

Upper South Long Lake Improvement District (LID) Newsletter

March 2012

President's Message

In August of 2010, the Crow County Commissioners officially voted to approve the petitioned request to create the Upper South Long Lake Improvement District (LID). The LID is a nonprofit organization subject to applicable county, state, and federal laws, and the purpose of the LID is to provide a tax-based funding mechanism to monitor, maintain, and improve Upper South Long Lake's water quality, and thereby, to preserve the lake's fishing, shoreline, natural surroundings and recreational possibilities for all property owners and visitors. Membership is comprised the current legal owners of all properties located within Crow Wing County fronting on Upper South Long Lake.

Since August of 2010, here is a list of activities specific to the Upper South Long LID:

- 1) An "interim" Board of Directors was formed to guide LID activities until the first Board of Directors could be elected at the July 23, 2011 Membership Meeting. Members included USLLIA Board members Ron Trosvig, Dan Martonik, Don Crust, Mary Reetz, and non-board member, Bruce Dybvig. In November of 2010, this board, along with the Crow Wing County Auditor's office verified membership (approximately 219 members) for 2011 assessments (\$75.00 annually).
- 2) In May of 2011, LID members were sent via regular mail 1st notification of the first membership meeting (July 23, 2011, Green Lantern), and soliciting nomination for Board of Directors.
- 3) In June of 2011, a second mailing was sent to members asking them to vote (via secret ballot), and asking that these ballots be either mailed or brought to the membership meeting, and also reminding members of the first Annual LID Membership Meeting schedule for July 23, at the Green Lantern.
- 4) The first LID Membership meeting took place at the Green Lantern with 23 members present. Ballots were counted, and the following individuals were elected as Board of Directors-Mary Reetz, Ruth Naber, John Pietruszewski, Joe Patton, Gary Hopping, and Bruce Dybvig
- 5) On July 23, 2011, the newly elected LID board elected the following board members as officers-Bruce Dybvig, President, Mary Reetz, Vice-President, John Pietruszewski, Secretary, and Joe Patton, Treasurer.
- 6) During late summer/early fall, a fly-over research project was conducted by the A.W. Research Laboratories, Inc., offering a base-line analysis for Upper South Long Lake.
- 7) On November 1, 2011, the LID Board submitted our required Annual Report to the Crow Wing County Commissioners. This report was approved, and is posted on the LID portion of the USLLIA Web page.
- 8) In December of 2011, the Board submitted the 2012 membership list (approximately 224 members) to the Crow Wing County Auditor's Office for 2012 assessments (\$75.00 annually).

- 9) In January of 2012, the LID was notified that our application for liability coverage had been approved for an annual premium of approximately \$1500.00 per year. This coverage was required by the Crow Wing County Commissioners as part of the approval process.

It should be noted that member assessments collected in 2011, just over \$15000.00, will be used as our annual budget for 2012. Expenses incurred during 2011 were funded by the USLLIA. It should also be stated that the LID and the USLLIA will work very closely moving forward, all to the benefit of Upper South Long Lake.

2012 will be a busy and important year for the LID Board. Below you will see the proposed activities along with their respective projected budget numbers we will be considering:

-Liability Insurance (required by Crow Wing County).....	\$1622
-Administrative Fees to Crow Wing County.....	\$250
-Communications.....	\$800
-Invasive Treatment.....	\$10,000
-Water Testing Analysis.....	\$2000
-Total.....	\$14,672

Annual Meeting, nomination process, election of board members

The next Upper South Long Lake Improvement District membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 21, 2012, starting at 10:00am with location to be determined as we get closer to this date. Prior to the annual meeting, members will be sent requests for nominations of new board members, and this will be followed by a separate mailing requesting your vote of new board members.

LID Board of Directors Contact information

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As you can see, the LID provides valuable **funding** and **people** resources to preserve this most valuable asset we call Upper South Long Lake. I thank you for your annual contributions via the annual \$75.00 assessment, and I invite:

- 1) you to become an **active advocate** for the lake via your support of our current board of directors
- 2) your attendance at the annual membership meeting in July, and
- 3) your willingness to serve as a LID board member in the future.

Sincerely,

Bruce Dybvig, President,

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