

**Grace Lake Watershed Improvement Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Saturday, May 3, 2025

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Location:** Doug and Julie Goodman residence

**Present:** Rick Black, Sue Black, John Fossum, Doug Goodman, Ed Marthaler. **Absent:** John Botsford, Wes Kinneberg

**Treasurer's Report:** John Fossum submitted the attached Treasurer's Report. Funds are in good shape. May 2024 balance was \$16,162.88. May 2025 balance \$25,840.16 (an increase of \$9,677.28 from cabin crawl, memorials and donations). AIS Public Access Monitoring in 2024 was \$11,450.88 (Less than 2023 due to less monitoring hours in 2024 at 504 hours). In March 2025, Farden Township approved a donation of \$2,200 for inspectors. Nonspendable endowment is \$10,380.63. Spendable net assets are \$15,459.53. Doug Goodman made a motion and Ed Marthaler a second to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**Keith Mooney Award:** Recommendation by Jon Blessing to recognize Farden Township with the Keith Mooney Award at the annual meeting for all the contributions the township has made over the years to help with the public landing monitoring expense. Motion by Doug Goodman, second by John Fossum. Motion passed. Rick will get plaque from Ken K Thompson.

**Watercraft Inspection:** Beltrami County has hired AIS inspectors for the public landing and will cover the cost for two days a week. A motion was made by Doug Goodman and seconded by Ed Marthaler for the Association to allocate funds for an inspector the additional five days per week this summer. Motion passed.

**Wake Safe Map:** Research suggests that wake surfing should be done in water at least 20 feet deep and at least 500 feet clear of shore to prevent shoreline erosion and lake bed scouring. Through Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Association (MLR), we can purchase a map of Grace Lake that shows the recommended area for wake boats. A motion was made by Doug Goodman and seconded by Ed Marthaler to purchase the map at \$150. Motion passed. John Fossum will order the map which will come in pdf format for easy reproduction and sharing on the website and Facebook.

**Annual Meeting:** May 31, 2025, Bethany Bible Camp, 9:30 a.m. - Coffee and donuts, 10 a.m. – Meeting

1. Board decided to continue including a return stamped envelope for member dues in the AM notice mailing
2. Dr. Daniel McEwen with Limnopro will give presentation on Aquatic Vegetation
3. Cabin Crawl Review
4. Election of Directors: Sue Black, John Fossum and Doug Goodman's two-year terms expire in 2025. At the 2025 annual meeting an election will be held for three director positions.
5. Free Well Water Nitrate Testing available through the Hubbard County SWCD

**Discussion Items:**

1. Light pole at landing was hit, needs to be straightened and the solar panel needs to be turned to face south.
2. Wes Kinneberg concerned about ice fishermen keeping over the limit and if conservation officers are checking on this.
3. Ed Marthaler suggested Itasca Waters' Practical Water Wisdom Program as another resource for information. This non-profit offers online seminars and newsletters. Ed will share with membership at annual meeting.
4. Possible new industrial/commercial development in Farden Township – 40 acres of tax-forfeited land near the Farden Township Hall that has close access to the railroad and highway.

**Old Business:** Website available for use

**Attachment:** Treasurer's report 5-3-2025

*Submitted by Sue Black, Secretary*