

LCWA August 10, 2025

President Lewis Flinn called the meeting to order. He noted that our last meeting for the summer will be on August 31, 2025. That is Labor Day weekend.

The Secretary read the minutes there were three corrections needed. They are: Total dam cost is now \$5111,500, The money from the Yard sale went to water quality and there is only one drink included in the price of the dinner at the Night of the Races not two. The minutes were approved with the corrections.

Lewis gave the Treasurers report in Deb Tierney's absence.

General Checking account - \$10,272.19

Special Projects checking account- \$4,498.35

Grand Total - \$15,977.85

LCDA accounts

Checking - \$26,300.85

Savings - \$94,369.15

6 – month CD - \$52,549.65

Grand Total - \$173,219.65

Lewis reported that we have 182 members, the most since 2021. In 2024 there were only 111 members and in 2023 there were 140 members. Our goal is to get every homeowner to join especially since our focus is now on water quality. The results from Lake Carey Day will be available for the September meeting.

Dam Update

We are moving full steam ahead. FEMA has contacted PEMA to say all grants have been approved. We need to submit a 17 questionnaire to be done by the engineers, we will pay them from the dam account. FEMA will then release the funds. We anticipate our match to be \$180,000. FEMA will cover the new budget. The new drawings will be submitted to the LCDA board for review. We are on the fast track now with the bids going out February/ March of 2026 with the work to begin in the fall of 2026 and completed by the spring of 2027. The FEMA grant is a hopeful current plan but if this all fails there is a plan B which, is

getting a grant from the Northern Tier Regional Planning Committee. Plan C is we will be knocking on everyone's door, but we do not expect this!

Vote on proposed by-law changes. The changes include who can be a member and voting online if necessary. A motion was made to approve the changes seconded. The membership voted to approve the changes.

There was a question regarding people who are not members can they donate to our causes. Yes, they can just send their donations to the Lake Carey Welfare Association.

Committees

Nominating committee is Lynn Bierley, Barb Scanlon, Joan Lagen, and Liz Evans. Lewis would like to bring in an assistant treasurer, a person to be vice president with the idea of becoming the President and we need a new Secretary.

Membership committee is now headed by Patty Publik. New residents receive a canvas bag with LCWA and other pertinent information.

Communications committee is Rob Baskin. He is responsible for our Facebook account all texting and e-mails.

Water Quality Committee is headed by Jessica Fiore. We have partnered with AquaLink at a cost of 8 to 9 thousand dollars per year. They will test the water three times a year, propose grants if there are problems that need fixing. Jessica talked about the algae bloom that is happening right now. It is ciano bacteria that can be harmful to dogs and small or at risk people. If you see concerning film send pictures to the water quality committee and they will consult with the experts. The reason we are having this is due to phosphorus from farmlands, lack of sewers in the past also it already exists in the bottom of the lake. We will be working with AquaLink to find solutions. There was some discussion regarding actions that have happened in the past such as putting copper sulfite in the water or alum treatment. The milfoil is also a problem especially in the small lake and we are working with AquaLink on this. You can plant certain plants to help keep the geese off your property at the waters edge. There are pellets to kill the Milfoil. However, you need permits and an engineer to do this. AquaLink may be able to help with funding grants to help with is. You can only move a small percent of lily pads as this is the home to many fishes in our lake. And we can only remove a certain amount if plants in and around the water.

The safety committee also belongs to Rob Baskin. This committee will address safety around the lake for both boaters, walkers and bike riders. Many residents are concerned about the number of younger children who area driving larger than golf carts around the

lake with multiple children in them. Shore Drive is a state-owned road and that would have to be addressed by them.

Fundraising Committee seems to be headed up by Deb Tierney and her band of merry men and ladies. Once the dam is done, fundraising will go towards water quality. A Night at the Races is being planned with a committee of about 20 members. There is a deadline for dinner reservations so get yours in. You can buy a horse and even give it a name. There will be a hat contest for the best Kentucky Derby type hat. Yes, you can donate any or all of your winnings back to the association. Bring cash as there are two ways you can win, either own the winning horse or you bet on the winning horse. Anyone is welcome to participate do not have to be a member.

New Business

A resident was concerned because a homeowner had put a sign in the middle of the road so cars had to go around into the other lane. Two young entrepreneurs who had a lemonade stand generously donated their profit of \$100.00 to the association.

There being no other new business or concerns a motion was made to adjourn the meeting the motion was seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Skrynski, Secretary