

BOD Meeting Minutes held May 12, 2026 at 6:00 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

- Everyone introduced themselves. Board members present were Teresa Boysen, President, Elaine Garry, President Emerita, Connie Korthals, Secretary / Treasurer, Mike Anderson, Murray Driggs, Bob Ellsworth, Gary Fikse, Eddie Fischer, Jackie Haggar-Tuschen, Don Helberg, Martin Jarrett, Mark Kuca, Mike Swiden, Mike Teslow, Bob Van Liere and Mike Walz. A quorum was present. (16)
- Guest speakers present were Cody Symens, Kody Keefer and Dan Buresh.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve Agenda by Jackie Haggar-Tuschen, seconded by Martin Jarrett. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reports from Community Partners

a. SDGF & Parks - Cody Symens

- Cody gave update on Walkers Point State Park, oil the gravel this week, asphalt next week. Made an extra 25-30 parking spaces and an additional exit. They still have Moody County conservation officer still out recovering from the Brant Lake ice rescue. This weekend is free camping and fishing weekend. Lake Madison fish stocking: 185K Walleye fingerlings (1-2in), About three years for walleye to grow to 14 inches. Fishing pond stocked with 40 largemouth bass, 25 northern pike.

b. Lake County Emergency Management - Kody Keefer.

- Kody talked about ice rescue on Lake Brant. Everyone is recovering to 100%. Ongoing work on recovery efforts. Mass notification, Ipause. Same alert as a Amber Alert. This system is tested the last Friday of every month. If you are not receiving the alert, you don't have the alerts activated on your phone. Kody can help with activating the alert. They also have a non emergency alert flyer that he would like to share with someone on the Board. National Safe Boating week May 16-22, should see some online posts about this.

c. County Update - Commissioner - Dennis Slaughter. Unable to attend

d. Sheriff Department Update - Sheriff Sarina Talich. Unable to attend

e. Fire Department - Dan Buresh. Dan stated he is also a city commissioner. Talked about the ice rescue also, the rescue identified some deficiencies. They have purchased \$15K of equipment to be more prepared. Getting a new tender truck. They have several volunteers down in Yankton on severity watch for big fires there, they get paid \$1,500 per truck in addition to getting paid for each firefighter. The rural fire department is one of the best funded because of the travel team. Spoke of the firefighter that passed, a very big loss. They have 30 volunteer firefighters that put in 300-500 hours a year. After fighting a fire, they have to go back and repack trucks for a couple hours.

5. Approval of Minutes - October 2025 & February 2026.

- Motion to approve October 15, 2025 minutes by Elaine Garry, seconded by Jackie Haggar-Tuschen. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve February 4, 2026 minutes by Jackie Haggar-Tuschen seconded by Mike Teslow. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of Financials.

- Connie Korthals gave financial update. Motion to approve financials by Gary Fikse, seconded by Mike Swiden. Motion passed unanimously.

7. LMDA Business

- 2nd Vice President Needed. No volunteers.
- Directors Expiring Term in 2026 are: Jim Farquhar - Zone I, Larry Kotten - Zone H, Clint Sargent - Zone I, Mike Swiden - Zone G. Only Mike Swiden was present. Mike agreed to continue for another term. Mike Teslow will need to be elected by the Board in August.
- **Social Media and Anchor e-Newsletter**
 - Anchor & Social Media Ideas
 - Sign-up Sheet

8. Committee Updates

- Safety** Jo was planning on attending but became ill and didn't want to share. Golf tournament is May 30 and Boater Safety training is June 13.
- Membership by Zone.**
 - On the back of the agenda are the number of membership per zone. We encourage Directors to talk at HOA or neighborhood gatherings about joining LMDA.
- Water Quality - Martin Jarrett and Bob Ellsworth.** Martin Jarrett spoke, read the agreement from September 2023 to update new Board members. BMP program awarded \$2,000 to put 40 acres in the program. Three main criteria, 1. Minimum of 40 acres 2. Land must be within ¼ mile of water 3. Staff at LMDA at EDWD determine eligibility. 150 landowners were sent information on program, only a few interested with 40 acres. One landowner will enroll 20 acres but that is below our minimum. Martin met with East Dakota and they agreed to drop criteria to 15 acres. Martin is asking LMDA to lower criteria to 15 acres also. He has application for 24 acres, \$1200 will be the benefit to the landowner. The landowner does not want their name published. Martin made a motion to reduce the criteria to 15 acres, Elaine Garry seconded. Motion passed. Bob Ellsworth spoke, he wanted to make sure everyone is aware of the land across from the conservation office that is not part of the BMP program. Bob and a couple others met with the landowner and she agreed to stop grazing cattle on the land to help our water quality and wildlife.

Elaine Garry spoke, people join and support LMDA to see the money used so this is great news. Teresa asked if Bob and Martin would be willing to write an article for the Anchor
- Fishing and Habitat - Murray Driggs.** Murray spoke, it is amazing, the life jackets are multiplying, every fall the boxes are packed full, some are brand new. Fishing news last year was best year ever, looking forward to this year.
- Community and Government Relations** - Elaine Garry spoke. County adopted new regulation for larger garages but nothing else. Also mentioned the grove of trees on 236th, she is going to follow up on that next week. Connie spoke, called Adam Leighton last week to find out about the trees because Woodland Marina has annual HOA meeting on Saturday. Adam said they will be chipping the trees and they will be hauled to the Ethanol plant to be burned for fuel. As far as replanting goes, there isn't any money this year for replanting, hopefully next year, but he has no idea how many would be planned, the Conservation office handles the planning. Connie asked about donations to speed the replanting along, she has had a couple people ask. Adam said they would never turn away donations.

9. Recreation Trail Development Plan – Elaine Garry spoke they are working on rebuilding the sign on the corner of Hwys 19 & 34. They will have a second sign that will travel to events. There are three advertisers on the sign because they have been very active on this project. DGR, Fox promo and Berry Fast Bicycles. Elaine showed the flyer that has been designed for a handout. The handout was presented at the Kiwanis club today, hoping for a donation from them. Teresa also spoke, she just found a grant from Poet for \$4,000. Asking if any Board members are affiliated with Poet. The grant is due this Friday so she will get that submitted this week. Elaine also mentioned that they are working on a Pledge program. Bob Van Liere asked if there has been a discussion of LMDA contributing a larger donation to the Recreation Trail. People want to see us using that money, we have had a lot of money in the bank for twenty years. This is a project worth putting some money into. Lively discussion with most Board members participating at some level. Everyone agreed that the Rec Trl is a worthy project. It was mentioned that the money in the bank has been guarded for water quality but there isn't anything immediately available to help water quality, the recreation trail is worth putting \$50,000 into.

Bob Van Liere made a motion to develop a capital campaign using \$50,000 of LMDA money, seconded by Mike Swiden. Motion passed.

10. Board of Directors Meeting Dates

- a. July 21, at the Library, if it is available. Teresa will check. This will be a quick meeting to discuss the Recreation Trail prior to the Annual meeting.
- b. August 2, 2026 @ 11:00 (Plan on meals for 200, Lakes capacity = 90)
 - Menu: Fried Chicken, beans, potato salad, roll, and beverages. \$3,200 plus tax and tip. Beverages are an additional \$550
 - Speaker Ideas. Recreation Trail
 - Sign-up Sheet
- c. October 6, 2026

11. Adjourned at 7:45pm