Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association

Tuesday, 07/21/2026

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), Jim Folden, Secretary (Area 1) Karen Wright (at-Large-Area 2), Kent Reeves (At-large Area 2), Spenser Bradley (Area 3), Chuck Brandel – Pres (Area 4), Dan Connor (Area 5), Jason Femrite (Area 5), Zack Jaspers (Area 7), Harlan Mehlhop (At-Large), Becky Beyer (At-large). Guest Steve Kaitz from the LID committee was present as well.

President Brandel called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Minutes from the June 16th meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by KR and seconded by ZJ and unanimously approved.

Kent Reeves presented the Gambling Report: Net gain for the month from the 4 sites was $9563.59. LWIA's share of the net gain was $5073.09. 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 $99482.04 and vouchers for the month totaled $86549.98.

1) The gambling funds need pre-approval for all checks on LG1004
2) Vouchers numbered 8561 thru 8582 were presented for approval
3) pre-approval to pay bills and taxes due before the 20th was requested

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A motion was made by Jim Folden to approve the 3 items and the gambling report as presented, and seconded by Jason Femrite, and unanimously approved. (Kent Reeves and Becky Beyer abstained)

Jim asked about donations to LeSueur County Park dept, and Camp Patterson. Kent had just noticed it in the minutes and will cut those checks. Kent brought up the shortage at Weggys. Two 500$ packets of cash had gone missing. With the owner, he reviewed surveillance video of the area the cash was in, and it was inconclusive. The owner did not want to involve the police at this point and wrote a check to cover the shortage. All games were audited and results were within normal limits. This will be watched closely going forward.

General Business: Committee Reports

Gambling Committee: Did not meet. Becky will be taking a class in early August for gambling manager.

Treasurer's Report/Investment & Finance. Spenser presented the report, and also reviewed the fiscal year end comparison. We are having a better year this year with gambling, and there was a large donation that is reflected in the year end report. JF made a motion to approve the expenditures and the report, this was seconded by HM, and unanimously approved.

Communication/Website/Social Media: Jim: Givebutter platform is being tested now. A bit disappointed in the info received, but on the other hand we do get an email guaranteed. Volunteers were requested as soon there will be a training session on how to add and change items in the website. Still shooting for the end of July.

Fundraising: No chair yet, but Mike Davenport, Wade B, and Gary Gavin will be spearheading a golf tournament. Possible dates are 18th or 25th of September. Maybe LeSueur County Club or even Shoreland yet.

Water Quality-Chuck: This discussion included the AIS committee and some Lake Improvement District (LID) as well. A long discussion across all 3 of these issues. In order to start a LID an updated Lake Improvement Plan will be needed. In order to do this the LID Committee is recommending a bidding process to have one done after this years monitoring is in place. They would like 3 bids. The process and various challenges to a LID were discussed.

Aquatic Invasive Species-Chuck: Harvesting is complete. No bill has been submitted for payment yet, nor is there any info as to how much CLP was removed. Chuck will reach out.

Lake Improvement District (LID)- Steve Kaitz presented, along with Chuck. See above.

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Membership: Discussion revolved around the open seats around the lake, and whether there is a problem with having too many members from a single area on the Board. This prompted Jim to bring up a possible By Laws review and rewrite. Rich Draheim is interested in being on the Board, and Harlan will reach out. The area 4 seat has been open 2-3 months now. Also, Harlan will be stepping down at the end of his term at the August meeting, opening an at-large position.

Old Business- All Directors are now paid in full for 2026. Annual meeting was discussed, and a proposed agenda was reviewed. The date will be Tuesday August 18th. Same time as usual, doors open at 5:30, dinner at 6. There was discussion about reducing the total number of plates, and Jim witll send out the history. Volunteers were discussed, and should be there at 5PM. Harlan reached out to Scott Mackenthun, DNR and he is unavailable, but has another DNR person willing to speak. He has told Harlan he has a 10 mnute presentation that will iclude Fish stocking, Survey results, and CLP harvesting. The Board would like to see handouts and a video presentation. Monthly gambling business will be done via email vote the Monday before or the Wednesday after the annual meeting.

New Business: None

Meeting Wrap-up: Next meeting is August 18, the annual meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:10. HM/JF, and unanimously approved.