

2025 Big McDonald Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 7th, 2025 @ 9:00AM

Old Community Center, Dent MN

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken by all 35 members in attendance.

Special Presentations.

A. Darren Newville, District Manager Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation District, Eastern Otter Tail County – Shoreland restorations and best practices for shoreland property owners.

B. Colby Palmersheim, Otter Tail County Drainage Ditch Inspector and– Ditch 25 Maintenance/Repair Update. Ditch clean up of 4”-6” depth approximately 4’ width. (High land cleaning will take place this fall). South of CHW 35.

C. Dan Bucholz, Otter Tail County Commissioner, spoke on ditch 25 as well as other topics in the county. Commented on the Minnesota State budget is not finalized that could impact schedules.

Treasures Report:

Treasurer Cyndy Wedryk closed out CD which was due on 5-3-25 and placed the amount into the checking account. Cyndy asked for direction of how much to invest into a new CD.

A motion was made by Ron Zitzow to set up new CD for \$25,000.00 for 5 months and seconded by Dale Janssen. **Motion Passed**

Motion to accept Treasure’s report.

Made by Roger Finstad, Seconded by Byron Trochman. **Motion Passed**

2024 Minutes of Annual Meeting – Motion to Approve.

Motion to Approve made by Keith Brokke, seconded by Rober Fenstad. **Motion Passed**

BMLID Directory Updates

Keith Brokke was asked to update and maintain the directory. Also asked to send out an email to all asking for their cell phone number to add to the directory.

Keith agreed to the request.

Big McDonald Lake water quality.

Barb and Corey Olson reported that the Secchi disk reading was 25.5 Ft average for all three site locations in May 2025. They will continue secchi disk readings and samplings monthly through September each year.

Ron Zitzow will continue monthly sampling of Ditch 25 (three sample sites, monitoring levels of Chlorophyl A, Total Suspended Solids, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Total Phosphorous, Organic Phosphorous, and E. coli bacteria for RMB Lab analysis). May – October.

Forest Tent Caterpillar spraying

Only one report of tent caterpillars, so no spraying is scheduled in 2025. Thus saving \$2,800.

Fish Stocking (\$5000 for Walleye Fingerlings, BMLID Fall 2025).

Motion to continue made by Roger Fenstad, seconded by Jeff Dostal. **Motion Passed**

Carp control

Dave Olig reported that he contacted MN DNR. Their suggestion that several large carp is better for the lake because they eat the small carp thus maintaining a reasonable number of carp. If the large carp were removed, small carp numbers would increase causing a bigger problem. Netting will take place this August that should support this.

Ordinance proposals for Big McDonald Lake ... Should there be:

1. Establishment of a No Wake Zone/5 MPH within 100 yds of shoreline.
2. No wake boarding within 200 yds of shoreline.
3. No application of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides within 100 ft of shoreline.

General discussion was ordinance would be difficult to enforce and if we made this information known to all, the problem can be eliminated without the need for more regulations.

It was suggested to put a note on the website asking boat operators to be aware of wake issues. Ron Zitzow to get this information to Glen Swanton for the website.

All agreed but no further action was taken.

Discussion & Approval of 2025/2026 Budget

Cyndy Wedyrk proposed a budget, it was modified to have a balanced budget (See attached).

Motion to approve the modified budget made by Cyndy Wedryk, seconded by Keith Brokke.

Motion Passed

Nominees for BMLID Board of Directors

Damon Janssen (to replace his father, Dale Janssen as Secretary) and Chuck Tomanek (Bill's Beach) were nominated.

Motion to accept made by Roger Fenstad, seconded by Byron Trochman. **Motion Passed**

Keith Brokke announced his term expiration and stepped down asking for another to step forward.

Newly Elected Board Members.

Ron Zitzow, President

Chad Gabrielson, Vice President

Damon Janssen, Secretary

Waylon Birch

Dave Olig

Justin Carney

Jeff Dostal

Chuck Tomanek

Cyndy Wedryk, Treas. (non-voting)

Boat Parade 2025

Parade should start at public access, proceed counterclockwise finish and at the public access. Mary Benepe will be asked to coordinate. Prize fun from the Lake Association account.

Prizes: \$100 First Place
\$ 50 Second Place
\$ 25 Third Place

Next Annual meeting scheduled for June 6, 2026 @ 9:00 AM. Same location.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Keith Brokke.

Respectfully submitted: Dale Janssen, Secretary

Big McDonald Lake Improvement District
Actual Budget 06/01/25 – 05/31/2026

Income

Ad Valorum Tax Receipts	\$ 9,900.00
Checking Account Interest	8.00
CD Interest	<u>1,600.00</u>
<u>Total Income</u>	\$ 11,508.00

Expenses:

Lake Testing/Monitoring (RMB Labs)	3,800.00
Fish Stocking	2,500.00
Tent Caterpillar Spraying & Ditch 25 Issues	4,000.00
OTC COLA	450.00
Web Page Update	400.00
Minnesota Lakes and Rivers	150.00
Post Office Box, Postage	125.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$ <u>11,425.00</u>

Total **\$ 83.00**

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