

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6:00 P.M., June 24, 2020  
Virtual Meeting

Due to COVID-19 Guidelines, pursuant to a statement issued by the presiding officer (Board Chair) under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021, the meeting was conducted remotely through electronic means using Zoom. The LMCD's usual meeting room was not open or available to the public or the Directors.

**WORK SESSION**

6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Rich Anderson, Orono; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Bill Cook, Greenwood; Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Ben Brandt, Mound; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Michael Kirkwood, Minnetrista; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Mark Kroll, Excelsior; Denny Newell, Woodland; Nicole Stone, Minnetonka; Jake Walesch, Deephaven; and, Deborah Zorn, Shorewood. Also present: Troy Gilchrist, LMCD Legal Counsel; Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director; and Matt Cook, Environmental Administrative Technician.

**Members Absent:**

None

**Persons in Audience:**

John Bendt, Eric Evenson, Michelle Maurey, and Jason Naber.

**1. Lake Minnetonka Vegetation and AIS Master Plan Review**

Schleuning explained the importance of a lake-wide vegetation and AIS Master Plan. She reviewed the planning process which began in May 2019 and noted that the intent is that this would be a living document and will be updated as needed or as new information is made available. She highlighted the purpose and achievements of the Master Plan. She reviewed the continued plan activities including the interactive map to report vegetation, survey for public input regarding AIS management, and public education. She reviewed the pending plan activities which include additional GIS data collection and web mapping, assess AIS management options in Black Lake, assess AIS management conditions and options as reported, conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> vegetation delineation surveys for evaluation of control methods and lake health, and acquire Lake Management Professional.

Cook reviewed some of the AIS management options and LMCD roles including methods for monitoring lake health, providing support to AIS management, and support for AIS prevention.

Jason Naber commented that good data and public input was gathered throughout the process and welcomed comments from the Board.

Chair Thomas commented that he has read through the plan multiple times and continues to learn new information each time.

Zorn thanked Schleuning and Cook for their leadership on this topic. She stated that the budget will be considered at tonight's meeting and asked how the line item for AIS in the coming budget session would relate to these efforts.

Cook referenced line item 13 on the budget which designates \$75,000 for the AIS prevention program. He noted that includes the cost of a lake scientist and would also begin progress towards some of the items he discussed. He noted that line item 14 also includes funds in the case that contract harvesting is needed.

Kirkwood asked if this could be considered as a shelf reference of the information that is known on the lake and sets the stage for the next steps.

Cook confirmed that this creates baselines in addition to being a reference and also sets the stage for future activities.

Kirkwood stated that perhaps it would be helpful to have a copy of this information available in the local library for residents to access.

Walesch stated that it is his understanding that future funds will not be spent until the Board has an opportunity to discuss the role that the LMCD plays in AIS management and what would be the most useful way to spend its funds. He stated that the decision was made to place funds in the budget for a lake manager, but it was determined that the Board will make the final decision when the RFP is reviewed. He asked if it would be a fair statement to say that funds would not be spent without Board discussion.

Cook confirmed that to be true. He stated that they are preparing an RFP for the lake scientist position that would need to be approved by the Board. He stated that the only thing that would not come back before the Board would be work on public surveys and the communication elements.

Walesch asked the funds that would be needed for the survey and communication elements.

Cook estimated \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Walesch appreciated all the work that has been done. He commented that the ideas look great but believed that the Board needs to have a discussion on the role the LMCD will have. He stated that he looks forward to the next opportunity to discuss some of the ideas in more depth.

Anderson commented that it would seem that the AIS budget line item should be split into the different categories, rather than just stating that the \$75,000 is designated for AIS.

Baasen referenced the contract harvesting and hot spots. He stated that perhaps funds are just allocated for spot harvesting rather than requiring a request to come before the Board. He stated that the contract harvesting should instead be available upon authorization by the Chair and Executive Director.

Chair Thomas commented that it seems the Board agrees with the plan but is asking who will take the next steps to develop proposals that the Board could take on as actions.

Cook commented that it would be helpful to have those things come from a body of lake stakeholders. He noted that as that work is developed, budget amendments could come forward. He noted that the issue of grants could be discussed by the AIS Task Force along with the Save the Lake Committee.

Chair Thomas asked if Cook and Schleuning could develop some next steps for the Board to review at its next meeting.

Walesch requested that the Board hold a work session to focus only on AIS. He commented that it's time for the Board to have that discussion. He stated that he is not interested in hearing proposals and providing a yes or no vote and would instead want to have a Board discussion on the LMCD role in AIS management.

Chair Thomas agreed that the Board could do that at its next work session.

Anderson stated that perhaps the group does not need to wait two weeks to have that discussion and could hold a meeting via Zoom to discuss AIS management.

Walesch commented that there would need to be notification provided for the meeting but stated that he would be fine holding the meeting outside of the typical Board meeting dates.

Kirkwood stated that he would also support the idea of holding a separate meeting. He stated that perhaps a framework is provided prior to the meeting to help guide discussion of the Board.

Walesch commented that it would take time to develop a framework and suggested that if Board members have ideas, they can provide those to staff. He stated that in order to get everyone involved it would be great to have this discussion on a scheduled meeting date. He suggested starting with that one-hour work session and noted that additional workshops could be held after that.

## **2. Recodification Clarifications Additional Review**

Gilchrist highlighted a few corrective changes to the Code related to definitions, lighting, shoreline calculation, lake maintenance equipment, and conversion of uses. He asked for consent of the Board to bring this back to a regular meeting for adoption.

Chair Thomas confirmed that could take place. He noted that this could come forward to the Board for approval and additional review could always be done in the future.

## **3. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**FORMAL MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Rich Anderson, Orono; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Bill Cook, Greenwood; Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Ben Brandt, Mound; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Michael Kirkwood, Minnetrista; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Mark Kroll, Excelsior; Denny Newell, Woodland; Nicole Stone, Minnetonka; Jake Walesch, Deephaven; and, Deborah Zorn, Shorewood. Also present: Troy Gilchrist, LMCD Legal Counsel; Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director; and Matt Cook, Environmental Administrative Technician.

**Members Absent:**

None

**Persons in Audience:**

Blake Arnold, John Bendt, Eric Evenson, Dave Hemink, Perry Juel, John Lundquist, Michelle Morey, Jason Naber, Rob Schatzle, John Senescall, and Don Westman.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Members present:** Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay; Rich Anderson, Orono; Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Bill Cook, Greenwood; Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Ben Brandt, Mound; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Michael Kirkwood, Minnetrista; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Mark Kroll, Excelsior; Denny Newell, Woodland; Nicole Stone, Minnetonka; Jake Walesch, Deephaven; and, Deborah Zorn, Shorewood. Also present: Troy Gilchrist, LMCD Legal Counsel; Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director; and Matt Cook, Environmental Administrative Technician.

**Members absent:** None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Kroll moved, Kirkwood seconded to change the small bay high water issue to a later date.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	nay
Baasen	nay
Brandt	aye
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	aye
Hughes	nay

Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye
Newell	aye
Stone	aye
Thomas	aye
Walesch	aye
Zorn	aye

Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Thomas moved, Stone seconded to approve the amended agenda.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	aye
Baasen	aye
Brandt	aye
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	aye
Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye
Newell	aye
Stone	aye
Thomas	aye
Walesch	aye
Zorn	aye

Motion carried.

## 5. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair announcements.

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 5/27/20 LMCD Regular Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Baasen moved, Anderson seconded to approve the 5/27/20 LMCD Regular Board Meeting minutes as submitted.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	aye
Baasen	aye

Brandt	aye
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	aye
Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye
Newell	aye
Stone	abstain
Thomas	aye
Walesch	aye
Zorn	abstain

Motion carried.

## 7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Anderson requested to remove Item B “Resolution Accepting Save the Lake Contributions” and E “2021 Budget Approval” from the consent agenda. Anderson noted that he sent a check to Save the Lake and desired his contribution to go to the reserve fund rather than the general fund. He stated that he would like to further discuss the AIS line item in the proposed budget.

**MOTION:** Anderson moved to remove Items B and E from the Consent Agenda. Motion failed for lack of a second.

**MOTION:** Baasen moved, Cook seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items so approved included: **7A)** Audit of Vouchers (06/01/20 – 06/15/20) and (06/16/20 – 06/30/20); **7B)** Resolution Accepting Save the Lake Contributions; **7C)** May Financial Summary; **7D)** 2020 Executive Director Compensation Adjustment; and **7E)** 2021 Budget Approval.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	nay
Baasen	aye
Brandt	aye
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	aye
Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye
Newell	aye
Stone	aye
Thomas	aye
Walesch	aye

Zorn            aye

Motion carried.

Walesch asked if staff could ensure that Anderson's contribution to Save the Lake is categorized in the way he requested.

Baasen confirmed that he would work with Cook to ensure that Anderson's contribution is credited as desired.

Chair Thomas confirmed that they would honor the wishes of the donor.

Schleuning recognized Anderson and North Shore Marina along with Tonka Bay Marina which made contributions earmarked to the Hennepin County Sheriff Water Patrol.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Persons in attendance, subjects not on the agenda (limited to 5 minutes)

John Bendt stated that at the last meeting he expressed concern about the dominant presence that wake boats have on the smaller bays and urged the Board to be faithful to its mission to enhance the experience for all the stakeholders of the lake. He stated that since that time he has had the opportunity to speak with his neighbors and sent signed statements from three of his neighbors on North Arm along with a neighbor on Maxwell Bay. He believed that the Board has a duty to address this issue. He appreciated that the Board is willing to listen but believed there should be policies in place that restore the balance for all lake users. He stated that the wake boats have such a dominant presence that it makes it difficult for others to enjoy the lake. He believed there should be predictability on when a paddle boarder or kayaker could go out without worrying about a wake boat swamping them out with waves.

Michelle Morey, 825 Tonkawa Road, stated that she is a resident of North Arm Bay and understands that everyone uses the lake differently. She believed that there should be some middle ground because the wake boats are so disruptive. She stated that over the past five years the bay has changed dramatically. She noted that the biggest impacts have been on fishing and kayaking. She stated that she no longer keeps her fishing boat on the lake because of the impacts from the wake boats. She stated that she also cannot enjoy kayaking on the lake because of the wake boats. She stated that the boats and their stereo systems generate a lot of noise. She stated that waves shake the dock, damage the shoreline, and can be dangerous. She stated that high water restrictions would make it almost impossible for wake boats to legally operate on North Arm Bay. She stated that she would like to see some middle ground so that everyone can enjoy the lake equally. She suggested perhaps certain days of the week or times of day be designated as no wake.

John Lundquist thanked the Board for the work it does for the lake and the community. He stated that he is also a resident of North Arm Bay. He stated that the bay tends to draw wake surfing enthusiasts. He stated that there are a number of residents concerned with the impacts the wakes have on the shoreline and other elements. He stated that the biggest issue has been the noise pollution. He stated that he can hear the music inside his home while the boats continue for hours at a time. He stated that the LMCD has rules against noise, but the same issue arises each year. He understood that the Water Patrol cannot be used to police this issue on a daily basis and asked what could be done to communicate that the loud music is not okay. He stated that this has been an issue for over a decade and believed that a creative solution should be

developed that would allow people to enjoy the lake and also preserve the rights of the homeowners for peace and quiet.

Eric Evenson, LMA, stated that he listened to the workshop earlier tonight as he is interested in the AIS topic. He stated that he believes that the plan has some shortcomings and noted that he would follow up with comments to staff. He stated that he agrees that the Board needs to have a discussion on what the LMCD's role will be in AIS management and how its' funds would be spent. He reviewed some of the items that were mentioned for continued funding and stated that he likes the idea that the LMCD could provide funds and staff resources. He encouraged the Board to not focus on planning and should instead focus on concrete activities that would directly benefit those living on the lake. He stated that milfoil and weeds are getting bad in some of the bays and that would be one of the first things the LMCD could do to help. He stated that the LMCD should put some resources back into the lake rather than continuing to collect data.

## **9. PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **11. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A) Deicing Regulations Code Amendment Discussion**

Gilchrist stated that the work group developed a number of documents and proposed amendments, which he used to draft the proposed formal amendment. He stated that staff would appreciate additional time to review the topic and proposed amendment. He noted that he would also like additional feedback from the Board. He reviewed some of the questions that he would like input on from the Board.

Cook stated that he is a member of the work group that drafted the information and was disappointed that the work group was not given the opportunity to have a discussion with staff and legal counsel prior to this discussion. He commented that some changes are proposed that he is not comfortable with and recommended that this go back to the work group.

Anderson echoed the comments of Cook. He stated that the intent was to provide a set of BMPs that could be implemented. He stated that the intent was never to make changes to those operating legally. He stated that instead these should be guidelines that could be used by those experiencing problems in order to correct issues.

Walesch thanked the members of the work group for their contributions. He noted that staff and legal counsel attempted to bring something forward, but it sounds like there is additional work needed. He asked for details on the waiver provision.

Gilchrist stated that was meant to be an informal variance process and provided additional explanation on the waiver to the performance standards.



Walesch stated that it appears there is additional work needed between the work group and staff. He stated that it sounds like there would need to be a mechanism in place to allow those that have been deicing without problem to continue to operate or whether the new rules would need to apply to everyone equally. He did not believe March 1<sup>st</sup> would be the date for deicing, as they need to ensure that the fish houses are removed from the lake. He stated that question eight would be a separate discussion as he would not want to expand who is eligible for deicing without having a robust discussion.

Chair Thomas stated that it appears that additional discussion is needed between staff and the work group.

**B) High Water Declaration Review Update**

Schleuning stated that there was good input from the high water declaration experience the previous year. She stated that staff worked with Water Patrol to develop some updates for high water. She stated that several areas were reviewed including implementing high water. She reviewed methods for effective communication prior to the declaration and effective operations and communication after declaration including methods that have been done successfully in the past as well as additional suggestions for the future. She reviewed methods that would assist in providing efficient enforcement. She stated that the LMCD is also going to promote "Own Your Wake" all season. She stated that the Board could also review the current Code and minimum wake areas.

Chair Thomas suggested that the issue of small bays come back to a future meeting for further discussion.

Anderson commented that this has been a long time coming and there has been a lot of discussion. He commented on the ideas that he thought would be helpful. He stated that he would like these items to be enacted.

Schleuning stated that the lake is not in high water right now but if there was high water, these would be implemented. She noted that a website is being created for "Own Your Wake." She confirmed that these things can occur administratively and do not require Board action.

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, Walesch seconded to accept administrative implementation of the high water declaration items 1A, 1B, 1C, use of the emergency response dock, and item 2.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	aye
Baasen	aye
Brandt	aye
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	aye
Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye
Newell	aye
Stone	aye

Thomas	aye
Walesch	aye
Zorn	aye

Motion carried.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Request for Minimum Wake Buoy for Caribbean Marina and Restaurant
- B) Request for Minimum Wake Buoy for Lindbo Landing

Schleunig provided general considerations for buoys. She reviewed language within the Code related to watercraft speeds and quiet waters areas. She reviewed some questions the Board should consider related to buoy requests. She reviewed the request from the Caribbean Marina and Restaurant. She noted that a single minimum wake buoy was approved by the LMCD Board in June 2010. She stated that the applicant has stated that many boats are not observing the 150-foot rule and there have been multiple incidents resulting in damage to boats. She provided photographs and played a short video showing wakes coming on the fuel dock.

Schleunig presented the request for Lindbo Landing, noting that many boaters are not observing the 150-foot rule and there have been four incidents of damage to lifts, docks and boats. She played a short video supplied by the applicant.

Kirkwood stated that he would like to include that the Board talk about the issue, noting that these are not the only two situations on the lake that would benefit. He believed that the broader picture of speed and wake in narrow/channel areas should be considered across the lake. He stated that his experience on the lake has been if there is a slow buoy, people do slow down. He believed that the constituents are underserved by not having additional buoys at different locations around the lake.

Chair Thomas asked the role of the LMCD in approval and placement of buoys as well as the role of other agencies.

Schleunig stated that Hennepin County places general location and hazardous buoys. She stated that the LMCD has the authority to approve temporary buoys, which are placed further than 200 feet from shoreline, which are privately operated. She stated that the LMCD also operates the solar light program.

Walesch asked and received confirmation that these requests are in the same bay. He stated that he agrees with the statement made by Kirkwood in that the requests should not be reviewed on an individual basis and should instead be reviewed on a broader scale. He stated that he understands why the requests are being made but the Board would need a better idea on where the buoys would go. He stated that if the Board approves this request, it is clear that many requests will follow. He stated that he would not be in favor of granting these requests in open water, such as these areas.

Chair Thomas commented that Echo Bay is not a small bay and houses three marinas along with the city's public launch.

Walesch asked if there have been accidents or serious issues with the three marinas or public launch.

Chair Thomas commented that there were two boats that collided at the intersection of Echo Bay and Excelsior Bay but noted that occurred prior to most boats being in the water.

Kirkwood stated that in the years he has lived on the lake he has waited for the day there is a death collision as boat drivers do not pay attention to their speeds. He asked that a work group be setup to address these concerns and do a better job laying out a plan for the overall lake. He stated that he would be happy to lead the work group.

Chair Thomas invited the applicants to provide input.

Dave Hemink, representing the Caribbean, stated that he is requesting an additional buoy. He invited any of the Board members to dock their boat 150 feet from their docks to see what the marina is experiencing. He stated that the size of the bay is irrelevant and believed that the decision should be made on the volume and speed of traffic. He stated that boaters are traveling in large boats at high speeds through this area. He stated that there is also a public launch and the use of the lake is up by 30 percent this year. He stated that his boat is slipped on the western side in front of the access for the public launch and he has watched people come up to the launch at higher speeds so that they do not have to sink their trailer. He reviewed another location of the lake that has three buoys within 1,400 feet but has a much lower volume of traffic compared to this area that is about 3,500 feet with two buoys. He noted that during the most recent public hearings for the Caribbean there were comments from residents related to the volume of traffic on the bay. He commented that this is a minimal request. He explained that rather than having two buoys that would provide the demarcation for boat drivers would be helpful, rather than having one buoy and leaving that interpretation of 150 feet up to the boater. He stated that the buoy in front of North Shore Marina is well beyond 150 feet and commended Mr. Anderson for being allowed to place a buoy that far out. He stated that there is a problem on the lake that needs to be addressed and they are attempting to be part of the solution. He stated that line of sight buoys is important, rather than having a single buoy. He asked that the North Shore Marina buoy be the standard at the distance buoys are placed for marinas.

Don Westman, Lindbo Landing, stated that he will not rehash all of the information presented by staff. He stated that Echo Bay is a very, very, busy bay and they are extremely concerned with the unsafe conditions they are experiencing in front of their marina. He stated that they are now up to 10 incidents. He stated that his customers struggle on high traffic days to navigate in and out of the slips. He stated that there have been multiple issues of damage to boats, slips and lifts. He stated that he believes there would be a big difference if they could control the north to south traffic with a buoy. He also believed that the Caribbean did a great job of explaining the issues that marinas in this bay deal with.

Blake Arnold stated that he has been a customer of Lindbo Landing Marina for the past eight years. He stated that he applauds the comments of the marina owners and agrees that there should be a broader review of how the increase in traffic, size of wakes, and speed is dealt with. He stated that this is an opportunity to solve a current and real problem for this area. He stated that he has had a number of close calls due to the large wakes. He stated that this is a minimally invasive approach that would provide an increased level of safety for the marinas.

John Senescall, 275 West Point Road, stated that conceptually he is in favor of the buoy to be placed in the center of the Lindbo Landing Marina dock structure as that could help to protect the docks and provide increased safety to their customers. He stated that additional buoys will not help against the east winds or the inconsiderate boaters that do not follow the buoys.

Douglas Babcock, 75 Lakeview Avenue, submitted a written response which was read into the record from Chair Thomas. He commented that Echo Bay does not need any more quiet water areas or slow wake buoys. He commented that near shore traffic is not the most significant source of wake in the bay.

Anderson stated that Mr. Babcock made a number of accurate comments in his written statement. He stated that he is not sure how the buoys were placed near North Shore Marina, commented that he did not provide placement suggestions.

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, Cook seconded to approve the request from the Caribbean for an additional two buoys, totaling three slow wake buoys, upon the condition of meeting physical buoy requirements and located within their extended lot lines per the site plan, and no more than 150 feet from the end of the main 200 foot dock to a distance totaling 350 feet from shore; bought and placed at the expense of the marina and removed before the ice.

Further discussion: Hoelscher asked if these buoys would be put out by the Water Patrol.

Schleuning stated that staff would work with the Water Patrol on the design.

Hoelscher stated that staff mentioned that the Water Patrol did not want to install additional buoys and asked for details.

Schleuning stated that Hennepin County has a number of public location buoys and the County does not want to be responsible for installing or maintaining any additional buoys. She stated that the applicant would be responsible for properly locating the buoy and for the cost of the buoy.

Kirkwood commented that he believes that there should be additional discussion by a work group on this topic and noted that the County could be a part of those discussions.

Chair Thomas asked for input from the Caribbean on the proposed action.

Dave Hemink stated that the intent is to provide the same buoys seen exiting or entering slow wake areas. He stated that they would not want to create confusion and would place the buoys at their cost and would maintain ownership. He stated that he would appreciate the ability to have three buoys as proposed in the motion.

Schleuning stated that there would be discussion on the type of buoy to be purchased when a temporary structure permit is issued.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	aye
Baasen	nay
Brandt	aye
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	aye

Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye
Newell	aye
Stone	aye
Thomas	aye
Walesch	nay
Zorn	nay

Motion carried.

Chair Thomas then referenced the request from Lindbo Landing.

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, Zorn seconded to deny the request from Lindbo Landing because the marina does not have a gas dock and chose to go out to 200 feet in order to reach qualified marina standing.

Further discussion: Don Westman stated that he believes he should be given the same consideration as the Caribbean as the concern is not for just the gas dock but for the whole marina. He commented that it does not make sense to approve one request and not the other as they are on the same bay and experience problems because of the high volume of traffic and speed of the boats.

Chair Thomas noted that the Tonka Bay City Council was supportive of both requests.

Hoelscher asked if placing the buoy as requested would just be a reminder of the existing rules.

Schleuning stated that the intent is to change the boating behavior by reminding boaters of the requirement to stay 150 feet from the docks. She stated that boat sizes have changed, and the use of the lake is higher now. She confirmed that the 150-foot marking off a dock structure is the current requirement for going slow.

Hoelscher commented that this would then not make the situation more restrictive but would remind boaters of the restriction to stay 150 feet from the dock structure.

Anderson stated that his consideration was that the Caribbean has a gas dock and that needs to be protected. He stated that Lindbo Landing does not have a gas dock.

Kroll stated that he believes that Anderson should recuse himself as Anderson could be considered a competitor.

Anderson commented that Lindbo Landing would not be a competitor of his marina.

Gilchrist stated that the issue of conflict of interest has arose multiple times. He stated that there have been members on the Board that own marinas and until there is a larger discussion, he did not see a conflict in Anderson making a motion or voting.

Chair Thomas appreciated Kroll's comment but noted that he would rule that there is not a conflict of interest.

Newell stated that coming out of Lafayette Bay would be a straight shot to Excelsior and boats do not need to curve in closer to shore. He stated that the marina owners are simply looking for respect and therefore he does not have a problem with the request for a buoy.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	aye
Baasen	nay
Brandt	nay
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	nay
Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	nay
Klohs	nay
Kroll	nay
Newell	nay
Stone	nay
Thomas	nay
Walesch	aye
Zorn	aye

Motion failed.

**MOTION:** Kirkwood moved, Baasen seconded to approve the request from Lindbo Landing for one minimum wake buoy upon the condition of meeting physical buoy requirements and located within their extended lot lines per the site plan.

Further discussion: Anderson asked who would pay for the buoy.

Chair Thomas noted that the buoy would be paid for and placed by Lindbo Landing.

Kirkwood accepted that language.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	nay
Baasen	aye
Brandt	aye
Cook	nay
Hoelscher	aye
Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye

Newell	aye
Stone	aye
Thomas	aye
Walesch	nay
Zorn	nay

Motion carried.

Kirkwood asked about the idea he proposed to create a work group. He stated that he would like to form a work group to review the broader issues and interests voiced tonight and develop a strategy or guidelines in the environment of increased boat traffic and speeds. He stated that property owners and lake users are getting frustrated. He stated that his intent would be to address the slow wake buoys along with safety on the lake due to increasing boat traffic and speeds.

Chair Thomas suggested that Kirkwood work to develop a project outline.

Schleuning stated that at one point there was a high water work group and a slow/no wake work group but the Board agreed that any wake issue should be considered by the Board as a whole.

Chair Thomas confirmed that previous consensus related to wake issues.

Walesch stated that he believes that it would have been a good idea to talk about the issue before the Board voted on these two requests. He noted that these requests were from marinas, which differentiates the requests. He stated that from his perspective these buoys are in wide open water. He stated that the group could proactively address this issue but noted that he does not support looking for more locations for buoys. He stated that he would prefer to wait for a request to come forward and therefore would not support a work group. He stated that if many requests come forward the idea of a work group could be revisited rather than the Board proactively looking for more buoy locations on its own.

Hoelscher commented that it is an important issue but believed that the Board should stay focused on the issues it is currently working on and keep issues prioritized. She stated that this could be addressed during the Strategic Plan process.

Chair Thomas noted that this topic could instead be added to the future items list for the time being.

Kirkwood stated that he would agree that this could be built into the Strategic Plan process and would be in agreement with placing this on the future items list.

### **13. TREASURER REPORT**

Cook had nothing further to report.

### **14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Schleuning provided the following information:

- Press Release from Sheriff's Office related to water safety. Some beaches do not have lifeguards and users should be aware.
- Save the Lake Donations: Donations were made by North Shore Marina and Tonka Bay Marina that will be allocated to the HCSO Water Patrol.
- Own Your Wake: Communications and promotions will begin for Own Your Wake in attempt to be proactive and educate boaters.
- Seen and Be Seen: There are ways non-motorized lake users can increase their visibility to boaters.
- Current water Level today: 929.20

## 15. STANDING LMCD COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP

Aquatic Invasive Species Taskforce: No report.

Budget Workgroup: No report.

Communications and Legislative Relations: Hoelscher stated that the LMCD entered into an agreement that the consultant would be available on an as needed basis following the expiration of the contract. Staff has worked on the Own Your Wake messaging and welcomed any additional ideas on how that message could be spread. She asked the Board members to share and like the social media posts from the LMCD.

Deicing and Permanent Dock Workgroup: No report.

Save the Lake Committee – Draft Save the Lake Contribution Letter: Baasen reported that the group will meet on July 7<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the solicitation letter went out at the end of May and there have been some responses. He stated that the group will initiate protocol for Save the Lake funds if and when available, for implementation in 2021.

Strategic Plan Subcommittee: Hoelscher reported that the group will meet the week of July 6<sup>th</sup> with plans to come back to the Board in a work session during August.

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Baasen moved, Cook seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

A roll call vote was performed:

Anderson	aye
Baasen	aye
Brandt	abstain/lost connection
Cook	aye
Hoelscher	aye
Hughes	aye
Kirkwood	aye
Klohs	aye
Kroll	aye
Newell	aye



Stone	aye
Thomas	aye
Walesch	abstain/lost connection
Zorn	abstain/lost connection

Motion carried.

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Gregg Thomas, Chair

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Dan Baasen, Secretary