



SLA Board Meeting  
Secord Township Hall  
8.15.2026

Meeting called to order by Phil at 10:02am.

**ROLL CALL:** Phil Dast, Ken Wells, Jeff Sorensen, Marti Drabing, Kim Carlson

Absent: Mike Szuch, Paul Gorans

**INTRODUCTION of GUESTS: Sue Morgan / Joel Vernier**

**MINUTES:** July 2026, SLA Minutes

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** None

**TREASURER REPORT:** Marti

- Total Balance: \$66,146.04
  - Bank Acct: \$10,360.80
  - Money Market \$15,629.36
  - CD \$40,120.88
- Jeff made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Chuck seconded the motion, motion carried.

**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, Chuck seconded the motion, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Legacy Fund:** We've had a few members inquire about setting up a fund where they can make an annual donation "In Memory Of" toward projects that enhance the Secord

Lake Community. While the SLA Board will provide oversight of the fund, specific donations will be made with the input of the participants or families involved.

Jeff read a letter from Dave Kepler about Cliff Houser and his involvement in our Secord Lake Community.

Jordan and Beth presented the board with a check “In Memory Of” their father, Cliff Houser as our first donator to the Legacy Fund.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBERS:**

Kim nominated Heidi Schroth

Jeff nominated Bob Wittig

Marti made a motion to close the nominations, Phil seconded the motion, motion carried.

No objections, Heidi and Bob are now officially board members.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Membership – Marti
  - Current Membership is 400 voting members
  - Emails have been sent out to renew
- Golf Event – Kim
  - The event will take place on September 19th at Gladwin Heights
  - Registration is open – 7 foursomes left to fill
  - Seeking donations / lottery tickets, gift cards, etc.
  - Looking for volunteers
- Chili Cook Off – Kim
  - October 18th at the Eagles
  - Looking for donations
- Clement Twp Update – Chuck
  - Looking to possibly make more of a beach instead of grass at the new boat ramp.
- Secord Twp. – Joel
  - Joel thanked us for the donation. Money will go towards a drone to deliver life jackets, special rope, and wet suits for inclement weather.

### **FLTF UPDATE: Phil**

- With the return of the gates for reconfiguring, latest news on dam completion is November with an April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2027 fill date.
- The manufacturer is responsible for the repair and FLTF will not be charged. There was a similar situation with Sanford, however the engineers were able to repair it onsite.
- On the FLTF website under the “construction” tab, there is now a drop-down for Secord Lake where you can find updates including on the water level

- Explanation of the gates will be on the website

### **RESTORE THE LAKE – Ken**

- We are on the final countdown, and volunteers are doing more work with dates scheduled in August and September.
- Please help your neighbors if possible
- Cattails are to be cut down in the fall and will then be smothered by the water when it returns in the spring.

### **SECOND LAKE HELPING HANDS:**

- Volunteers are helping on various sites. A lot of requests have come in and areas are being prioritized
- Stump markers will need to be pulled before winter. Ken will get some feedback from a few to determine the best time, September or October. It was mentioned that people like to see the fall colors by boat as well.

### **Q & A:**

- Is there a warranty on the repair of the gates? Phill will follow up.
- What gate failed? Concerns about the functionality of the completed dam since it was already sent back once. Chuck will be onsite and ask.

Phil adjourned the meeting at 11:10am, Marti made a motion to adjourn and Jeff seconded the motion, motion carried.