

## Lake Washington Improvement Association Board Meeting September 2, 2025

Board Members Present: Mike & Sandy Wosmek, Pat Hanson, Sean Thorson, Dan Komarek, Steve Ullom, David Rathe, Pam Boorsma, Sharon Daniels, Laurie Johnson, Mark Johnson, Ray Brueggenmeier

**Treasurer Report:** Invasive Species Fund \$73,000.57

General Fund \$74,832.63

**Paid Memberships: 188**

**1. Call meeting to order: Dave R.**

**2. Secretary's August meeting report:** approved to publish on website.

**3. Treasurer's August report: Dan K.** As Lyle and I worked through the transfer on Treasury responsibilities last week, we learned that the Capital One account type is no longer offered, and that they could not add me, or Mark Johnson, as signatories. The only option they had was to close the account, mail Lyle a check, and then open a new account in a currently offered product.

As a result, Lyle requested that they close the account, and they have now sent Lyle a check for the entire account balance (some \$69,000+).

I will deposit that check into our Perennial Bank account later this week, and then explore alternative depositories where we can receive interest income, which I'll review with the board at the next meeting.

In the meantime, the Perennial Bank balance will grow substantially, but remain well under the FDIC insurance \$250,000 cap.

This is the follow-up email about investing excess funds not needed in the next 9 months or so.

- We currently have \$96,343 in the checking account.
- At Tuesday evening's meeting Mike Wosmek described an estimated \$12,000 in anticipated costs for watershed management that will be spent this fall.
- That would leave about \$84,000 in the checking account for other routine expenses through the winter into the spring.
- To my knowledge, we do not have any other significant expenses which would - in total - exceed \$20,000 over the next 6 to 9 months.
- As a result, I think we can invest \$60,000 in a 9 month CD, which would mature in early June 2026.
- Since Perennial Bank is where we have our checking account, it will be simplest to invest in the CD there, rather than open a new account elsewhere. Their rates are competitive, and far higher than we were earning at Capital One.
- Note that we will likely also have some occasional deposits in the next several months from grants and other sources, and next spring we will also be receiving 2026 membership contributions, which will make more funds available for expenses.

Dan's recommendation is that we open an additional CD at Perennial for \$60,000, with a 9 month term, maturing in June. I think the rate will be about 3.5% (good as of last week).

Board agreed to approve the plan (sent by Dan on 9/9/25) to open CD at Perennial Bank and approve changes Dan recommended via email so he can act on this. By 9/12/25 a majority of Board approved this plan so Dan can complete these actions.

FYI – we also currently have another 1 yr CD at Perennial with a balance of \$54,613, an interest rate of 4% (as of last renewal) which matures next June.

**August Report shared via email by Dan Income: \$750.00 membership, \$225.00 Invasive Species, \$60.00 DFD, \$1.15 Interest, \$108.00 EZ Dock – meat and buns for Pot Luck, \$1554.78 DNR grant money for I-LIDS.**

**Total Income: \$3055.00**

**Expenses: moved DFD funds from General to its own account. \$3550.00. Dan will send this to DFD in October. Total funds \$150.938.20**

## Committee Reports

- A. Water Quality: Dave R.** . August 18<sup>th</sup> test Clarity 3.5 feet, Temperature 79.8° F, Stella flow 1.28 mgals/hr, pulled sample and sent to RMB, next test September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Vegetation: Mark J.** reported he now has the Helix 9 and lake viewer LWIA owned equipment. The committee will be doing a survey of areas on the south side of the lake where EWM was found earlier this summer.
- C. I-LIDS & Watercraft Inspection: Dan K.** reported in August about 2,000 videos were captured, by August 24<sup>th</sup> 260 were viewed, which equals about 10-15% of the videos. There were no inspectors at the landing on August 29, 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>, but were there on Monday September 1.
- D. Zebra Mussels: Mike W.** reported the inspection plates will be collected on September 14<sup>th</sup>. They need to dry for 2 days before breaking them down. He will do water testing on the inspection plates. On September 16 at 9 AM Dan, Dave, and Sean will meet at Mike's house to dismantle and clean the plates, do observations and take pictures that will be sent to MAISRC project leader.
- E. Watershed: Mike W.** reported (ditch project at site #312) Lindberg Excavating will be installing 6 rock weirs in the ditch leading to the culvert at a cost of \$3300.00 (this includes the rocks and fabric). Mike has purchased the filter components at a cost of \$659.00. They are not going to disturb the soil in the ditch. Dassel Township is ok with doing this project. The Board approved \$3939.00 for this project. Update on site #306, holding pond FY1309, reroute farm tile drainage around the pond. Mike has purchased the fittings at a cost of \$1920.21. He noted we would need about 380 feet of 18 inch piping for the project that Lindberg Excavating would be including in the project at a cost of about \$12,000.00, taking about 2 days to complete. The Board approved this project costs of \$13920.91. Note the property owner Scott Heggee is ok with this project. If this can be completed this year we would be able to get \$4,000.00 from MCAL from grant money allocated to LWIA for year 2025.

**Membership/Shoreline Captains: Sandy W., Sharon D., Laurie J.** reported nothing new at this time.

## Education & Public Relations

- A. Fall Newsletter: Ron B./Laurie** – Articles due to Ron B by September 22. Let's get more real lake photos in this issue.
- B. Website: Laurie J.** reported Ron and Dan have renewed all the backend stuff and payments to Laurie's accounts. The annual costs are \$1260.00 for all the different systems we use.
- C. Facebook: Pam B.** will include a link to the DNR site as a reminder of MN's new boat operator license/permit requirements
- D. Email Activity: Pat H.** No unusual emails, Pat forwards all the relevant emails to Board members. Laurie will send out email blast with a link to the DNR as a reminder of MN's new boat operator license/permit requirements

**Social Committee: Sandy & Mike W.** Sandy will include first Saturday in May reminder of Pork Chop Membership meeting in Fall Newsletter. Board will have a discussion next year regarding the status of continuing the Pot Luck in August.

**Grants: Sharon D.** shared email she sent to Meeker AIS informing them we would not be using the EWM treatment grant they awarded us this year. We received \$1554.00 from DNR grant money to pay for Limnopro AIS survey. She sent out an email detailing information needed to do end of the year reporting for grant monies. This should include receipts, canceled checks or other details of payments members received for in-kind work completed for LWIA in 2025.

Please turn in all in-kind hours and receipts to Sharon by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MCAL: Pat H. & Sharon D.** I-LIDS presentation October 9<sup>th</sup> by Dave R, Dan K. Sharon did an information sheet regarding this presentation for Dave and Dan.

## Open Discussion: All

Lyle Walker has retired from the Board. We need someone to fill his 2 years left on the Board.

MAISRC Showcase is Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> LWIA will pay for those that attend.

Sean is on Dassel Rod n Gun Club board and will be our go between for setting up dates LWIA wants to use the building.

**Next Board Meeting October 7 at 7 PM Dassel Rod 'n Gun Club**