



SLA Board Meeting

Secord Township Hall

September 12, 2026

Meeting called to order by Madam President, Kim Carlson at 10:01

**ROLL CALL:** Kim Carlson,, Ken Wells, Jeff Sorensen, Marti Drabing, Mike Szuch, Paul Gorans, Bob Wittig and Heidi Schroth

**INTRODUCTION of GUESTS: Joel Vernier**

**MINUTES:** September 2026, SLA Minutes

Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes; Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **BOARD CHANGES**

Kim introduced new board members Bob Wittig and Heidi Schroth. Also announced she was elected president and Heidi elected secretary by their fellow board members.

| Term End Aug<br>2027 | Term End Aug<br>2028 | Term End Aug<br>2029 |
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| Paul Gorans          | Mike Szuch           | Heidi Schroth        |
| Marti Drabing        | Kim Carlson          | Bob Wittig           |
| Ken Wells            | Jeff Sorensen        | Open                 |

### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

We've been focused on restoring our lake and now there's light at the end of the tunnel! What do we do going forward? Members, what would you like to see?

- Continue helping neighbors cleaning up their beaches, boat lifts, etc
- Rejuvenating Goose Round-up
- Start a program where SLA presents a welcome package including SLA promotional info, maps of waterways and treacherous boating lanes, local businesses and activities, etc.
- Look into silt build-up (this may be on FLTF agenda to look for funds after all dams at their legal level).

Member comments went on to address other issues they were concerned with

- When will DNR clean-up ramps and surrounding areas, we're looking into
- We should remove markers on stumps. Ken said he would put announcement on Facebook that they should be removed by October.
- What about tarps? Ken said he would include removing tarps with his marker message.
- Will we have algae (cyanobacteria) like Sanford? No, because they didn't have water and it changed their habitat. We have info on our website regarding this. Bob mentioned instructional videos and has followed up supplying these weblinks:

EGLE Classroom - Identifying Harmful Algal Blooms (Cyanobacteria) (2:54)

<https://youtu.be/9Es9lqHECaE>

Is it Blue-Green Algae? Use the stick test! (0:55)

[https://youtu.be/cPzbxndo\\_ew](https://youtu.be/cPzbxndo_ew)

- Dock at Clement? Ken is looking into this with the township.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None

**TREASURER REPORT:** Marti

### **AUGUST FINANCIALS**

Total Balance: \$78,188.89

- Bank Acct: \$22,438.65
- Money Market \$15,629.36
- CD \$40,120.88

Jeff made a motion to approve, Ken seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **AUGUST ACTIVITIES**

- Total revenue \$49,026.33
- Total expenditures \$59,690.74
- Net Revenue \$ -8,915.77

Marti said a deficit shows we are spending our money on improving our lake, to enjoy for years to come! Jeff said we started fund raising in October 2026 and raised \$6,000!

### **FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET: \$54,000**

- \$5000 Promotions Committee
- \$4000 Communications Committee
- \$30,000 Retake our Lake
- \$5000 Goose Management

- \$3000 Quake on the Lake (Fireworks)
- \$5000 Dam Recreation Planning
- \$2000 Secord Twp.

Jeff made a motion to approve reports, Mike seconded, motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Marti

Over half members have paid \$4326.33, still early in process

**GOLF OUTING:** Kim

- Need 2 full teams. Have a gentleman that would like to golf, he needs golfers
- Need donations
  - Lottery
  - QR Code
  - Money
  - Alcohol

**CHILI COOKOFF:** Paul

- 11 of 20 entries already
- Need volunteers
- Chinese Auction instead of Silent Auction
- At Eagle's Picnic Pavillion
- Open to public

**SPONSORS:** Marti

36 sponsor's \$19,550! Last year \$12,600. When we frequent a sponsor's establishment, thank them for their donation.

**GUEST COMMENTS:** Joel

- He recently finished a course in Board Ethics and is having a workshop at Lodge Parks and Recreation 9/28/26 6pm-8pm, all welcome to attend.
- Ken asked him if he'd look into whether the boating speed rules are the same for our waterway as they are for lakes

**FLTF UPDATE:** Jeff

- Fill remains 4/15/27
- Completion remains 11/26
- 15% reduction in special assessment expected
- They created a Secord Lake Construction page on their website
- One of the gates sent back has been returned, other in transit. Can't see the gates that are installed because they are laying down per Phil Dast's conversation with project manager

## **ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS:**

- Second won't have 2 week hold period
- Gates tested in stages, Gate 2 was problematic
- There isn't a warranty on the gates/construction. Inspections and oversight processes make it unnecessary

## **FALL PLAN: Ken**

- Could always use volunteers. Today need one or two for project north end of lake
- Trying to keep public areas clean
- Potential floaters can be marked with organic twine (it is biodegradable and will deteriorate in the water) and pool noodles. Trying to get approved areas to drop off floaters and then have Oakridge or Mike Byler pick them up. FLTF will pick them up by the dam
- Wrap up in October
- Paul suggested a note in the winter tax bill referencing spring hazards, Joel said they can do that
- Post flyers at Sponsor's locations

## **THE FINAL COUNTDOWN: Jeff**

### **HELPING HANDS: Ken**

Community members with helping hands:

John Beck, Steve and Kim Carlson, Brad and Kit Carlson, Bob Boroff, Phil Dast, Paul Gorans, Paul Hutchins, Dan James, Alan Ogg, Doug Proctor, Dave Rymas, Dennis Schroth, Adam and Heidi Schroth, Chuck and Sandy Sikora, Steve Slaga, Jerry Slusarski, Jeff Sorensen, Bruce and Susan Townley, Bob Wittig, Ken Wells

Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff second, motion passed 11:16am