# Little Saint Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

## Minutes – September 25, 2025

1. Call to Order by Chairman Steve Anderson at 5:40 p.m.
2. Verification of open meeting posting requirement
3. Roll Call: Attending in person were Judy Wiggen (treasurer), Rick Kollauf, Steve Anderson (chair), Patric Niggemeier, Carolyn Ritter (secretary); attending by Zoom was Michael O'Dwyer; Absent was Bill Humphrey. Quorum was established.
   Also attending were Jim and Cheryl Kelsey.
4. Citizen Comments: Patric offered congratulations to the new commissioners and to Steve as the newly appointed chairman.
5. Discussion/Action Items:
   a. Approval of Minutes: former Secretary Beth Strauss is still working on them, so approval was postponed until the next meeting.
   b. Treasurer's Update: Judy provided an update on the 2026 budget at $193,500 as approved by the electors at the annual meeting which included an increase for weed cutting.
      Discussion on the boat landing included a cost of $7,500 to remove the rock and replace the dock and $35,360 to replace the dock. The cost will be shared equally between Wisconsin Valley Improvement, the DNR and LSLD.
      South Bay aeration system's shed needs maintenance, including replacing the roof and installing a vent to be completed this year. Painting of the shed will be done next spring and Mr. Peterson will purchase the paint to match his house/garage. The work will be done by J&J Services (Jon Vojta).
      Motion by Judy to accept the cost estimate for the roof repair of $1188.82 and the vent cost of $225, second by Patric. Motion carried unanimously.
      Further discussion included there may be a need for a new motor; insurance coverage: an order of 8 buoys is considered a case with a discounted price; payment of the aquatic plant management bills; and budget to be updated on website. Mike requested a financial summary of income/ expenses to date.
   c. New Commissioners & Workforce Review: Rick and Michael introduced themselves and provided information about their backgrounds. Bill will be lead and Rick back up for Aquatic Plant Management; Muskellunge Creek and beaver control will be Judy; water quality/monitoring will be Steve and Jeannie Lord; Wildlife habitat (loons) will be Jeannie Lord; lake insurance will be Judy and Mike; South Bay areatio system will be Steve and Mr. Peterson; CBCW will be Steve; and the boat landing will continue to be Jim and Cheryl Kelsey. Rick suggested an ad hoc committee to look for grants and Judy will attend the Town Lakes Committee meetings.

d. Lake District Insurance: Discussion on Workers Comp by Statue, Commissioners Errors and Omissions coverage and that the policy renews in November.
e. Bank Account Signature Authority: Motion by Rick for Steve to be the second signature authority (first is Judy), second by Patric. Discussion of role, board approval and policy. Motion passed unanimously.
f. Lake Update: It was noted that the boat landing would be closed from 7 am to 3 pm on Sept. 29th for maintenance.
   Steve reported that the contract with UW-Oshkosh will be renewed for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) program with the same grant amount and hours. Evaluation of the blue green algae report was found to be a mixture of algae, including blue green. The report was sent to Vilas County Public Health to post the notification. Further discussion included how to report blue green algae, who evaluates, how to notify the public, and investigating the cause.
   Motion by Patric to hire Jim Kreitlow, former DNR employee, to visit the Levinson's property, second by Carolyn. Motion amended to include a report and specificity of blue green algae and mitigation, with a cost not to exceed $550, amendment second by Carolyn.
   Motion fails in a tie vote (majority required to pass). Voting for the motion were Steve, Patric and Carolyn; voting against the motion were Mike, Judy and Rick. Concern was that LSLD shouldn't have to pay for this; shoreline owner involvement; Steve will reach out to Levinsons.
g. Town Lakes Reimbursement & Reimbursement: Discussion and consensus to maintain the same three representatives to the Town Lakes Committee – Steve, Barb Steinhilber and June Vogel.
   Discussion on reimbursement from Town Lakes Committee for Aquatic Plant Management invoice of $67,657.40 which was paid earlier this year. Motion by Rick to request $10,000 reimbursement from the Town Lakes Committee to help cover the cost of aquatic weed removal, second by Carolyn. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion included how the Town Lakes Committee uses room tax dollars to fund lake projects and how it's reflected in the budget.
h. APM (aquatic plant management: Nest meeting with Onterra will be a virtual meeting held via Teams on October 7 at 2 p.m. to continue working on the plan for Plant Management for 2026-2030.
i. Wildlife Habitat Site/Loon Nesting/No Wake Buoys: Discussed earlier. Additional discussion was that this has passed the Town Lakes Committee and will go to the Town Board for approval. Patric will request it be on the October 13th meeting agenda. He noted there will need to be a public hearing.

j. LakeKit Website Management: Anderson and Ritter will work with Jerry Voigt of Lakekit to maintain, update the website.

k. Aeration System Status: Contract for the South Bay system is in place with Mr. Peterson for the next five years with an increase of $600 per year. Payments are made twice a year.

   Motor Replacement/Repair: John Vojta is working on the motor, we may need to replace it.

   Aeration Building Maintenance – covered earlier as part of agenda item 5 b.

l. Fishery Items: Discussed earlier. The DNR reports that LSLD is in great shape. Currently only walleye and musky are stocked.

m. Boat Landing Rock Removal and Dock Replacement: covered earlier as part of agenda item 5 b. Further discussion included discussion of charging for use (not likely) and replacement cost to be shared by DNR, WVIC and LSLD. LSLD to pay 30%. Question raised on whether we could buy the landing. While not likely, Patric will contact the DNR to pursue idea.

n. Board Meetings and Annual Meeting Dates/ Times: discussion held on dates and times for board meetings. Consensus was every other month on the first or second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Steve will check with the Town Clerk on room availability for Nov. 6 or 13.

o. Letters and Communications: None.

6. Next meeting to be determined. (Meeting set at Nov. 13.)
7. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Ritter