **AIS Committee- Peter Donlan**

#### **Weed Cutting**

- Peter Donlan reviewed mechanical weed harvesting providers.

- Needs to be a designated place on land above the ordinary high water mark to place harvested plants removed from the lake.
- Eric Anderson to talk to the Long Lake town chairman about placing the harvested plants at the Long Lake compost site. Also to discuss extending the length that Long Lake compost site is open since leaves can contribute to the phosphorus in the lake.

## **Education / Communication - Joe Thrasher**

### **Fall Newsletter**

- Newsletter material sent to the Printery about 2 weeks ago.
- Awaiting proof.

### **Calendar**

- The committee has received enough artwork for the calendar.
- Sage Dunham to schedule a meeting to get together to select content.
- The committee will reach out to board members for text.

## **Fundraising & Membership Subcommittee-DJ and Rich**

### **Membership Mailing**

- September 2024 had 1 new member and \$20 in additional donations; September 2025 had 3 new members and \$347 in additional donations. New memberships may be contributed to membership mailing.

### **Giving Tuesday Campaign**

- Giving Tuesday campaign coming up in November. Try to replicate last year's success of the campaign.
- Sandy Campbell to reach out to Mary about the campaign.

## **Grants & Contracts - Jeff Linkenheld & Randy Champeau**

### **EOR Proposal**

- 2026 fee has been shared.
- LLPA Board members to review & approve in November.

## **NEW BUSINESS -**

### **Long Lake Chamber**

- Cross membership with the Long Lake Chamber. LLPA won't charge membership dues to the Long Lake Chamber and vice versa.
- Sandy Campbell to get this in a written statement to clarify what this means.
- Membership Committee to share that Long Lake Chamber is part of the membership.

## **OLD BUSINESS –**

### **Website Updates**

- Sandy Campbell to reach out to Brian Halloran.

**Lake District Research Ad Hoc Committee**

- A Lake District Research Committee has been formed.
- The committee will continue looking into what it takes to become a lake district.
- Betty Brost to coordinate the first meeting of the committee.

**Fish Sticks Grant**

- Eric Anderson to be looking into a new Fish Sticks Grant.

**Microsoft Teams**

- Jeff Linkenheld would prefer to switch to Microsoft Teams next year by June.
- We can do a test meeting so we could practice using Teams.

**ADJOURN**

Next regular Board Meeting: **November 17, 2025**

- Motion to adjourn by Randy Champeau.
- Second by Rich Hlava.
- Motion approved by voice vote.