

Annual Meeting Minutes July 10, 2021
Maple Lake Improvement District

President B. Floan called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, July 10, 2021 and welcomed all those in attendance.

Board members present: L. Abel, J. Baune, R. Behm, B. Floan, B. Wavra, D. Kouba, M. Moore

Absent: None

The Board members introduced themselves.

It was moved by Tom Quirk, 2nd by Deanne Owre to approve the August 2021 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried

It was moved by Paul Rutherford, seconded by Kathy Quirk to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President B. Floan announced the election of 2 board members. Mike Moore and Jon Bohm are running for 2 spots on the board. The nominees introduced themselves.

It was moved by Denny Schneider, 2nd by Craig Spicer to close the nominations and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Mike Moore and Jon Bohm. Motion carried

President B. Floan welcomed the invited guests and thanked them for coming.

Polk County Sheriff Dept., Sheriff Jim Tadman reported on the patrolling of Maple and area lakes. He reported that there have been 72 written contacts and 1 arrest this summer on Maple and surrounding lakes, with 52 of them over the 4th of July weekend. The patrols have noted that they have never seen it so busy on Maple and Union lakes as it has been this summer. Most common violations are: jet skis no wake rule 150 feet from shore, over capacity on jet skis, sitting on the edge of the boat while the boat is in motion, complaints of water skiers after hours and chasing loons. The patrols are also continuing safety talks and handing out color books to children. The Sheriff Dept also helped set up the fishing piers and buoys at the East Beach.

There are still golf cart complaints about young drivers. Sheriff Tadman said that all golf carts need to have slow moving signs, insurance, rearview mirrors and the driver must have a driver's license. If a golf cart is stopped, they will receive a documented warning and the second time a ticket will be written up. You can call 218-281-0431 if you have a concern or complaint.

Assessor, Mark Lansverk reported that there had not been a lot of changes in the market valuations and the market is stable on Maple Lake. There have been 18 sales in the last year and the county's value has been at 96% of the sale price. The bare land values that the county has set are a little low compared to the recent sales, so the Assessor will be looking at those values. If you ever have a question on your property value or that of your neighbor, you can always go to the Assessor website and see any information you want on the values, or give the Assessor a call.

Patty Flaa announced that she will be visiting 242 parcels from mid-August through the beginning of September. She will be visiting properties on Fisher St, Lake St, Elmer Hanson, Ash, Wall, Division, Duke and Maple St. If you are not there, she will leave a door hanger.

Jacob Snyder, with Polk County Planning and Zoning was not able to attend the meeting.

Gerald Jacobson, County Commissioner, reported that Polk County is doing well and they have received state and federal funds for reimbursements of COVID expenses.

Jerry reported that the money owed to Enbridge Pipeline after the state overvalued the pipeline property for its 2012-2016 taxes would be paid by the state instead of the county having to come up with the money.

East Polk Soil and Water did not have a representative at the meeting.

Corey Hanson, with the Red Lake Watershed District reported that the lake data collected recently has not changed much from past years. The lake is meeting the state standards for shallow lakes and the secchi tests are lower than last year, but better than expectations for a shallow lake. Corey discussed the new Clearwater River Watershed One Watershed One Plan. The Clearwater River Watershed Partnership was created through a Memorandum of Agreement between the Counties of Clearwater, Pennington, Polk, and Red Lake; the Clearwater, East Polk, Pennington, and Red Lake Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and the Red Lake Watershed District; to create a watershed-based plan under the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program.

Tom Hutchins, DNR Conservation Officer was unable to attend the meeting.

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township reported that meetings are held at the maintenance building in Maple Bay on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 am. He reported that they have been keeping up with the township paving projects.

No representatives were present from Gove Park-Tilden Township.

Bruce Roed from Woodside township reported that they have appraised all the tar roads and have made a ten-year plan, trying to tar a few every year. The gravel roads are all in decent shape.

Old Business:

President Floan gave a recap of 20-21:

- The Board had a few meetings on Zoom this year and anticipated using this tool again during the next winter.
- Brian reported that last year, we weren't able to work with the Soil and Water on our goal of installing sediment ponds to control run off, but hope to get back to that this year.
- He explained that we do receive notices from Planning and Zoning on variance requests, and the MLID Board lets the County P & Z Board know our opinion on the variance. They take our opinion into account, but the County makes the final ruling on each variance.
- The aerator was installed in January and oxygen levels remained good throughout the winter.
- Loren, Jim and Roger have been sampling the water in the summer and sending the samples to RMB Labs for analysis.
- Brian Wavra is in charge of mosquito spraying and he reported that we overspent last year because we did extra sprays last summer. We are on target this year for our regular number of sprays. We had to change one of our May sprays because of cold temperatures, so we used that spray to do three weeks in a row before July 4th.
- Loren Abel gave an update on the AIS Board. The AIS Board receives \$60,000 each year from the state and that amount is figured by the amount of boat landings in each area. LID Cameras and equipment to clean boats are installed at the East Beach boat landing.

New Business:

It was moved by Marla Wolfe, 2nd by Bob Cameron to approve the budget for 2021-2022. Motion carried.

There was a discussion about the drought and the water level. The board reported that they monitor the dam and the inlet and at this time, there is no water going out or coming in and the only thing that will help that is if we get some rain. They told the group that you can go to the website, MN DNR Lake Finders to see the lake level.

It was moved by Al Rebsch, 2nd by Pam Rupp to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried

Bonnie Abel
Sec'y/Treas