

ELID

Annual Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2026 (Approved)

Board Members of Attendance:

Kelly Hepper, Chairperson
Stephanie Enderle, Vice-Chairperson
Colleen Ziebol, Treasurer
Dean Kluss, Secretary
Gene Curtis
Craig Andrews
Vicki Severson

Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Annual Meeting Agenda Approval
3. Introduction of Board Members & Announcements
4. Introduction of OTC District 3 Commissioner
5. Guest Speaker – Spencer McGrew OTC AIS Specialist
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Directors
8. Update of Culvert Replacement
9. Update 2025 Water Sampling results
10. Annual Water Testing Summary
11. No Wake Zone and Wake Boat Operation
12. Comprehensive Lake Plant Survey
13. Proposed Budget 2027 & Vote
14. Election Results
15. Adjournment

ELID Members in Attendance: There were 40 parcel members that registered/signed in (out of 190 members). All were offered a name tag at check-in. Paper ballots and voting cards were handed out at the registration desk. Four (4) mail-in absentee ballots were received and counted as part of the election for the four (4) new Board members.

Meeting Notice: In addition to the meeting notice being sent to each member, a notice was published in the Battle Lake Review newspaper twice (July 8th & 15th) prior to the annual meeting.

Meeting PowerPoint Presentation: The Board of Directors prepared a PowerPoint presentation which organized and outlined the Annual Meeting discussion and topics.

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order. Kelly Hepper called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 18, 2026.
2. Annual Meeting Agenda Approval. The agenda (as noted above) was reviewed and there were no exceptions noted. Motion was made to “approve the agenda” and seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the **“Agenda” was unanimously APPROVED.**
3. Introduction of Board Members & Announcements.
 - a. Kelly Hepper welcomed members to the 5th ANNUAL MEETING of the Eagle Lake Improvement District (ELID) and introduced the current Board of Directors.
 - b. Election ballot judges will be Gene Curtis and Craig Andrews.
 - c. Mailed out with the annual meeting notice were the “candidate statements” for the Board of Directors.
 - d. We will forgo reading of the 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes if there is no objection. There were no objections to NOT reading last year’s meeting minutes.
4. Introduction of OTC District 3 Commissioner. Kurt Mortenson, County Commissioner, greeted the membership and made mention of the fact that lakes are the biggest asset of the county and hope that the legislature will restore AIS funding.
5. Guest Speaker – Spencer McGrew. Spencer is the OTC AIS specialist. Spencer gave a slide presentation on Aquatic plant native/invasive species identification, prevention and treatment. Following the presentation, Spencer answered questions.
6. Treasurer’s Report. Colleen Ziebol presented the End of Year 2025 and Year-To-Date (YTD) 2026 financial reports. The 2025 end-of-year balance ended up at \$27,267.50. The YTD 2026 (January through July) has a current balance of \$28,766.37. There was a call for questions regarding the reports, there were no questions. A motion was made to “accept the two financial reports” and seconded. A voice vote was taken, and the **“2025 & 2026 financial reports” were unanimously ACCEPTED.**
7. Election of Directors. Kelly Hepper opened nominations from the floor to fill four (4) board seats vacancies for the ELID. Two (2) full-time resident seats and two (2) seasonal seats. Full-time residents Kelly Hepper and Colleen Ziebol have reached the maximum 2 term limits and will be coming off the Board. Seasonal resident Stephanie Enderle is not seeking a second term. Those elected today will serve a three-year term. In addition, the board appointed Vicki Severson (seasonal resident) to fill the remainder of Jeff Olson’s term ending July 2027 (due to the sale of his property) is on the ballot. The Board of Directors consists of seven members. There are four full-time residents and three seasonal residents. The Ballot also calls for a yes/no vote on amending the ELID Bylaws as approved by the board.

- a) Call for nominations. Dean Johnson and Bill Shumaker (full-time residents) plus Richard Hilscher and Vicki Severson (seasonal residents) were nominated from the floor and seconded. There were no additional nominations from the floor. It was noted that candidate statements were previously included in the Annual Meeting Notice mailing.
 - b) Kelly Hepper made a second call for any other nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were made.
 - c) Call was made for a motion to “close nominations.” A motion was made and seconded. A voice vote was taken to “**close nominations**” and was **unanimously APPROVED**.
 - d) Members are to cast a vote for two (2) full-time resident candidates and two (2) seasonal residents. **Election results at conclusion of meeting**
 - e) Paper Ballots, which were handed out at registration, were collected by the Election Judges for counting.
8. Update of Culvert Replacement. Dean Johnson presented the project update. The project was delayed till this fall due to the high-water level and early snow last fall. The board is recommending that the existing 18” CMP be replaced with a 15” dual wall HDPE as recommended by the DNR. Advantages include a slight increase in flow rate due to smooth wall design, gasketed joints for less chance of roots invasion, 75-year life expectancy and lower material cost. Permits from the DNR and County are in place and include the change of pipe material. The project cost, including engineering and permits, remains unchanged and is estimated at \$18,500. It is anticipated that the work will be accomplished in September or October (low lake water level season). Following the discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the change to the pipe project. A voice vote was taken, and the **pipe project change was unanimously APPROVED**.
9. Water Sampling results from 2025. Dean Johnson reviewed the results from the water testing done in June of 2025 as the results of the testing was not available at the 2025 annual meeting. This water sampling and testing were for two pipes draining (year-round) into the lake from adjacent watershed ponds/sloughs. There were no concerns noted.
10. COLA Water Sampling. It was noted that ELID has budgeted and taken over all the lake water sampling/testing (five times per summer) that was previously being accomplished through ELLA. Dean Johnson reviewed the water sampling results from the 2025 sampling and indicated the analysis/conclusions are that there were no concerns noted. Official lake clarity readings are May 17 @ 37’, June 21st @ 39’. Samplings are also proposed/budgeted for 2026 and included in the proposed budget for next year.
11. No Wake Zone and Wake Boat Operation. Kelly Hepper reviewed the recommended guidelines concerning no wake zones and wake boat recommendations.
12. Comprehensive Weed Survey. Dean Kluss informed the membership that a comprehensive weed survey of the lake would be performed the first week of August by RMB Environmental Laboratories as planned and budgeted for in 2026. This will identify what currently exists in the lake and will be a benchmark for monitoring any future changes. Subsequent years may only need to be monitored for aquatic invasive species.

13. Proposed 2027 Budget & Vote. Colleen Ziebol presented the Proposed 2027 Budget noting the reduction in the beginning balance by \$3000 due to legislation requiring Lake Improvement Districts to be audited every 5 years. ELID will complete the requirement in 2026 at a cost of \$3000. The 2027 Budget includes operating expenses, water testing, weed survey and insurance. **The proposed “fee” for 2027 is \$50 per riparian parcel.** There was a call for questions regarding the report, there were no questions. A motion was made to “accept the 2027 Budget” and seconded. A “card count” vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously (41 card votes to “accept” the motion with 0 card votes against). **The 2026 budget was unanimously APPROVED.**
14. Election Results. The Inspectors of the Election (Gene Curtis and Craig Andrews) announced the results of the election for 4 board vacancies and the Bylaws Amendment. The paper ballot voting results are as follows:
- a) Full-time resident – **Dean A Johnson @ 52 votes..... elected to 3-year term.**
 - b) Full-time resident – **William Shumaker @ 54 votes.....elected to 3-year term.**
 - c) Seasonal resident – **Richard Hilscher @ 54 votes..... elected to 3-year term.**
Stephanie Enderle @ 4 votes.
 - d) Seasonal resident – **Vicki Severson @ 55 votes.....elected to 1-year term** (Property owners approved Board's appointment to complete term of vacant seasonal position).
 - e) Bylaws Revision – **YES @ 53 votes, NO @ 1 vote, One ballot blank.**
15. Adjournment. Citing no further business, a motion was made “to adjourn” this meeting and seconded. A voice vote was called for and the **motion to “adjourn” was unanimously APPROVED.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.