

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Tuesday, 3/17/2026**

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), Chad Fowlds (CF), Zach Jaspers (ZJ), Karen Wright (KW), Nicki Veith (NV), Greg Germscheid (GG), Charlie Dumdie (CD), Kent Reeves (KR), Joel Prybylla (JP), Spenser Bradley (SB), Wade Baumberger (WB), Jason Femrite (JF)

President Brandel called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

A motion to approve the agenda with 1 addition to Old Business for porta potties at accesses was made by JF and seconded by JP and unanimously approved.

Minutes from the Dec 2025, Jan 2026 and Feb 2026 were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by JP and seconded by CD and unanimously approved.

Kent Reeves presented the Gambling Report.

Net gain for the month was \$12935.41 LWIA's share was \$6194.98.

- 1) The gambling funds need pre-approval for all checks on LG1004
 - 2) Vouchers numbered 8462 thru 8485 were presented for approval
 - 3) Approval to pay bills that come due before our meeting date is needed
- No other additional lawful expenses

All supporting documentation was present for the review of the Board. A motion was made by JF to approve the 3 items and seconded by JP and unanimously approved.

General Business: Committee Reports

Gambling Committee: Did not meet. Kent did mention that he intends to introduce a candidate for his replacement to Jim and Harlan as they are going to assist in deciding on a replacement.

We should consider adding an additional authorized signee as there have been times when signees are unavailable especially as it pertains to Kent not being able to sign his own check.

Treasurer's Report/Investment & Finance: Spenser presented the report. Did discuss some alternatives for some of the funds if they can provide higher interest rates. This will continue to be looked at. Motion was made by Spenser and seconded by KW to approve lawful spending for Auto Owners liability insurance renewal. Board unanimously approved

Communication/Website/Social Media: attached in minutes that Chuck sent included a document with responses received related to the call put out for help with the website. The Website committee will need to meet and provide a recommendation to the Board for approval.

Water Quality: Chuck provided a brief recap of the latest report results as well as meeting held with DNR, Le Sueur Cty SWCD and MPCA. In summary, the watershed surrounding the lake is the primary

determinant for the lake water quality rather than the lake itself and lake phosphorous levels. Committee will continue to work with MN DNR, MPCA, and Le Sueur Cty SWCD to ensure we are proceeding effectively on water quality measures and to maintain their support.

Included in the minutes is also a proposal from ISG for additional monitoring both within the lake and as various watershed locations for the upcoming season.

Committee will meet to provide recommendation to board regarding next steps. Primary items included here are determining if continued monitoring should be approved, locations of monitoring and continued work to partner with DNR, Le Sueur SWCD and others.

Aquatic Invasive Species: Met and have quote from Lake Restoration for curly pondweed spraying. This is the same vendor as last season. Agreed to provide same spraying with same product for the same price as last season. This committee will meet prior to April meeting to provide recommendations specific to spraying as well as the potential of using Mad Lake Rakers as a trial for some areas for weed pulling vs spray. As a pre-emptive move in the event timing requires spraying earlier or a decision for spraying motion was made and approved \$22545 for spraying.

Lake Improvement District (LID): Chuck provided update that the committee met with Clear Lake association that has an active LID in place. Shared that although the process to get LID active can be challenging, once in place there are more benefits than not having it. Also shared the committee met with the DNR and will continue to follow up with them to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps in the process and also to help ensure we have the DNR support.

Old Business: Greg shared the need to determine if the LWIA will again pay for a portion of porta-potties for the winter months. Sum is \$1440. Slightly less than last year. Motion was made to approve this by SB and seconded by KR. Board unanimously approved.

Mad Lake Rakers – Owen Quist presented information on their services and some options for Lake Washington.

Have had good success on Madison Lake. Madison Lake Association is in year 2 of a 3-year contract with Mad Lake Rakers and have been pleased with the results they have seen.

They can provide weed pulling at fee of \$150 per hour or approximately 1 acre. Association will need to have the DNR review areas of lake to assess how many acres can be permitted for approval for using the weed pulling / raking machine.

Additionally individual lake property owners can pay Mad Lake Rakers \$600 to clear up to 2500 sq feet on their lake shore / area.

Machine has rollers that pinch and pull weeds. Approximate depth they can go down is 6'. Primary depth is 4'. Machine can go into very shallow water as it is paddle propelled not motor / prop. The weeds are then placed in dump trailer and dumped at an area farmer that uses the weeds for his fields.

The Board agreed that we need to identify a couple areas on the lake that we will use as a trial to gauge the results. This will be done in preparation for the April 2026 meeting.