

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Lake Elbo Board was held September 9, 2025, in the Clubhouse. The meeting was called to order by President, Randy Laue.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Randy Laue – President
Kyle Gordon – Vice President
Brent McKeeman – Treasurer
Lori Moses – Secretary
Jim Lund
Karen Van Vleet
RJ Whitlock
Jess Wickizer

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Emily Kinser
Rob and Chandra Gordon
Erin McCormick
Kim Goracke
Anna and Chad Hoepner
Moni Laue
Steve and Terri Keeley
Cory Gilmore
Ashley Lour
Tom Hood
Jeff and Jen Pishny
Joel Force

Minutes of the August 12, 2025 meeting were read by Lori Moses. Brent made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jess seconded. Motion carried 7/0

Brent read the Treasurer's Report. Jim made a motion to file the Treasurer's report for audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blue-Green Algae Report – Dr. Joe Gerken:

Dr. Gerken and his assistants have collected 52 samples to date (over 9 months) in 6 different locations testing for phosphates and nitrates. He has a feeling that this is something that is going to happen every year. Cyanobacteria are increasing and NEW

evidence (within their research) suggests that it will likely recur. His thoughts are: We are at the monitoring stage. No consistent high nutrient loadings observed. Phosphorus and nitrate levels were often greater than 0.0. Where could these be coming from? Possibilities are fertilizer upstream, cattle upstream, community lawns (fertilizer), or septic tanks leaking. Options for treatment: Limit nutrients input; Phosphorus binding plants; Watershed Management; Humic Acid (from barley straw). Barley straw will not be effective in water <55 degrees. What we are currently doing with the barley straw is the correct way. AC Aqua (aquaculture) may be beneficial according to research with a 3-year time frame to realistically see benefits. Another option to consider is aeration. They could do caffeine testing; however, it has a cost of \$4,000-\$5,000 for 10 samples.

Joel Force asked if aquatic plants in their containers along the shoreline would be beneficial or would it be a waste of effort. Dr. Gerken's response was that it is hard to get enough mass for them to be effective and they will not sequester enough nutrients to be beneficial. The area to do something like this would be the north end before the water enters the lake – something like making a wetland with cattails to uptake nutrients. The shoreline won't be effective unless water is running off.

Brent mentioned building a silt retention pond which could be a cattail pond. Dr. Gerken said it would work but they have to periodically be scooped out (possibly every 3-4 years, depending). Some ponds need scooped out as early as 2 years, some not for 5 years.

Road Project Update/Report:

We are in the final stages of getting the roads fogged. There are 3 bottlenecks so hopefully they can complete those tomorrow but it may be Thursday or Friday as long as it's not wet. On the north end of Elbo Ridge where the new asphalt was cracking more and more, Brent applied our own crack seal and it was not solving the problem so Circle C ended up applying chip seal. If it continues to crack and move, we will contact Schilling before our 1-year warranty is over.

Finalize Fall Workday Projects:

Clean out ditches/culvert tubes (place rip rap)
Clubhouse maintenance needing done

Anna Hoepner asked for permission to remove the barberry bushes in front of the clubhouse in which the board approved.

Brent made a motion to purchase loads of 6"-12" and the larger 100 lb. rip rap rock. RJ seconded. Motion carried 7/0

Status of Dredge:

Kyle reported that the dredge will be listed with Ritchie Brothers this Thursday for \$85,000.

Update on Brick Order:

The order for both replacement bricks and new bricks has been sent. We should receive them in about 6 weeks. Josh has been made aware that more bricks are coming, so he will wait to complete the project until they arrive. Lori inquired with the company the best way to clean the bricks, when needed, and their suggestion is to use ½ water, ½ vinegar and use a soft scrub brush to spot clean.

NEW BUSINESS:**Schedule Halloween Party:**

The Halloween party will be held November 1 beginning at 3:00 PM. The schedule, and events, will be pretty much the same as last year. Please contact Ashley Lour if anyone would like to volunteer to help out.

Schedule Turkey Shoot:

The turkey shoot will be held November 21 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Schedule Holiday Brunch:

Scheduling of the holiday brunch was tabled until the October 2025 meeting.

Randy gave a shout out to Brent thanking him for all of his hard work getting the road project completed, as well as other stuff.

Lori made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Kyle seconded. Motion carried 7/0

The next board meeting will be held October 14, 2025.