

**Unapproved Summary of Discussion Annual Meeting July 13, 2024
Maple Lake Improvement District**

President B. Floan called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., Saturday, July 13, 2024 and welcomed all those in attendance.

Board members present: L. Abel, J. Baune, A. Christianson, B. Floan, K. Fontaine, J. Bohm, M. Moore

Absent: None

The Board members introduced themselves.

It was moved by Brian Wavra, 2nd by Mike Moore to approve the July 2023 annual meeting minutes. Motion carried

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

Brian Floan was thanked for his 12 years on the board, Jon Bohm was thanked for his 3 years on the board and it was explained that he had resigned from the board because he will be moving out of the area. Brian Floan expressed the board's sympathy on the loss of board member Roger Behm and announced that there are 2 nominees up for 2 four-year seats on the board and 1 one-year seat. Those nominees are Kip Fontaine and Marlow Jacobson. The nominees introduced themselves.

It was moved by Sheila Fontaine, 2nd by Tyler Christianson to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kip Fontaine and Marlow Jacobson. Motion carried.

President B. Floan then asked for volunteers to fill the one-year term on the board and Brian Wavra and Wayne Gregoire volunteered. The board will make the appointment at the August board meeting.

M. Moore gave an update on the Bike/Pedestrian Trail. He gave some history on the project starting with the first meeting of the committee last year. A second meeting was held in April 2024 with Rich Sanders, Polk County Engineer, present. He informed the group about the construction project that is scheduled for Hwy #12 and said that it would be possible to add a trail to the high side of the ditch from Maple Bay to the Pavilion. He said that if the board sent a letter in support of the trail being added to the project, he would do the work to obtain costs and grants for funding of the project. The board sent that letter to Rich Sanders as recommended. The trail on Hwy 12 is considered phase I of the project.

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

Tom Hutchins, DNR reported that he had been the Game Warden in the area for 12 years. This year he has had no boating complaints and things are pretty mellow this summer. Reminded attendees that kids 10 and under must wear life jackets on the boat. He mentioned that it is ok to drive ATVs on the road as long as you stay to the far right and kids riding with you must wear a helmet. He talked about the bear sightings that have been up this summer. Reminded us to take down bird feeders and that the bears are attracted to the grease in your grill, garbage and fish guts that are thrown in the woods. He also mentioned that the bears are afraid of us, but don't approach a cub, as the mama bear will be watching and not like that.

Polk County Sheriff Dept., Sheriff Jim Tadman reported that there has not been as much boat activity and only 22 warnings have been issued this year so far. Of those most have been for no registration and over capacity. Also jet skis have been stopped for the usual – 150 feet from shore, after hours operation and jumping wakes. He said that the 4th of July went well and only 1 citation was issued for careless boating. He asked the attendees to be the eyes and ears for the department and to report anything that they see that is a problem.

Tiffany Hoyhtya from the Assessor's office was there and reported that they are required to view properties every 5 years and she had maps available of the areas that would be viewed in the fall of 2024.

Jacob Snyder, with Polk County Planning and Zoning was not present.

Polk County Commissioner Reese was not present.

DNR Hydrologist Stephanie Klamm was not present.

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

Corey Hanson, with the Red Lake Watershed District was not able to attend the meeting, but gave Bonnie a report to read.

Keith Christianson from Godfrey Township said that they would be doing some road repairs and that they would be repairing the boat landing in Maple Bay and the MLID Board had offered to help with some of the expense. Let him know if there are any signs that need attention and touched on the speed bumps that residents are installing. He said that the speed bumps must only be placed between Memorial Day and Labor Day and there must be warning signs around the bumps.

No representatives were present from Gove Park-Tilden Township.

Bruce Roed from Woodside Township talked about how they have been fixing roads in the township, but it is very expensive and they don't have the funds to do all that they want to. They have discussed special assessing the projects, but they would still have to have the funds available before the project to pay for it and then special assess the project.

Old Business:

President Floan gave a recap of 23-24:

- The Board had a few meetings on Zoom this year and told the attendees that the meetings were still open to the public. They just had to sign into the Zoom meeting with the ID code that is posted on the website.
- Adelle reported that the aerator was installed in January, and monitored by the board. Jim and Loren took out the aerator in the spring.
- Jim Baune is in charge of mosquito spraying and he reported that 5 applications had been made this year and that Clarke sprays every other Wednesday night. He also mentioned that there were still some larvicide tablets from Clarke Environmental available that could be used by residents in areas of standing water.
- Loren Abel reported that there is no AIS in Maple Lake and reminded attendees to always "Drain and Dry" your boats and to remind their friends to do so also. Cameras and equipment to clean boats are installed at the East Beach boat landing. He also reported that the water sampling is going well and that the Board is installing new street lights in the Shalom development as more lots are sold and developed.

New Business:

It was moved by Wayne Gregoire, 2nd by Sheila Fontaine to approve the budget for 2024-2025.

Motion carried.

Two items were brought up by the attendees: There are a lot of boats that are stored in lifts on the lake that have North Dakota licenses and if they are housed in MN for 90 days, they should have MN License. With a MN license a fee for AIS is collected by the county and those people should be contributing to the AIS fund if their boats are housed in MN.

A resident voiced her concern about all the campers on lots and backlots being used as sleeping quarters. The board said that they would send a letter to Planning and Zoning about this subject.

It was moved by Wayne Gregoire, 2nd by Glenn Setterholm to adjourn at 10:20 am. Motion carried

Bonnie Abel

Sec'y/Treas