



# Board of Director's Meeting

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 9:00 AM

**Roll Call:**

<i><b>BOD - Present</b></i>	<i><b>BOD - excused</b></i>	<i><b>BOD - absent</b></i>	<i><b>Guests</b></i>
Jerry Bass Robbie Danko Dale Kratochwill John Montour Gregory Pfeifer Sue Westberg Sue Reinhart	Joel Danko Chuck Monson Barb Bass Dave Warwick		Loren Helmbrecht Christine Nelson

Dale Kratochwill called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Secretary's Report:** Dale K.

Dave Warwick emailed the April meeting minutes to the board members. With no exceptions or corrections noted, the minutes for the April meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Robbie D. provided the following summary:

<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
Current Cash Reserves	
LMA checking	\$4935.84
Money Market	\$5,063.27
CD	\$5911.89
Upcoming Expenses	
insurance	\$2,900.00
Harvester loan balance	\$13,899.30
Recent Income	
None to date	\$0
Outstanding reimbursement	
LMLID	\$1432.27

Robbie gave a rundown of current expenses and income. The Money market account will mature this fall. A discussion was had on moving the funds once the CD matures to the money market for potential capital expenses. Income from membership donation should begin at the end of May after the annual spring newsletter.

**Harvesting Operations:** John Montour.

John indicated that minor repairs had been completed on the harvester. A new conveyor belt was installed and conveyor drive shaft and bearing. The D.O T. inspection needs to be completed and the truck and trailer. The harvester will be ready to begin operation on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The harvesting permit has been issued by the DNR. The search for new harvesting employees continues. There has been (1) applicant for harvester operator and no applicants for truck driver. Want ads have been placed on craigslist and the Voyager Press newspaper. A motion was made to authorize Dale K. and John M. to approve an hourly wage of \$13.00 to \$15.00 per hour based on applicant's qualifications. The motion was passed by the board.

**A.I.S.:** Dale K.

The Aitkin County SWCD grant application was approved. This grant included up to 304 hours of AIS boat landing inspection conducted on weekends during the summer season at an hourly rate of \$18.00. The LMA will be responsible for 10% of the hourly cost. The amount LMA will be responsible for will be offset by In-Kind hours for the time LMA board and members volunteer. The grant also cover \$2000.00 in placemat educational materials to be used at Bann's, \$600.00 in AIS mailings, and \$200.00 to cover public access landing signage materials.

The MN DNR grant was applied for and Dale is waiting for response from the MN DNR.

Water test samples taken by Sue Westberg and submitted to Aitkin County Soil and Waters during August 2016 tested negative for Zebra Mussel Veliger (larvae).

**Fishery and Water Quality:** Gregory M. Pfeifer.

On Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, the DNR stocked 2.3 million walleye fry into Lake Minnewawa. John with the Voyager Press was able to attend the stocking. Many photos were taken and an article will be in the Voyager Press the week after the MN fishing opener. Current plan is for stocking to continue in 2018. The 2019 year will not have any stock. The 2019 year class of walleye will help then show further signs of natural reproduction. This data with further lake surveys and sampling will further develop the Lake Minnewawa fishery plan.

Larry Antonsen will be conducting the water clarity readings and submitting them to the LMA and MN Pollution Control.

**Individual and Business Memberships:** Dale K.

Dale will begin visiting business for the annual business membership drive. The Individual membership forms will be mailed out later in May with the Spring newsletter.

**Unfinished Business:** Dale K.

Dale will send a reminder to Aitkin County on an issue with a possibly leaking / failing septic system.

The 2017 Budget has been revised and approved by the board.

Harvesting operation employee search is continuing.

LMA members and board of directors are reminded there are still many events that need chairpersons.

**New Business:** Dale K.

Dale presented documentation of setting up a Google Drive account. This would create a centralized location for LMA documents, data, meeting minutes, and other LMA resources for the board members. Dale asked the board members to review the information presented and be prepared with questions, comments, and concern for the June LMA board meeting.

Christine Nelson presented information on Nextdoor.com It is a website that is based on a community area where events and information can be shared by persons in the community.

A concern was presented that new members may not receive any initial contact from the LMA.

John M. made a motion to adjourn with Robbie D. seconding the motion.

Board members adjourned and completed the annual LMA Highway Clean Up after the meeting.

Submitted:

Gregory M. Pfeifer

LMA Board Member