

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 12, 2023

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 7:02 PM CST. The meeting was held via Zoom. Present were Joann Murphy, Laurie Patrick, Chip Wells, Dan Benzie, Noah Cashman, Kathy Burkard, John Tasky (phone) & Loren Radtke. Excused was Bill Yechout. Absent were Jerry Blazevic and Russ Rehtzigel.
- II. Laurie asked for changes to the agenda. There were none.
- III. The minutes of the September 9, 2023, board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Noah and seconded by John to approve the minutes. APPROVED.
- IV. Dan presented the financial report. Expenditures since the last board meeting were final AIS expenses and the Fall Newsletter. He noted that receipts from membership were down a little from 2022 but donations for AIS treatment were up. He discussed future expenses before the next board meeting including the post office box, insurance, website support, memberships and scholarships. There was no objection to paying those expenses. The balance in the checkbook is \$113,341 (\$44,731 general, \$58,736 AIS, \$8,849 water quality and \$25 memorial). It was moved by Chip and seconded by Noah to approve the report. APPROVED
- IV. New Business
 - a. John discussed the idea of purchasing signs for members to place on their address number posts. He received four bids from two different companies. Dan also solicited a bid from a local business Image Design. The bids were provided to the board prior to the meeting. After a brief discussion the members agreed that they preferred the bid from Image Design. There was discussion about how to distribute the signs. It was agreed that the signs would be provided to members at no charge. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by John to purchase 420 two sided 9"W X 7.5"H aluminum composite-colored signs with rounded corners and two holes from Image design for \$3630.56 and approve an expenditure of up to \$500 by Joann and John Murphy to purchase hardware to affix the signs to the posts. This action is subject to gaining approval from the appropriate governmental authorities to use the posts. APPROVED. John volunteered to attach the signs to the posts on Sand and Dan and Chip did the same for Island. At this point, the free zoom meeting expired. Noah, Chip, Laurie, Loren, John and Joann reestablished the zoom connection.
 - b. Noah reported for the Sturgeon Lake High Water Committee. In late September residents and township officials met with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to view the area and discuss the Houston Engineering report. The county has cleaned out the culvert underneath Lakeland Road, but nothing has been done downstream from there. The state still has not responded to the report.
 - c. There was a brief discussion about applying for a Conservation Legacy Partners Grant to obtain funds to remove purple loosestrife. It was decided that the timeline was too short. Chip volunteered to meet with Rich Rezanka in the Spring to discuss the idea.
- XI. Adjournment

At 7:45 PM it was moved by Chip and seconded by John to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 12/13/2023