

PICKEREL LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING JUNE 13, 2026
Zion Lutheran Church, Amor Mn

Present: Zach Fjestad, Jayson Storo, Mike Harmsen, Kevin Hutchison, Dawn Streifel, Rick Kylo, Kevin Smith, Erik Burke, Robin Pratt, Pat Jacobson, Steve Klemm

Absent: Vicki Quist

- * Meeting was called to order by president Zach Fjestad at 8:33
- * Agenda was presented: motion to accept the agenda was made by Rick Kylo, seconded by Jayson. motion passed.
- * Minutes from prior board meeting were emailed to board members for review. Motion to accept was made by Jayson, seconded by Dawn- motion passed
- * Treasure's Report prepared by Vicki Quist, was presented by Mike Harmsen in her absence. Our balance as of 6/13/2026 is \$59,575.79, which includes the spraying escrow balance of \$20,500. 74% of the 2026 dues have been paid/received. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jayson and seconded by Mike H. - motion passed Our 3 Certificate of Deposits (CD's) are up for renewal, the first CD of \$10,000 is due June13 at a current rate of 3.456%, our second CD of \$15,000 is due July 20th with a current rate 3.5%, and our third CD dedicated for the spray escrow of \$10,000 is also due July 20th with a current rate of 3.5% a motion to renew all 3 CD,s for another 12 months at a rate of 3.4% was made by Steve, seconded by Dawn— motion passed.
- * Water Quality Report by Kevin Smith. A May sample was taken 5/16/26; Total Phosphorus was 14.33 ug/l, Chlorophyll was 8.01 ug/l, and the Secchi disk reading was 10.5 feet. Future sample dates are June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20th. Kevin will also be getting a secchi disk reading every 2 weeks and will eventually get the results posted on our Pickerel Lake website. Kevin will also be attending a OTC COLA meeting in Ottertail City to learn from guest speaker Tracy Borash from RMB laboratories and report what he learned back to the board. Thanks Kevin for all the time you put into this.
- * Old Business:
 - A. 2026 Pickerel Lake gathering will be Saturday July 18th at Dale Gilles. Dale was present and gave the board an estimate of \$1300 for food and \$1200 for the band. We plan to have a sign up sheet for desserts, chips, and other side dishes. Logistics are not set yet but we will keep everyone posted as we get closer to the party date.
 - B. 2026 Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be Saturday, June 20, at 9 am at Zion Lutheran Church in Amor. Rolls, juice, and coffee will be provided. The guest speaker will be Spencer McGrew from Otter Tail County. The topic is on aquatic invasive species.
 - C. 2026 Board Member Election: There are four positions open and four potential candidates; Jayson Storo (incumbent), Kevin Hutchison (incumbent), Leslie Prischmann Flugstad, and Mike Dubord. Board members Dawn Streifel and Steve Klemm have decided to not run for another term. Zach will have ballots made for the election.
 - D. Pickerel Lake Website: A motion to approve a three year contract with Jesse Wunderlick from Wunderlich Web, to design and maintain a new Pickerel Lake Website for \$75/month fee or (\$900 a year) was made by Jayson, seconded by Mike, - motion

passed. The domain name is pickerellakemn.org. Jesse has already done a lot of work and has graciously waived the set up fee. He and his family have a place on the lake.

- E. Adopt-A-Highway Recap: We had 13 people (the best turnout since we started this) cleanup the ditches on Saturday, May 19, 2026 on County Highway 74 from County Highway 115 to Amor and County Highway 32 to North Pickerel Drive. Thanks to everyone who helped out and thanks to Kevin Smith for spearheading this in Rick's absence.
- F. Outlet Fish Screen Update: Through the thorough research of the board and consultation with the Mn DNR, we determined that updating the weir is not feasible at this time. The DNR suggested replacing the weir with a rock rapids design instead. The project would have been expensive and would not guarantee keeping the rough fish out of the lake.
- G. AED update: Erik and Robin tested the AED on May 26th and found it is working properly. They will continue to test monthly and report back if there are problems. We had concerns that the cold weather may cause the battery to fail, but leaving the AED out over the 2025/26 winter didn't appear to impact the battery negatively.

* New Business:

- A. Garage Sale Advertising: There will be an ad in the Daily Journal and Battle Lake Review
- B. Other Business: Arvid Carlson built and placed a loon nest on the shoreline just north of the Public Access in the weedy area, please do not disturb it.

* Next meeting: Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 8:30 am, Zion Lutheran Church in Amor

* Motion to adjourn: Jayson motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, motion passed.

REMINDERS:

2026 Annual Meeting Saturday, June 20th, 2026 at 9:00 am

2026 Pickerel Lake garage sale—Saturday June 27, 2026

2026 Gathering— Saturday July 18 at Dale Gilles

2026 Pickerel Lake boat parade—July 4, 2026 1:00 pm— direction counter clockwise