

Big Kandiyo Lake Association  
Directors Meeting Minutes  
Max's Grill - Fireplace room  
Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Present: Jerry Neubauer, Jerry Brustuen, John Baumgartner, Dave Peterson, Pat Schmoll, Greg Erickson, Paul Wallert, Brad Ahrenstorff, Gerard Ninow, & Janet Wallert.  
Absent: John Neubauer.

Agenda Approval. Motion made by Jerry B., 2nd by Pat S.. Carried.

Minutes Approval 08/20/2025. John B. motioned to approve. 2nd by Jerry B. Carried.

Financial Report - provided by Jerry N.

Checking account balance: \$12,123 (before uncleared check and recent payments).

Payments include \$3600+ to JV and \$325 to Pat Schmoll.

The checking account balance is close to \$8,000 after deductions.

The BKLA budget for 2026 includes \$35,000 for weed control.

A list of people who helped move the bogs was distributed.

Donations collected for the bog project total \$4,300.

Jason's bill included \$2175 for JV Excavating and \$1200 for Jesse Olson. \$250 for hauling was paid to JV Excavating. Jerry N. mentioned 35 'Thank you' cards were received for the removal of the bog.

An updated list of those who have not paid was distributed.

Another 4 property owners paid their dues. A total of 204 property owners have paid their dues. 53 property owners who have not paid dues. John B. motioned to approve the financial report. 2nd by Janet W. Carried.

CDs are coming due in October and November.

Interest rates: 3-month CD: 4.40% APY; 15-month CD: 3.65% APY. John B. motioned to go with the 3-month CD for both, to take advantage of the higher rate, and then re-evaluate. 2nd by Gerard N. Carried.

### General Updates

Board Term Begin Date was discussed. Janet W. motioned to vote for who's going to be voted by the members at the annual meeting, that the elected board director, term starts January 1st. 2nd by John B. Carried.

AIS report - Grant money will go away beginning in 2027.

Hopefully, there's money up to 2026 because of budget cuts at the state level. If the board wants to see it in 2027, they're going to have to push the legislation.

CLP Harvester Discussion- No discussion. Removing from the agenda.

In-let needs: new structure update- No discussion. Removing from the agenda.

## New Business

Community Assessment - Eric Blazing from Stantech reported that he will be sending a letter and survey to Northern Lights Beach by the end of September.

Website Review/Update/Weather camera- It would be very expensive to set up a link where people could go to the BigKandi.com website, click on a link, and then directly make a payment to the bank. Discussed using Venmo or PayPal. Janet W. will look further into these options. The cost estimate for a reliable camera with subscription, maintenance, and installation costs is \$3,000 - \$5,000. The cheapest option for a 270-degree camera with a cloud link would be at least \$1,000, with a minimum of \$3,000 for the best quality. It was decided by the board to pass on the idea of getting a weather camera due to the high costs.

Newsletter/Marketing the Association- Dave P. gave examples of newsletters to volunteer and is waiting to hear back from her.

Flood/highwater Issues - Sarah LeChuck (Fahln Township Board) and another person will meet with the city of Willmar to discuss their water issues and watershed plan. Willmar's watershed plan is over 15 years old and was developed before Grass Lake was finished. The lake peaked on July 3rd, indicating the flooding wasn't solely due to rainfall. Dave P. attended a meeting about the no-wake zone.

The DNR used the normal high-water mark to determine where aquatic weeds change to shore weeds. The level picked for Big Kandi Lake was around 104, close to the level this year. There is a concern that the no-wake zone level is too high and needs to be lowered to account for a surge. Dave P. is looking into having the DNR and Minnesota Pollution Control put a flow monitor on the lake. It would monitor flow and lake level, as well as water clarity. The cost could potentially be covered by the South Fork Crow River watershed.

Out-let - Jerry N. and Mick S. will check out the outlet. There is no update on the secondary crossing. The gate may be lowered depending on the water level. There has been no issue with bogs in the outlet.

Bog update - Jesse Olson is okay with the location of the mountain created from the bog. A check was written to JV Excavating on September 3rd. Part of which, is for JV Excavating to pay Jesse O. for the person who ran his excavator.

County Information- The county was contacted about assisting with moving the mountain of bog back. It's suggested to wait until next year to see if it settles down.

Todd Miller from Kandiyohi County offered equipment assistance later in the year. Aim to put it on the County's agenda in early spring. Dwayne Anderson was asked for money for helping with the bog. He may ask around. Dwayne Anderson said they haven't received any applications. Dwayne Anderson is the person to contact if someone is interested in the resort caretaker position.

Public Time/Open Discussion-none.

Next Meeting – October 15th @ 6 pm @ Max's Grill.

Adjourn- Motion made by Jerry N., 2nd by Gerard N.Carried.

Submitted by Janet Wallert  
BKLA Secretary