

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Lake Washington Improvement Association  
Tuesday, 04/15/2025**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Washington Improvement Association was held at the Lake Washington Park community center. The following board members were present: Chuck Brandel (CB), Jim Folden (JF), Greg Germscheid (GG), Joel Prybylla (JP), Kent Reeves (KR), Harlan Mehlich (HM), Brenda Hennek (BH), Zach Jaspers (ZJ), Nicki Vieth (NV), Wade Baumberger (WB). Also present was Karen Wright from Area 3

**LWIA Board meeting**

Vice President Brandel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Motion to approve the Agenda was made, seconded and unanimously approved with the addition of One Watershed/One Plan grant request submission. HM/JF and passed unanimously.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and unanimously approved. JP/ZJ

The Gambling report for the March accounting period was presented by Kent Reeves. The net loss for the month from our four sites was \$1382.36. LWIA's share of the net loss was \$973.72. Cash over/short was reported and inventories on hand were reported. Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$127,393.79, and vouchers for the month totaled \$56,640.94.

1) The gambling fund needs pre-approval for all checks listed on LG1004

2) Vouchers numbered 8179 thru 8204 were presented for approval. They were for city taxes, state fees, accounting fees, storage fees/rent, rents, lawful purpose expenditures, auditing fees, misc. cash/bank money, pull-tabs and e gaming.

There were no lawful purpose expenditures.

All supporting documentation was present for review by the Board.

A motion was made and seconded to approve items 1 and 2 above, and to approve the Gambling report as presented. Jim Folden/Brenda Hennek. Kent Reeves abstained. Unanimously approved.

There was discussion about the decrease in income. Kent observed that it seems we may be in a cycle of one month in the black, then the next month in the red. Expenses accrued in having the increase (more games, taxes) are paid for the next month. It was restated that the drop in revenue is due to the changes in e-pulltabs, and is a statewide issue. Jim F requested that the internet expense that we voted on last month be broken out from the overall "mileage/expenses" entry. Further discussion occurred about the MSU Foundation 50/50 raffle, and the origin of the "short and long" on the gambling report.

There was no Gambling committee report.

**General Business: Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** No report. There was one bill to pay, and a motion was made and seconded to pay this, and the motion passed. (HM/KR).

**Communications/Social Media:** No report. Jim Folden requested \$100 to update our directors on the website, and possibly add a page where we can post info about our projects around and in the lake. Motion made, seconded, and passed. (BH/KR) JP and HM opposed.

A request was made for traffic on our website, JF will obtain that. A suggestion was made to put our FB site, our website, and maybe a donation QR code. Chuck will check with Mike Schultz.

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**Investment/Finance Committee:** No report

**Water Quality Committee:** Chuck B presented report. He started with a brief overview of the results of the recent core sampling, and the recommendation that we continue monitoring, as it is very possible the internal loading of phosphorus was drastically underestimated. He presented the ISG recommendation. There were 2 parts to it. After discussion and review, a motion was made to approve \$37,430 for both options and the actual analysis by MVTL, which the Association pays directly. Motion made, passed and approved. (JF/JP)

During the discussion, the One Watershed/One Plan was brought up. Chuck will be applying for grants available to the Middle Minnesota Mankato Watershed through this group. He is on the committee, and will submit the following: In Lake alum treatment \$250K; Hinton/Kaveny Wetland Feasibility study \$500K, and a review and mitigation of many currently untreated inlets, \$250K. A motion was made and approved to proceed with the submission. (HM/JF)

It is important to note that our continued collection of data on the lake positions us well for these grants. It was thought that it was time to increase lake resident knowledge of how the process works, and it was decided we should hold an open house, possibly in June or July. Chuck and Jim will work on this.

**AIS Committee:** Presented by Brenda Hennek. Our delineation survey will be done by ISG this year by Kelley. Andrew Edgecomb, who has been doing this is unable to do so. The price is the same. A brief discussion occurred about the product used and the timing and temperature. All had already been approved in January.

**Old business:** None

**New business:** Use of the Lake Association logo on signage for the U of Mn/St. Thomas "Water Quality Experience Study" was discussed. The Board voted to support the project and use of our logo. (HM/ZJ)

**Meeting Wrap-Up:** Harlan brought up the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Chuck pointed out they have partially funded a few projects around the lake. Jim said he would put a link to them on our FB page as well.

The next meeting will be on May 20, 2025. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:20 PM. (HM/WB)

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jim Folden

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