

LLPA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 16, 2026

ATTENDEES

Present

Sandy Campbell – President

Jeff Linkenheld – Vice President

Sage Dunham – Secretary

Byron Crouse – Past-President

Eric Anderson - Board Member

Julia Arneson - Board Member

Randy Champeau - Board Member

Jessie Crane - Board Member

Peter Donlan – Board Member

Brian Halloran - Board Member

Rich Hlava - Board Member

Joe Thrasher – Board Member

Megan Sorensen – NWRPC Consultant

Absent

Chuck Lawrence - Treasurer

Betty Brost – Board Member

DJ Ehrike - Board Member

Pete Stuckert – Board Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[February's meeting minutes](#)

- Motion Byron Crouse
- 2nd Peter Donlan

LAKE CONSULTANT - Megan Sorensen

Grant application updates

- Award letters running behind,
- Start tracking volunteer time starting March 15, in-kind match can include volunteer time
 - Water quality sampling
 - Grant administration work
 - Any volunteer work specific to the grant
- Working with EOR to get sampling materials and lab equipment

Weed harvest application

- Working on proposal
- Needs full list of participants with addresses
- Needs compost location - use Long Lake compost site
- Permit application by April 1
- April 1 start – need Holy Island participants (DJ)

YFI – Start date

- Contract information was shared
- Added Japanese knotweed information

- Once he has the go-ahead, he will begin reaching out to potential participants
- Need to get contract in ASAP
- Megan to share mailing address

Matt Berg aquatic plant survey

- Megan advocates for doing the survey again.
 - Provides consistent monitoring
 - Looks for all invasive species
 - Comes 2x, early summer & late summer
 - Looks at shoreline & littoral zone
 - Captures entire lake to monitor and manage spread

FINANCIAL- Chuck Lawrence

2026 Budget Review and vote

- Finance committee Peter Donlan and Randy Krautkramer met to create budget.
- \$92,500 in projected unrestricted income for 2026
- \$26,750 in projected restricted income for 2026
- \$53,000 in projected restricted expenses, significant increase due to grant expenses
- Peter Donlan to follow up with Jamie about the phosphorus study expenses. EOR & sediment study line items should be the same thing.
- \$20,700 in projected operating expenses.
- Will create a separate line item for the fundraiser mailing projected costs.
- New insurance carrier with new premium of \$1,200.
- \$39,600 for Dev & Cap Building expenses.
- Net income of \$6,116 before removing the endowment revenue not available.

Byron motioned to approve. With change to phosphorus study expenses/EOR fixed.

Jeff 2nd.

Approved by voice vote.

February Statements & Check Approvals

- LL First Responders from last year
- Troop 106 - CBCW
- NWRPC
- Rice Lake Printery for calendar
- West Bend
- Complete Computer Solutions

Motion to approve: Byron Crouse

2nd: Rich Hlava

Approved by voice vote

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE– Sandy Campbell & Jeff Linkenheld

Endowment issue

- We accrue interest on endowment in our checking account.

- We are to deposit accrued interest into the endowment account.
- Need motion to approve yearly.

Byron moves to move interest accrued into the endowment fund.

Randy Champeau 2nds

Approved by voice vote.

Contract Approval

- NWRPC – Megan’s position
 - \$39,000/year contract amount
 - Based on \$80/hour charge rate
 - Motion to approve: Rich Hlava
 - 2nd Byron Crouse
 - Approved by voice vote
 - Sandy will sign contract tonight
- Eco North – YFI
 - Yellow Iris outreach to property owners \$1,250
 - \$30/parcel treated
 - \$15/parcels surveyed but do not find
 - Estimated at 50% response rate
 - \$180/parcel cutting for Japanese knotweed, \$900 total
 - Budgeted \$7,500
 - Estimating \$6,500 with a 50% response rate
 - Motion by Byron Crouse
 - Eric Anderson 2nd
 - Approved by voice vote
 - Include information about yellow flag iris treatment in spring newsletter. Sandy to send to Joe.
- Matt Berg- Endangered Resource Services
 - 2 surveys: one early summer, one late summer
 - About \$3,000 total cost
 - Monitoring for invasive species on shoreline and in the water on all parts of the lake.
 - Motion Jeff
 - 2nd Byron
 - Approve by voice vote.

Approval for dues to WCLRA \$35

- Approved by voice vote

NW WI Lake Conference June 12 at Hayward H.S.

Sponsorship for conference \$100

- Approved by voice vote

LAKE MONITORING – Byron & Eric

- Loon season, need funding to rebuild loon platforms
- About \$200/platform x 2 platforms.
- Byron will rebuild with cedar board rather than polystyrene.
- Motion to reimburse committee members if they submit receipts - Jeff
- Brian 2nd
- Take from misc category in budget

AIS COMMITTEE- Peter

Upcoming Workshops

- AIS - Lisa Burns training
 - Forwarded to training
 - Asked volunteers to confirm, currently 5 volunteers.
- CBCW Workshop
- Eric Anderson picked up the zebra mussel plates. Will put out at boat landings and monitor them once/month in summer.

EDUCATION / Communication -Joe Thrasher

- Spring Newsletter – articles due March 31. Publish end of April
 - Phosphorus study & sediment cores in detail - Megan
 - Postpone article on weed cutting to Fall newsletter
 - Yellow Flag Iris - Joe to use Michael Sinclair's letter
 - Other invasive species - Rich to write article based on Matt Berg's letter
 - Coffee dates
 - President's Message - Sandy
 - Lake District - TBD
 - Winter events - Joe to follow up with contacts winter lake races.
 - Jeff to reach out to DJ to talk to Taylor at Summers on Long about winter golf
 - Photographs for the cover of the newsletter.
- Calendar theme "Living on the Edge" (Shoreline)
 - google/calendar/2027
 - Tentative Calendar completion date November 1
 - Calendar is sent to members of the previous year and current members when the calendar is mailed.
 - There are about 20 left over
 - Jeff makes a motion for Peter to send out leftover calendars to new members after the calendar is mailed until the spring newsletter goes out.
 - Byron
 - Approved by voice vote

SCBC– DJ Ehrike and Jeff Linkenheld

Fundraising & Membership Subcommittee- Rich & Pete

- Peter created a graph to show membership through the year.
- In 4th quarter 2025, there was a spike in membership around the time of the mailing.

- Consider auto-renewal for membership because people have forgotten over the years.
- Outreach ideas
 - Touch base with new property owners in person
 - Phone calls to lake residents?
 - Signage at local businesses
 - Long Lake shout-out
 - Reach out to other lake organizations to see what they do

Lake District Study Subcommittee - Byron

- Need to come up with compelling arguments on why we need a lake district
 - Algal blooms
 - Invasive species
 - Dam Sedimentation
 - Weed Control
- Meet requirements
 - Majority on the lake approve
 - Necessity of lake district - problems outside of our fundraising capabilities
 - Comply with requirements of a governing body
- Challenges with moving forward
 - We don't have the majority of riparian owners on LLPA
 - We can't rely on all 100% of LLPA members voting to approve.
 - Spelling out benefits & costs
 - Determining who is part of the lake district - riparian owners, but does it include nearby parcels? Does it include Mud Lake?
- The committee feels that it would be helpful to have a conversation about this at the annual meeting.
- We should review his report. Jeremy Solum of Steven's Point 2022. Joe to distribute a copy of the report to Board members
 - From that study, we contracted with NWRPC.
 - Restructured our organization.
 - Created Lake Management plan.
 - We took this first step and our next step is to pursue that lake district.
- The LLPA is not responsible for the lake. We do a lot, but we don't have the authority, oversight, or funding to be responsible for the lake.
- The committee feels strongly that we should form a strategic planning committee to take the next steps toward planning how to make this feasible.
- In April we will decide if the committee should make a summary of what they have learned over this past year at the Annual Meeting.
- The committee and NWRPC can begin some of the feasibility studies within what is budgeted within Megan's contract.
- This information can be shared when we meet in the summer for a retreat to determine next steps.

OLD BUSINESS -

Annual Meeting –

- Sandy and Jeff work on agenda for April approval
- Board members select jobs - Sandy to send out a document.
- Annual meeting speakers - Sandy & Jeff to prepare the agenda.
- Slate of Officers 2026-27 - have one open board seat.

ADJOURN

Next regular Board Meeting: **April 20th, 2026**

Jessie

Rich

Approved by voice vote.