

EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
July 17, 2025, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russ Boverhuis at 7:06 p.m. This was an in-person meeting hosted by Ray at his home, with call-in options. Board members present – Russ Boverhuis, Tori Ell, Doug Humphrey, Jean McLeod, Mark Seifert, and Ray Wagman. Absent – Randy Manlick. Community guests: Robyn Anderson, Zach Bielke.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was sent via email prior to the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report from the June 19, 2025 board meeting was distributed. No changes were made to the report. Tori made a motion to approve the report. Ray seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Russ distributed and presented the Accounts Activity and Balance Reports for Randy. There were no expenditures since last month. Randy deposited \$250 in membership dues and presently, we have \$6,349.17 in checking. For savings, we received \$1.49 in interest income and our balance is now \$2,386.72. Russ distributed and presented the 2025 Budget vs. Actual Report. With the addition of the three new membership renewals, our membership is now at 98. Total revenues so far are \$6,807. Total expenses to date are \$1,549.98. We have \$525 in the EWM fund and \$1,000 in the fish stocking fund. Tori made a motion to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented. Jean seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

2025 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Russ reiterated that we have 98 members paid as of today.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

a. Boat Parade

Jean counted 22 boats passing under the bridge. Lots of boats were nicely decorated. Jean selected the "best decorated" boat and that individual will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Sweets N Such in Emily. We should continue this for next year.

MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

a. Emily Day

Tori reported that we have a booth for Emily Day in the city park. We can set things up early that morning. She prepared a sign-up sheet for volunteers to be in the booth (two people/2.5 hr shifts) beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Doug made two ELRA banners for the sides of his 1956 customized Ford pickup truck for the parade. Doug is looking for someone to ride in the truck. This might be a Saturday morning determination. No candy will be thrown out.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Agenda/Speaker/Supplies

We will begin setting up the gym area around 7:30 a.m. for registration, refreshments, and the meeting. Our business meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. A speaker from the National Loon Center will talk about loons. Randy is bringing the projector screen; Russ is working on getting a projector. Tori volunteered to obtain juice, water, and pastries. Jean will

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bring coffee. Russ will print out the agenda and Mark and Randy will bring copies of their reports. Tori and Ray will serve as the audit committee reviewing Randy's accounting for the Association. Russ will work on his presentation.

AIS ACTIVITIES

a. Status of AIS Control Grants

We did not receive any funding from the DNR (they have a lottery system for funding). We received \$6,952 from the City of Emily. Russ will call Crow Wing County for a status update on the grant we applied for.

b. Veliger Testing

Veliger testing needs to be completed by the end of July. Russ has the net for obtaining water samples, but we need bottles for the samples. Russ will call CWC to find a lab to send them to for analysis.

c. Starry Trek

There is a training session and call to "check your lake" for starry stonewort coming up in August. Someone will need to go out to look for this species and if it is found it needs to be reported to the DNR. Freshwater Scientific will be out on the lakes in late July or early August to survey for EWM.

d. Other AIS

Russ received an email from someone recently stating that purple loosestrife was found on the south side of Emily Lake. He went out and located it near the point. He found it along some other private properties as well. It is a shallow water plant that also grows on shore. Russ will notify members in his next newsletter to be on the lookout for this plant and to remove it from their property if found. He will also include a photo of the plant to aid identification.

LAKE MONITORING

a. Lake level readings

Tori indicated that the lake level was the same as she recorded last month. The sill of the dam is the level that the DNR would like the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT HOST

Randy will host our next (and last meeting for this year) Board meeting on September 18. This will be a potluck meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made for adjournment by Ray and seconded by Mark. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Seifert