

**Lake George Improvement District
Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2024**

Chair Juanita Reed Boniface called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the Oak Grove City Hall. Other Board members present were Robyn Erickson, Don Nast, Dick Werner, and Jay Edwardson. Also in attendance were Coordinators Jaiden Edwardson and John Vilandre. Other visitors were Oak Grove Councilmember Jon West, Birdie Rotramel, and Rose Jameson.

Following the pledge of allegiance, motion by Dick Werner, seconded by Don Nast, to approve the meeting agenda carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Robyn Erickson read the minutes from the October 17, 2023 meeting. Motion by Jay Edwardson, seconded by Don Nast, to accept the minutes as read, carried unanimously. Copies of the approved minutes will be sent to all Lake George Conservation Club board members.

Treasurer's Report

Dick Werner reported a balance of \$141,730.01 following receipt of \$10,582.10 in December from property assessments, and an additional \$841.16 from past due payments. Expenses included \$1,312 to MCIT for liability insurance, \$57 to the law firm Kennedy and Graven, and \$215 annual fee to Anoka County for record keeping. The expected audit bill is still outstanding. Motion by Robyn Erickson, seconded by Jay Edwardson to accept the treasurer's report carried unanimously.

Public Input

Juanita Reed-Boniface announced a series of "Adult Enrichment Summer Programs" as part of the St. Francis Area Schools Community Education program. Some of the activities will be presented at the Lake George Regional Park.

Birdie Rotramel noted a date error for one of the August activities. Birdie also reported no added information on the SCUBA club's lake clean-up efforts.

Council member Jon West brought news that the Upper Rum River Water Management Organization is attempting to clarify ownership of the connector ditch between Lake George and Anoka County Ditch #19. Mr. West is the Oak Grove representative on the URRWMO.

Committee Reports

Communication, Don Nast

We received a "Certificate of Excellence" from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust in recognition of an "Outstanding Loss Ratio Under 50%" for plan years 2018 – 2022.

Report from the Chair

Juanita announced the Lakegeorgemn.org website now includes the LGID statement clarifying its role as a local government body. (See statement as approved by the LGID Board, in the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting.) The website also includes a downloadable recruitment form for the position of Administrative Coordinator. She is working with Jaiden on 2024 contracts and staying connected with St. Francis schools and Anoka Parks plans for its summer day-camp program.

Staff Reports

Jaiden Edwardson, Lake Ecology Management Coordinator

The LGID has been awarded a \$5,850 grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to defray expenses related to aquatic invasive species control in 2024, Jaiden announced. The Anoka Conservation District will do the required surveys to determine the needs and options for treatment of problem areas. As in past years, Dick Werner will apportion payments with the City of Oak Grove and the treatment company.

John Vilandre, Administrative Services Coordinator

The tri-annual letter to Lake George property owners requesting their advance permission for treatment of aquatic invasive plant infestations that intrude into the zone less than 150 feet from their shorelines, is ready for mailing and was approved by the board.

New Business

There was further discussion of the search for a replacement for the current Administrative Coordinator who wishes to leave that post. Ideas put forth included:

- Advertise on the City web site, (salary to be negotiated)
- Jon West suggested looking into engaging a subcontractor to transcribe audio recordings of the proceedings of the LGID board. This is a process used by the City Council.
- Possibly offload some of the duties of the Coordinator position to board members.

Discussion to continue at next meeting.

Dick Werner proposed making the payment for the Lake Ecology Management Coordinator a single annual payment, due at the Annual Meeting.

Motion by Jay Edwardson, seconded by Dick Werner, to hold the 2024 Annual Meeting of the LGID on August 20 passed unanimously.

For many years, the October meeting of the Lake George Conservation Club has featured reports from the various agencies and contractors whom the LGID engages to monitor, authorize, and conduct efforts to control AIS in Lake George. A motion by Jay Edwardson, seconded by Don Nast to continue that arrangement passed unanimously. The date of that special meeting will be Thursday, October 10 at the Refuge Golf Club on Sims Road.

It was reported that the locked gate, intended to restrict access to Lake George from Lake George Parkway, has been cut by vandals.

Regular Review of Task Calendar

There were no updates to the Task Calendar

Remaining Meeting Dates for 2024

May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20 (Annual Meeting followed by Board Meeting), September 17, October 15.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Preparer

Date

Director
