

BOD Meeting Minutes held October 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM, at the Lakes Bar & Grill

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by President Teresa Boysen at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

- Board members present:
 - Teresa Boysen, Elaine Garry, Jo Dohrer, Connie Korthals, Mike Anderson, Dan Carlson, Murray Driggs, Bob Ellsworth, Jackie Haggar-Tuschen, Don Helberg, Larry Kotten, Clint Sargent, Bob Van Liere, Mike Walz. A quorum was established.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Jackie Haggar-Tuschen, seconded by Mike Walz. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports from Community Partners

- SDGF&P, Cody Symens provided a summer recap. Andrew Stark from Moody county has been helping. Core group is seven guys covering Minnehaha, Lake and Moody counties. Appreciates and supports LMDA spearheading Boater Safety. Summer was quiet, written warnings for careless boating have helped. Walkers Point boat ramp project, they are pouring asphalt yet this fall, it will provide about 30 more boat/trailer spaces. Asking everyone to look for zebra mussels and other invasive species when pulling equipment.
- Legislative Update, Senator Casey Crabtree, LMDA has produced two pieces of legislation that have improved water safety, appreciates opportunity to assist. Other issues, CRP/CREP and property taxes. Second homes may see more increases in taxes.
- Sheriff's office update from Thomas Mallett. Provided jail inmate numbers and criminal activity. Nothing criminal real specific to the lakes areas.

5. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the June 3, 2025, BOD meeting were approved.
 - Motion by Larry Kotten, seconded by Elaine Garry. Motion passed unanimously.
- Minutes from the August 3, 2025, BOD meeting were approved.
 - Motion by Jackie Haggar-Tuschen, seconded by Larry Kotten. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of Financials

- Connie Korthals provided overview of financials.
 - Motion by Elaine Garry, seconded by Jackie Haggar-Tuschen. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Committee Reports on Goals and Activities for 2025

- Safety – Larry Kotten
 - Discussed Golf Tournament/Boater Safety. LMDA may not want to get involved with scholarships, we don't want expectations on other tragedies. We need to separate the monies, the Golf Tournament could be for Emmy scholarships, but the Boater Safety has been supported by donations.
- Membership – Don Helberg. Idea of new members getting a round of golf or a boat ride on the Latitude.
- Water Quality – Bob Ellsworth read an email from Martin Jarrett regarding the CRP/CREP efforts. Copy of email provided to Connie Korthals to be included with the Minutes.
- Fishing and Habitat. Fishing has been great this year.
- Community and Government Relations – Elaine Garry. Monitoring Zoning changes, willing to attend others.

8. Recreational Trail Development Plan

- Elaine Garry provided update, not going to have meetings in October, November & December. Pick back up 2026. Funds are set up for donations.

9. Board of Director Meeting Dates

- A. Thursday, February 4, 2026 (Teams link available)
- B. Tuesday, May 12, 2026
- C. Sunday, August 2, 2026

10. Other Business

- Executive Director for LMDA – Discussion for Chamber to handle social media and newsletters only.
 - Motion by Mike Anderson, seconded by Elaine Garry. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fireworks Request – Brief discussion, doesn't align with LMDA goals. Decline donation/takeover offer.
 - Motion to decline by Jackie Haggar-Tuschen, seconded by Don Helberg. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.