

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Tuesday, 4/21/2026**

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: Chad Fowlds (Area 1), Karen Wright (at-Large-Area 2), Joel Prybylla (Area 3), Jim Folden – Secretary (Area 1), Nicki Veith (Area 2), Spenser Bradley – Trea. (Area 3), Chuck Brandel – Pres (Area 4), Greg Germscheid (Area 5), Wade Baumberger (Area 6), Dan Connor (Area 7), Harlan Mehlhop (At-Large), Zach Jaspers (Area 7), Kent Reeves (At-Large)

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

A motion to approve the agenda with was made by JF and seconded by SB and unanimously approved.

Minutes from the March 17th meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by KR and seconded by JP and unanimously approved.

Kent Reeves presented the Gambling Report.

Net gain for the month from the 4 sites was \$2922.43 LWIA's share was \$543.04. Cash over/short amounts were reported and inventories on hand were reported. Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$114815.85 and vouchers for the month totaled \$53,949.71.

- 1) The gambling funds need pre-approval for all checks on LG1004
 - 2) Vouchers numbered 8486 thru 8509 were presented for approval
 - 3) Approval to pay bills that come due before our meeting date is needed
- There were no other additional lawful expenses

There were some significant overages at a few of the sites, and that is being addressed. The overage amount comes out of the sites, not our gambling money, so the sites have a vested interest in fixing this.

All supporting documentation was present for the review of the Board. A motion was made by Jim Folden to approve the 3 items and the gambling report, and seconded by Joel Prybylla and unanimously approved. (Kent Reeves abstains)

General Business: Committee Reports

Gambling Committee: Did not meet. Kent brought up two items for the Board. Jonny B's is looking to make a donation with their split of the proceeds, and will be doing so. There are many boxes of gambling paper that are over 3.5 yrs old, and need to be shredded as space is running out. The Board told him as independent contractor he can pursue what is necessary; he will do so. He also gave us an update on his replacement. She will be starting to learn the office routine shortly.

Treasurer's Report/Investment & Finance: Spenser presented the report. The renewal for Minnesota Lakes and Rivers membership was listed for payment of \$250. A motion was made to approve the report and the payment by JF, seconded by KW, and unanimously approved. Spenser then provided the draft budget for 2026-2027 year. Highlights of the discussion were: No golf event this year. Shoreland Golf Club ownership changed hands. New guidelines for who can host a tournament there changed and rule us out. Suggestions: Janesville 9 hole course, or LeSueur Country club will be looked at.

Under fundraising the Polar Partee basically needs more people to show up. We need to increase dues, or increase membership. Much discussion revolved around how to increase membership. There is hope the new website may help, and it was agreed that some type of mailing needs to happen. The Board is thinking that maybe a physical mailing announcing our new website in June, followed by the mailing for the annual meeting may be possible.

A motion had been made and seconded to approve the draft report by HM/JF, but upon discussion the motion was retracted.

Communication/Website/Social Media: Jim presented the results of the recent committee meeting and the recommendation that we use Scott Lassiter to design our site for a cost of \$3500, and maintenance costs of \$75-\$150/mo. Motion was made and seconded, and unanimously approved. CF/WB

Fundraising: No report

Water Quality: Chuck provided a brief recap of the results of a Water Quality Committee meeting. It was recommended to approve the ISG Monitoring Proposal, items A and B only at this point. It was agreed that we need to continue to get data to help us

qualify for funding later on. Even though there had been an online vote approving this, a motion was made and seconded, and was unanimously passed (Chuck B abstained). KW/SB

Aquatic Invasive Species: There was much discussion as the Board is considering adding some cutting this year. After much discussion a motion was made to spend up to \$10,000 for cutting. SB/NV, and unanimously passed. The operator is Owen Quist of Mad Lake Rakers, and he has experience with the DNR and works with Ryan Wersal from Mankato State. It was proposed to do 30 acres initially, but areas that we are spraying will be looked at to possibly reduce sprayed acreage, and cut additional acres.

Lake Improvement District (LID): No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting Wrap-up: Next meeting is May 19, 2026

Meeting was made to adjourn at 7:10. JP/NV