



REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 14, 2026

6:30 pm at Southside Township Hall, 8209 County Rd 3 NW, Annandale, MN 55302

Board of Directors (BOD)

OFFICERS

President Joleen Sytsma
Vice President Chuck Wachter
Treasurer Stephen Searles
Secretary Michelle Sutton

SECTION REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1 Dennis Sjoberg
Section 2 Dan Gronseth
Section 3 John Volden
Section 4 John Greenwood
Section 5 Becky Wachter
Section 6 Perry Hurth

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Attendance/Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda – September 14, 2026
4. Approval of Previous Minutes - July 20, 2026 (attached pg. **3-16**)
5. Reports
 - a. Treasurer Financial Report as of August 31, 2026 – Searles/Sytsma
 - i. CD Renewal
 - b. Section Representatives - New Property Owners/Property Developments
 - c. LID Liaison Report: August 20th meeting – Kosloski
 - i. Eurasian Watermilfoil Survey
 - ii. Starry Stonewort survey
 - iii. Curleaf AIS Concern
 - iv. Lake John Association/LID Plant and Weed Management – Sytsma/Benzschawel
 - v. LID Communication Committee
 - vi. LID resource/contact's page
 - d. Committees:
 - i. Lake Health & Safety (attached pg. **17**) – Kosloski
 1. Lake Quality <https://lakes.rmbel.com/>
 2. Water Level Monitoring:
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showlevel.html?downum=86028800>
 - ii. Lake Stewardship Program - Greenwood/Kosloski
 1. Lake Steward Tour on August 8, 2026
 - iii. Culverts – Greenwood
 - iv. Event Planning
 1. Lake John Golf Tournament on August 22, 2026
 - v. Migrating Bogs

ONGOING BUSINESS

6. Items from Past Agendas:
 - a. Conflict of Interest last BOD signature - Sytsma
 - b. Electronic copy of section lists to section representatives – C. Wachter
 - c. Section map
7. Organization Updates

- a. MN Coalition of Lake Associations (MN COLA) <https://mncola.org/events/list/> - Sytsma
 - i. Quarterly Membership meeting online – Tuesday, Sept. 15, 9:00 – 11:00am (registration email sent to all Board members) (attached pg. 18-20)
 - b. Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WC COLA): <https://wrightcola.mnlakesandrivers.org> - Kosloski
 - c. MN Lakes and Rivers Association (MLR) <https://mnlakesandrivers.org> – Sytsma
 - i. DNR Statistics on Boater Accidents and Deaths (attached pg. 21-23)
 - d. MN DNR – Sytsma
8. Community Updates – Sytsma
- a. Lake John Community
 - b. City of Annandale
 - i. City Water/Sewer
 - ii. New Developments & Solar Fields - Extended Walking Path has been installed
 - c. Southside Township - Meetings are 1 st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Town Hall
 - d. Wright County
9. Lake Central Bank change in Authorized Signers and online access - Sytsma
10. Review of Bylaws to allow electronic voting – Sytsma/C.Wachter
11. LJA Website – C.Wachter
12. Survey – C.Wachter

NEW BUSINESS

13. ?

OPEN FORUM Lake John Association Members

14. Adjournment

LJA Meetings	LID Meetings	
<u>2027</u> May 10 - BOD June 14 - BOD June 26- Annual Membership July 12 - BOD September 13 - BOD	<u>2026</u> September 24 - BOD	<u>2027</u> May 20 - BOD June 17 - BOD June 26 - Annual Meeting July 15 - BOD August 19 - BOD September 16 - BOD
BOD Meetings: 6:30 p.m. @ Southside Township Hall Annual Meeting: 9:00 a.m. @ South Haven City Hall (following LID meeting)		



REGULAR BOARD MEETING Minutes

July 20, 2026

DRAFT to be Approved September 14, 2026

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REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Sytsma called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Those in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Attendance/Roll Call

BOD Present: Sytsma, C. Wachter, Searles, Sutton, Gronseth, Volden, Greenwood, B. Wachter, Hurth

BOD Absent: Sjoberg

Members Present: Kelly & Steve Kosloski (Section 1), Melissa Gronseth (Section 2)

3. Introduction/Welcome New Board Members – Sytsma introduced and welcomed the newly elected Board members and provided a brief review of the LJA Bylaws. She addressed member comments regarding Board objectivity and clarified the distinction between personal viewpoints and the Board's responsibility to act objectively in accordance with the Bylaws. Sytsma emphasized the importance of open dialogue and constructive participation as the Board navigates challenging decisions. (attached pg. 7-9)

New Board members:

- Treasurer: Stephen Searles
- Section 2: Dan Gronseth
- Section 3: John Volden
- Section 6: Perry Hurth

4. Approval of Agenda – September 14, 2026

Two additions were requested for the agenda:

- Shores of Lake John Development
- Renewal of the LJA PO Box (reported by last Treasurer)

Motion: by John Volden to approve the agenda as amended. **Seconded** by C.Wachter and **passed unanimously**.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes - June 08, 2026 (attached to July 20 2026 agenda packet)

Motion: by C.Wachter to approve the minutes. **Seconded** by Volden and **passed unanimously**.

6. Reports

a. Treasurer Financial Report as of June 30, 2026

Sytsma provided an update on the LJA's current financials. (attached pg. 10-11)

Total funds across all bank accounts as of June 30th, 2026: \$158,058.98.

Sytsma asked whether interest earned on the AIS account should remain in the general fund or be allocated back to the AIS fund.

Motion by Gronseth to allocate the AIS account interest back into the AIS account by. **Seconded** by Searles and **passed unanimously**.

Sytsma also reported on the following items:

- I. CD Renewal – The CD that matured on July 2, 2026 was approved to be renewed and rolled into one consolidated CD at the previous meeting but has not yet been renewed. The bank automatically renewed it for one month. Sytsma will work with Lake Central Bank to complete the one year renewal as approved, totaling \$68,733.77 + \$578
 - II. Annual Financial Records Review – The required annual review of LJA financial records was performed and approved by C Wachter and B Wachter.
 - III. PO Box Renewal - Sytsma noted that the LJA PO Box is due for renewal this month.
- b. Section Representatives - New Property Owners/Property Developments
The Board discussed the benefit of gathering contact information from new property owners, including names, address, email address, and cell phone numbers and noted mentioning the availability of the New Member Form on the LJA website.
- o Section 3 – One new owner
 - o Section 5 – One new owner
 - o Section 6 – One went pending, expected to close on July 31st
- c. LID Liaison Report: June 18th & July 16th meetings – Kosloski
Kosloski reported on recent LID activities and meeting updates.
- July Meeting – The LID did not meet due to lack of quorum
 - Preview of August meeting topics - Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) treatment updates, volunteer participation challenges, and review of annual report. LID plans to maintain the same meeting schedule for next year.
 - June 18th meeting – Awaiting results from the curly leaf pondweed (CLP) treatment. LID nominations were discussed, with concerns about unfilled positions. Wake boat legislation in surrounding states was noted.
 - A question was raised regarding whether a hydrology study has been conducted for water levels, estimated costs is approximately \$5000. A potential collaboration with the Lake Sylvia Association was suggested. The Highway department reportedly recommended such a study.
 - High water levels were mentioned by attendees.
 - It was noted that a new volunteer liaison between the LID and the LJA would be helpful, and Dan agreed to consider serving in this role.
- d. Committees:
Sutton reported that during the Annual Meeting, the following members signed up to volunteer for LJA Committees:
- Event Planning:
- Dawn Becker
 - Suzanne Crane
 - Amy Chouinard
- Water Quality/Water Level
- Alison (Roberts) Olson
- I. Lake Health & Safety (attached to July 20, 2026, agenda packet) - Kosloski
1. Lake Quality
Kosloski reported that June Lake quality results reflected warmer temperatures and good mesotrophic conditions. Algae levels were low, nutrient readings (nitrates and phosphorus) were slightly lower, chlorophyll levels were slightly down, water clarity measured approximately 13 feet. (LJA Water Report July 20th attached pg. 12)
 2. Water Level Monitoring:
Water level data is available through the DNR at:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showlevel.html?downum=86028800>

A lake resident submits readings to the DNR. Current levels are approximately 7.5 inches above Ordinary High Water mark and trending higher. Question was raised regarding the monitoring process and whether cause and effect analysis is performed, it is not. Zebra mussel impacts were briefly discussed. It was suggested that if any members were interested in assisting with research, please let the President know. Observations included receding reeds and beach changes. Historical information from 2018 was shared.

- II. Lake Stewardship Program - Greenwood/Kosloski
Kosloski and Greenwood reported that the Lake Steward signs arrived. The Lake Steward Tour is scheduled for the morning of August 8, 2026, and volunteers are needed for planning and coordination. Sutton volunteered to assist.
- III. Culverts – Greenwood
Greenwood reported on culver conditions:
 - The culvert near 67 street by the launch was low
 - The culvert at 68th street near Lake Sylvia is stagnate
 - The two culverts on County Road 3 are also stagnantGreenwood will contact Wright County for follow up.
- IV. Event Planning
Currently one scheduled event: Lake Steward Tour. The committee will assist with planning and coordinating the tour, including timing and logistics.
- V. Migrating Bogs
A small bog approximately 8 feet in size was reported in front of Greenwood's property. C.Wachter moved a bog locating it near the previously staked bog.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- 7. Board of Directors Insurance renewal (attached to July 20, 2026 agenda packet) – Sytsma
Sytsma reported that the Board of Directors Insurance has been paid and renewed.
- 8. Items from Past Agendas:
 - a. Electronic copy of section lists to section representatives – C. Wachter
C. Wachter reported that the updated section lists have not yet been sent. He noted the following:
 - 167 properties, 102 paid members
 - Email addresses and cell phone numbers are important
 - Section map - If a volunteer offered to explore this option, Don at Wright County may be able to use GIS, Beacon in creating a section map
 - b. Email addresses added to LJA website for Section Reps – Sytsma
Sytsma reported that email addresses for Section Representatives have been added to the LJA website. Dana is no longer volunteering her time, so Kelly completed the update. If LJA explored a new website, it was noted that LJA will need the Email
- 9. Organization Updates
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No new updates were reported.
 - b. Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WC COLA): <https://wrightcola.mnlakesandrivers.org> - Kosloski
No new updates were reported.
 - c. MN Lakes and Rivers Association (MLR) <https://mnlakesandrivers.org> – Sytsma
 - i. The Safe Wake Map permit has been approved, metal sign ordered, picked up on Wed and posted on Thursday once received.

d. MN DNR – Sytsma

- i. Minnesota DNR fisheries fish survey was conducted in July on Lake John
Lake John was stocked in the spring and will be stocked again in the fall.

10. Community Updates - Sytsma

a. Lake John Community

Sutton reported that a event called "Fingerfest" will be held on Friday at 6:00 pm. The event will include a band and attendees are encouraged to bring finger food to share.

b. City Water/Sewer

No new updates were reported

c. New Developments & Solar Fields

- Walking path extension in Shores of Lake John Development - It was reported that there is currently no walking path, although one had been planned. Per the City of Annandale the Developer will do this at a future date.
- Road conditions on Lake John Dr near Shores of Lake John, Road – It was noted that the City is responsible for maintaining the road, but the developer of Shores of Lake John is expected to repair the road due to construction related damage. It was recommended that residents experiencing issues contact the City, which maintains the roadway up to 80th street.
- i. Southside Township Updates from July 7th meeting
 - Solar Farm Variance update - Marilyn Hallstrom: xxxx Nevens Ave NW request Variance
 - Marilyn Hallstrom: xxxx Nevens Ave NW – PID 217-000-243101 & 217-000-242100. REQUEST: Variance as regulated in Section 155.026 & 155.108(C)(18) of Chapter 155, Title XV, Land Usage & Zoning of the Wright County Code of Ordinances to allow the siting of a solar farm within a two-mile radius of another solar farm. STAFF NOTES: A variance is required because the proposed solar farm would be located approximately 1.5 miles from an existing solar farm, which does not meet the required two-mile setback. The Hallstrom's have been contacted by Companies wanting to put in a solar farm on their property. They want to make sure that they are being good neighbors and would like to have control over which property could potentially be developed into a solar farm. They do not want their neighbors to live right next to one, nor would they want to. They are requesting a variance because they are within 1.5 miles of another solar farm location. They are proposing a parcel of land that is set back off from the road, where a solar farm would not be easily visible to the general public. The Board members did not have a problem with this request citing the main reason is that it was not going to be visible. Chairman Berg made a motion to approve the variance as presented. Supervisor Otto seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Lot Line Adjustment/Land Usage & Zoning - Steven Jamison: xxxx 80th Street NW request
 - Steven Jamison: xxxx 80th Street NW – PID's 217-000-234301, -233405, -233403, -262201 & -233402. Property Owner: Jeffrey P Gavin & Stephen J Jameson. REQUEST: Lot Line Adjustment as regulated in Section 155.026 of Chapter 155, Title XV, Land Usage & Zoning of the Wright County Code of Ordinances to transfer a portion of land from PID 217-000-234301 to the adjacent property comprised of PIDs 217-000-233405, 217-000-233403, and 217-000-233402. STAFF NOTES: The Board of Adjustment may review and approve lot line adjustments involving lots of record that do not conform to the standards established by Chapter 155 (Zoning). Steve Jamison was present to show a survey of the proposed lot to be added to the Gavin parcels. Jamison had previously purchased land from the adjacent owner/farmer. He then sold off some of the "back lot" parcels to the lake front owners. Mr. Gavin did not purchase a back lot at the time he obtained his property. He is now wanting to add the additional land to his existing parcels. The Board felt that this was well thought out and it keeps access to the lot. The Board does not oppose this

proposed lot line adjustment. No motion was needed as the Board of Adjustment has the authority to approve or deny.

d. Wright County

i. Notice of Public Hearing

Sytsma reported that the Lake John Association received a Wright County Notice of Public Hearing on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. The hearing was held in the County Commissioner's Board Room at the Wright County Government Center in Buffalo. (attached pg. 13-14)

NEW BUSINESS

11. Board Member Annual Review and New Member Onboarding

a. LJA Constitution and Bylaws (attached to July 20 2026 agenda packet)

Sytsma encouraged all Board members to review the LJA Constitution and Bylaws to ensure familiarity with governing procedures and responsibilities.

b. Conflict of Interest Policy (attached to July 20 2026 agenda packet)

Sytsma informed the Board that the Conflict of Interest Policy must be signed annually by all Board members. The policy statement was distributed, and all members present signed. One absent Board member, **Sjoberg**, to sign at next meeting. Once done, the signed statement will be included in the appropriate meeting minutes.

12. Lake Central Bank change in Authorized Signers and online access to Stephen Searles Treasurer and Joleen Sytsma President.

Sytsma reported that the Authorized Signers for Lake Central Bank need to be updated to include the new Treasurer, Stephen Searles, and herself as President. She noted the need to remove all past signers for security purposes and to establish online access for both authorized individuals.

Motion by C. Wachter to approve updating the Authorized Signers to include the President and Treasurer, to remove all past signers, and to establish online access for both. **Seconded** by Sutton and. **passed unanimously.**

13. Review of Bylaws to allow electronic voting

Sytsma reviewed the section of the Bylaws related to voting procedures and introduced the need to update the Bylaws to allow electronic communication and voting for future Association business. The board discussed the process for proposing amendments, including drafting a redline version by the Executive Committee and, bringing the proposed changes to the full Board for consideration. Any final amendments would be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting. Sytsma recommended changes be reviewed by an attorney prior to final approval and a membership vote.

14. Annual Meeting Review (lessons learned) – Sytsma

a. Electronic Nomination and Voting – C Wachter

Wachter reported that 86% of members were in favor of electronic voting.

Additional feedback received included:

Some members were unsure who to vote for (not specific to electronic voting)

Voting results were not available at the Annual meeting

b. Committee signups

Sutton reported that 4 new volunteers were captured at the Annual Meeting for Event Planning and Water Quality/Water Level committees (names recorded in notes above). She also suggested adding the Committee list to the Association website to encourage ongoing volunteer participation by allowing members to email the Association at info@lakejohnassociation.com at any time, rather than limiting volunteer sign-up's to the Annual Meeting.

c. Miscellaneous:

Lessons Learned - Sutton encouraged the Board members to share information and materials so they can be collectively documented in the Google drive to support planning for next year's Annual Meeting, including notes on what worked well, areas of improvement and reminders.

Website – The Board discussed exploring a new website platform for simplicity. C.Wachter will check with Dana regarding purchasing the domain and will research additional hosting options.

Survey
C.Wachter reported that Kelly provided examples of surveys used by other lake associations. Electronic voting simplifies data collection. The Board discussed focusing survey questions on actionable goals. Electronic tools such as Election Buddy and Google Forms were mentioned, can be exported for analysis.

15. Reminder there is NO LJA meeting in August

OPEN FORUM Lake John Association Members

One member suggested that it would be helpful to receive a report showing members per section

16. Adjournment 8:07 pm

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To the Elected Board Members of the Lake John Association Board of Directors:

Stephen, Dan, John, and Perry, welcome to your new role on the Lake John Association Board of Directors.

To all of us as elected leaders, we share a vital, collective responsibility to guide our Lake John community. Our actions and decisions must be strictly anchored in the **Lake John Association Constitution & Bylaws**.

Our work is defined by 3 fundamental pillars listed in the LJA Constitution & Bylaws as Objectives:

1. Promote the care and betterment of Lake John and,
2. Assist in the conservation and preservation of the natural resources of Lake John and,
3. Promote the general welfare of the members of this association as it pertains to Lake John.

Unfortunately, at the Lake John Association annual meeting, I heard certain people use the words "personal agendas" and "divisive." Therefore, as the re-elected President, I feel it is important that I address these comments.

Personal Agendas vs. Association Objectives

A *personal agenda* represents individual desires, preferences, or goals that may benefit only a specific group or property owner, rather than the entire lake community. Conversely, following association objectives means making decisions based on the collective good, environmental sustainability of Lake John, and our official governing documents. True leadership requires putting aside personal agendas and making tough, objective decisions based on the Constitution and Bylaws, even when those choices conflict with our own personal interests.

Navigating "Divisiveness" and Sensitive Issues

Divisiveness is the fracturing of our community into opposing sides. It occurs when individual agendas are prioritized over Bylaw-driven objectives, or when communication breaks down into personal attacks and secrecy rather than open, fact-based discussion.

As a Board, our responsibility is to work through sensitive issues collectively and transparently with current information. We must provide accurate, timely information to our members, fostering an environment where all members have the opportunity to learn and voices are heard. By committing to sharing information, open dialogue and adhering to the Constitution and Bylaws, we can tackle challenges objectively and ensure that our decisions truly serve the betterment and welfare of Lake John. Sharing information is a way for all of us to learn and is not "divisive."

Let's begin doing the work of the Lake John Association according to its Constitution and Bylaws!

Email to Lake John residents sent 08/27/26:

Subject: A Message from the President: Our Shared Path Forward for Lake John

Dear Residents of Lake John,

On August 8, the Lake John Stewardship committee hosted a "Steward the Lake Tour" where we toured our four inaugural lake stewards' properties (Fleskes, Greenwood, Kunelius and Kosloski). We also had a bonus by touring [the Austin's](#) property as well. As Kelly captained the pontoon and provided awesome snacks and refreshments, we enjoyed a fun morning and a fun way to see the variety of Stewardship practices while building community across the lake! A big thank you to [the Lake](#) Stewards for sharing their lake steward knowledge with us and to the Lake Stewardship Committee, John Greenwood, Kelly Kosloski and Michelle Sutton!! If you would like to learn more about the Lake John Stewardship program and/or designation, please contact John Greenwood or Kelly Kosloski.

The foursome of Christy and Topher McKinlay and Mary and Rick Grassel won the coveted traveling trophy from the 6th Annual Lake John Golf Tournament on August 22nd. The weather was perfect with no humidity, nice breeze and no bugs. Thanks to Southbrook Golf for providing great service and making the participants feel totally welcome. Thanks to Molly Van Metre for organizing the golf tournament again this year!

As we welcomed our newly elected Board of Directors of the Lake John Association at our last Board meeting (Stephen Searles as Treasurer, Dan Gronseth as Section 2 Rep, John Volden as Section 3 Rep and Perry Hurth as Section 6 Rep), I took a moment to share a message about our collective vision, our roles, and the principles that will guide our leadership that I would like to share with all of you. Serving this community is both a privilege and a profound responsibility. Every decision we make as a Board must be rooted in the purpose for which this association was founded.

Our Core Objectives

As outlined in our Constitution and Bylaws, our leadership is dedicated to three fundamental pillars:

1. **The Care and Betterment of Lake John:** Ensuring our lake remains a vibrant, healthy, and beautiful place for all.
2. **Conservation and Preservation:** Actively protecting the natural resources, water quality, and wildlife of Lake John for generations to come.
3. **The General Welfare of Our Members:** Promoting a safe, welcoming, and thriving community for everyone who calls this lake home.

Aligning Leadership with Our Bylaws

True leadership requires a commitment to the collective good over individual desires. There is a distinct difference between a *personal agenda*—which seeks to advance individual preferences or the interests of a select few—and our official *association objectives*.

Your Board members have a responsibility to make tough, objective decisions based strictly on the Lake John Constitution and Bylaws. At times, doing what is right for the entire lake community may conflict with a Board member's personal opinions or private interests (the same goes for all of us). In those moments, our governing documents must always come first.

Understanding and Overcoming Divisiveness

Divisiveness happens when personal agendas are prioritized over the association's shared objectives, purpose and goals. When individuals push for personal outcomes at the expense of the collective mission, it fractures our community, halts progress and erodes trust. To prevent this, our Board is committed to working through sensitive issues with transparency, respect, and unity. We believe the antidote to divisiveness is open communication and information sharing to all. It is our responsibility to provide you, our members, with clear, accurate information so that we can move forward together, even when tackling complex or difficult topics.

Rest assured that the LJA Board will focus on issues that could effect the health and wellness of Lake John even when those are issues the Board has not had to deal with in the past.

We are incredibly grateful for your continued support, passion, and dedication to Lake John. If you are not a member of the Lake John Association, I encourage you to become one. Only members are allowed to vote on important matters, so become a member and let your voice be heard! You are welcome to attend Board Meetings as well.

By staying anchored in our shared values and respecting our governing guidelines, we will ensure that Lake John remains a cherished sanctuary for us all now and for many generations to come.

If you would like to contact someone on the LJA Board of Directors, please see the Lake John Association website for contact information: <https://lakejohnassociation.com/home/about/board-contact-information>.

Warm regards,

Joleen Sytsma
President, Lake John Association

Lake John Association Inc

Statement of Financial Position

As of Jun 30, 2026

	TOTAL
Assets	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
AIS/Critical Needs Restricted Funds	68,733.77
Capital One 360	8,649.87
Lake Central Bank - Checking	\$53,000.67
AIS/Critical Needs Restricted Funds	-34,852.36
Total for Lake Central Bank - Checking	\$18,148.31
Lake Central Bank CD #1 Due 07/02/26	\$33,881.41
AIS/Critical Needs Restricted Funds	-33,881.41
Total for Lake Central Bank CD #1 Due 07/02/26	\$0.00
Lake Central Bank CD #2 Due 01/07/27	62,527.03
Total for Bank Accounts	\$158,058.98
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total for Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total for Current Assets	\$158,058.98
Total for Assets	\$158,058.98
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	
Total for Liabilities	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	147,245.26
Net Revenue	10,813.72
Total for Equity	\$158,058.98
Total for Liabilities and Equity	\$158,058.98

Lake John Association Inc
Statement of Activity YTD Comparison
June 2026

	TOTAL	
	JUN 2026	JAN 1 - JUN 30 2026 (YTD)
Revenue		
Critical Needs/Invasive Species Fund Donation	550.00	6,975.00
General Fund Revenue		
Association Dues	450.00	3,060.00
General Fund Donations	614.42	2,854.42
Total for General Fund Revenue	\$1,064.42	\$5,914.42
Total for Revenue	\$1,614.42	\$12,889.42
Gross Profit	\$1,614.42	\$12,889.42
Expenditures		
Annual Meeting Expenses	1,628.57	1,628.57
Insurance	880.00	880.00
Memberships	100.00	335.00
Newsletter and Other Mailings Expenses		713.80
Office Expenses	181.40	314.40
Postage	78.00	78.00
Website Expenses		120.00
Total for Expenditures	\$2,867.97	\$4,069.77
Net Operating Revenue	-\$1,253.55	\$8,819.65
Other Revenue		
Interest Income		1,994.07
Total for Other Revenue		\$1,994.07
Net Other Revenue		\$1,994.07
Net Revenue	-\$1,253.55	\$10,813.72

Lake John Association Water Report July 20, 2026 Board Meeting

Lake ID: 86-6288-00 Surface Area: 397 acres Max Depth: 28 feet Average Depth: 13 ft Watershed Area: 3,873 acres Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL): 1,354 ft
 Impairments: Aquatic consumption AIS: Curly-leaf pondweed, Common carp, Eurasian watermilfoil, Zebra mussel
 Highest Water Levels: August 2024, July 2019, August 2023 Lowest Water Levels: October 1996, September 1986, April 1988
 Water Quality Data (Since 2002): <https://www.mnher.com/> Water Level Data (Since 1974): <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/datafirst/shoreland.htm?Chlownum=86028800>

CLASSIFICATION

JUNE 2026

MESOTROPHIC (TSI 43)

Physical Condition: Low Algae

Recreation Suitability: Good

TSI	ATTRIBUTES	FISHERIES & RECREATION
1-10	OLIGOTROPHIC: Clear water, oxygen throughout the year in the bottom of the lake, very deep cold water.	Frost tolerant plants.
10-20	Bottom (if shallow) lakes may become anoxic in summer.	Frost tolerant in deep lakes only. Walleye, Yellow perch.
20-30	MESOTROPHIC: Water moderately deep most of the summer. May be "greenish" in late summer.	No oxygen at the bottom of the lake results in loss of some "bottom trap" pondweeds.
30-40	EUTROPHIC: Algae and aquatic plant problems possible. "Green" water most of the year.	Warm-water fish only. Bluegill, bass.
40-50	Warm green algae dominates; algal scums and aquatic plant problems.	Warm water and oxygen plants. Low water clarity may discourage swimming and boating.
50-60	HYPERTROPHIC: Green algae and aquatic plants.	Water is not suitable for recreation.

TOTAL PHOSPHORUS

June 2026: 15.68 ug/L
 June 2025: 23.23 ug/L
 June 5-yr Average (2026-2022): 22.51 ug/L
 June 10-yr Average (2026-2017): 21.35 ug/L

June 2026 is noticeably lower than last year and both the 5-year and 10-year averages. This suggests improved water quality for June 2026. Lower phosphorus means less potential for algae growth, better water clarity, and overall more favorable lake conditions.

Phosphorus is needed by plants and animals to survive, but can cause algae blooms if there is too much phosphorus available. Most common sources of high phosphorus on Lake John are soil erosion, fertilizer, and human/animal waste.

CHLOROPHYLL-A

June 2026: 3.86 ug/L
 June 2025: 8.48 ug/L
 June 5-yr Average (2026-2022): 8.20 ug/L
 June 10-yr Average (2026-2017): 6.01 ug/L

June 2026 is much lower than last year & both the 5-year & 10-year averages. This suggests exceptionally low algae levels this June. Lower chlorophyll-a typically means clearer water, fewer algae blooms, & generally better recreational & aesthetic conditions. When both chlorophyll-a & phosphorus drop together (as your data shows), it's a strong sign the lake experienced good environmental conditions, such as reduced nutrient runoff, favorable weather, or effective watershed management.

Chlorophyll-a is a measurement of the amount of algae in a lake. Some algae can produce dangerous toxins. High algal concentrations threaten aquatic life & can impede recreation & enjoyment of the lake.

CLARITY

June 2026: 13 ft
 June 2025: 7.5 ft
 June 5-yr Average (2026-2022): 8.7 ft
 June 10-yr Average (2026-2017): 10.85 ft

June 2026 clarity (13 ft) is exceptionally good — much clearer than last year and higher than both the 5- and 10-year averages. Compared to long-term patterns, 2026 stands out as one of the clearest Junes in recent history (June 2020 was last 13.50 ft reading). This aligns with the phosphorus and chlorophyll-a results, which also showed improvements. When all three indicators improve together, it's a strong signal of a healthier lake with better overall water quality.

Clarity is affected by the amount of algae and sediment in the water column. Low clarity means sunlight does not reach deeper portions of the lake to support plant and animal life.

WATER LEVEL

June 2026: 7.50 inches Above OHWL
 June 2025: 6.13 inches Above OHWL
 June 5-yr Average (2026-2022): 6.13 inches Above OHWL
 June 10-yr Average (2026-2017): 3.39 inches Above OHWL

June 2026 lake levels are slightly higher than normal, but still well within a typical seasonal range. The 2026 level (7.5 inches) is only about an inch above last year and the 5-year average, suggesting moderately high water but not unusual. Compared to the 10-year average (3.3 inches), 2026 is higher than long-term trends, showing recent years have generally been wetter. Water at this level usually does not indicate flooding conditions, but it can mean: Minor shoreline saturation. Some reduced beach area. Slight increases in erosion potential during storms. Overall, the lake is trending on the higher side of normal, but 2026's level does not represent a significant departure—just a modestly elevated early-summer water level.

Water level monitoring is vital for several reasons: Flood Prevention-Historical data helps zoning officials map floodplains and establish low floor elevations for new construction. Ecosystem Protection-Monitoring prevents severe drawdowns and supports the management of aquatic vegetation and fish habitats. Groundwater Sustainability-The DNR tracks static groundwater levels (obwells) to monitor aquifer health and prevent over-pumping during droughts.

Prepared by Lake John Association Member Kelly Rosoloff

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on **Friday, July 10, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.** the Wright County Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing in the County Commissioner's Board Room at the Government Center, in the City of Buffalo, Minnesota, to consider the following item:

STEPHEN JAMESON

LOCATION: xxxx 80TH ST NW – PRT OF SW1/4 SE1/4 OF SEC23 & PRTs OF GOV LT1 all in SECT-23/26 TWP-121 RANGE-028 Wright County, Minnesota. (Southside Twp.) Tax #217-000-234301, -233405, -233403, -262201 & -233402. Property Owner: JEFFREY P GAVIN & STEPHEN J JAMESON

REQUEST: Lot Line Adjustment as regulated in Section 155.026 of Chapter 155, Title XV, Land Usage & Zoning of the Wright County Code of Ordinances to transfer a portion of land from PID 217-000-234301 to the adjacent property comprised of PIDs 217-000-233405, 217-000-233403, and 217-000-233402.

STAFF NOTES: The Board of Adjustment may review and approve lot line adjustments involving lots of record that do not conform to the standards established by Chapter 155 (Zoning).

Information regarding the specific request is made available roughly one week prior to the meeting date. Please go to the following link: <https://www.co.wright.mn.us/Calendar.aspx>, locate the appropriate hearing date, click on "More Details", and then the Preliminary Staff Report. Please note that these may be large files and take time to load.

REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED APPLICATION WILL BE HEARD ON:

DATE: Friday, July 10, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

MEETING LOCATION: WRIGHT COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER,
COMMISSIONER BOARD ROOM, 3650 BRADDOCK AVE NE, BUFFALO, MN

OR YOU MAY SEND YOUR COMMENTS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW TO
THE PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE, WRIGHT COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER,
3650 BRADDOCK AVE NE, SUITE 1600, BUFFALO, MINNESOTA 55313-1185

*All written comments received by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting will receive full consideration by the
Wright County Board of Adjustment.*

SIGNATURE

If you have questions regarding this matter, please call 763-682-7338
INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED WILL BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST FOR
PUBLIC MEETINGS & OTHER COUNTY SPONSORED CLASSES & EVENTS.



Lake John Association Water Report September 14, 2026 Board Meeting

Lake ID: 86-0286-00 Surface Area: 397 acres Max Depth: 28 feet Average Depth: 13 ft Watershed Area: 3,973 acres Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL): 1,054 ft
 Impairments: Aquatic consumption AIS: Curly-leaf pondweed, Common carp, Eurasian watermilfoil, Zebra mussel
 Highest Water Levels: August 2024, July 2019, August 2023 Lowest Water Levels: October 1998, September 1988, April 1988
 Water Quality Data (Since 2003): <https://lakes.mnbel.com/> Water Level Data (Since 1974): <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showlevel.htm?downum=86028600>

CLASSIFICATION

JULY 2026: MESOTROPHIC

July 2025: Mesotrophic Trophic State TSI Average 48
 Physical Condition: Medium Algae Recreation Suitability: Good

AUGUST 2026: MESOTROPHIC

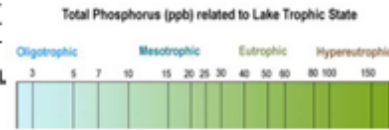
August 2025: Mesotrophic Trophic State TSI Average 49
 Physical Condition: Medium Algae Recreation Suitability: Good

TSI	ATTRIBUTES	FISHERIES & RECREATION
< 30	OLIGOTROPHIC: Clear water, oxygen throughout the year at the bottom of the lake, very deep cold water.	Trout fisheries dominate.
30 - 40	Bottom of shallower lakes may become anoxic (no oxygen).	Trout fisheries in deep lakes only. Walleye, Turbot present.
40 - 50	MESOTROPHIC: Water moderately clear most of the summer. May be "greener" in late summer.	No oxygen at the bottom of the lake results in loss of trout. Walleye may predominate.
50 - 60	EUTROPHIC: Algae and aquatic plant problems possible. "Green" water most of the year.	Warm-water fisheries only. Bass may dominate.
60 - 70	Blue-green algae dominates, algal scums and aquatic plant problems.	Dense algae and aquatic plants. Low water clarity may discourage swimming and boating.
70 - 80	HYPEREUTROPHIC: Dense algae and aquatic plants.	Water is not suitable for recreation.

TOTAL PHOSPHORUS (TP)

TP threshold for impairment is 40 over a 5-year or 10-year period of time.

July 2026	16.09 ug/L (micrograms per liter/parts per billion)
July 2025	20.58 ug/L
July 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	20.43 ug/L
July 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	19.62 ug/L
August 2026	22.21 ug/L
August 2025	21.26 ug/L
August 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	21.20 ug/L
August 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	21.20 ug/L



DATA ANALYSIS:

Total Phosphorus (TP) concentration increased by 6.12 ug/L (+38.04%) between July and August 2026. This represents a substantial surge compared to the typical July-to-August increases seen in 2025 (+0.68 ug/L), the 5-year average (+0.77 ug/L), and the 10-year average (+1.58 ug/L).

DID YOU KNOW? Total phosphorus (TP) is a "cause" parameter, while chlorophyll-a and Secchi depth are "effect" parameters. When TP increases, that means there is more food available for algae, so algal concentrations increase. When algal concentrations increase, the water becomes less transparent (cloudier), and the Secchi depth decreases. By measuring each of the three parameters, we can better pinpoint the source of water quality improvement or decline.

Lowest Sampling to Date: August 2018 8.00 ug/L Highest Sampling to Date: September 2018 96.00 ug/L

CHLOROPHYLL-A (Chl-a)

Chl-a threshold for impairment is 15 over a 5-year or 10-year period of time.

July 2026	5.87 ug/L (micrograms per liter/parts per billion)
July 2025	8.01 ug/L
July 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	6.99 ug/L
July 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	6.72 ug/L
August 2026	7.12 ug/L
August 2025	9.79 ug/L
August 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	8.72 ug/L
August 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	7.44 ug/L



DATA ANALYSIS:

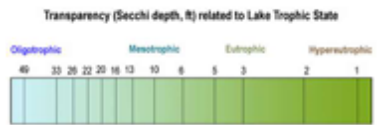
Chlorophyll-a concentrations in 2026 were notably lower across both sampled months compared to 2025 and multi-year averages. Chlorophyll-a levels increased by 1.25 ug/L (+21.29%) from July to August 2026. This seasonal rise mirrors typical late-summer biological expansion seen in 2025 (+22.22%) and the 5-year average trend (+24.75%). August 2026, chlorophyll-a levels (7.12 ug/L) drew very close to the 10-year August baseline of 7.44 ug/L, trailing it by only 0.32 ug/L (-4.30%).

DID YOU KNOW? If over time there is a decrease in TP, it should eventually result in a decrease in Chl-a and an increase in Secchi depth. If there is an increase in Secchi depth, but no change in the other parameters, it could indicate a decrease in erosion in the watershed. Stabilizing streambanks and lakeshore decreases the amount of particles entering the water, making it less cloudy.

Lowest Sampling to Date: May 2021 1.00 ug/L Highest Sampling to Date: May 2026 20.47 ug/L

CLARITY/SECCHI DISK DEPTH TRANSPARENCY (SD)

July 2026	5.5 feet
July 2025	7.5 ft
July 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	9.9 ft
July 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	7.0 ft
August 2026	5.60 ft
August 2025	6.5 ft
August 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	7.0 ft
August 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	7.9 ft



DATA ANALYSIS:

Water clarity depth in 2026 is substantially reduced compared to prior years and long-term benchmarks across both months. July 2026 (5.50 ft): Measured 2.00 ft lower (-26.67%) than July 2025, 4.40 ft lower (-44.44%) than the 5-year average (9.90 ft), and 1.50 ft lower (-21.43%) than the 10-year average (7.00 ft). August 2026 (5.60 ft): Measured 0.90 ft lower (-13.85%) than August 2025, 1.40 ft lower (-20.00%) than the 5-year average (7.00 ft), and 2.30 ft lower (-29.11%) than the 10-year average (7.90 ft). Flat Month-over-Month Performance: Water clarity remained virtually unchanged from July to August 2026 (+0.10 ft or +1.82%). This contrasts with the 5-year average trend, which typically experiences a notable late-summer drop in clarity (-2.80 ft).

DID YOU KNOW? If there is an increase in TP over time, but no change in Chl-a and SD, it could indicate that excess phosphorus is entering the lake. If this TP increase continues, Chl-a will increase, and SD will decrease. If there is a decrease in Secchi depth but no change in TP and Chl-a this could indicate that erosion is occurring along the shoreline of the lake or the streambank of an inlet.

Lowest Sampling to Date: July 2007 4.5 ft. Highest Sampling to Date: June 2005 18 ft.

WATER LEVEL

July 2026	6.84 inches Above OHWL
July 2025	8.04 in. Above OHWL
July 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	5.21 in. Above OHWL
July 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	3.90 in. Above OHWL
August 2026	3.84 in. Above OHWL
August 2025	8.52 in. Above OHWL
August 5-yr Average (2022-2026)	6.12 in. Above OHWL
August 10-yr Average (2017-2026)	2.55 in. Above OHWL

Most Recent July Reading At the OHWL: July 2017 Below the OHWL: July 2017 -0.36 in.
 Most Recent August Reading At the OHWL: August 2017 Below the OHWL: August 2021 -6.48 in.

DATA ANALYSIS:

Lake John's water level between July and August 2026 dropped by about 3 inches but both months remained above the OHWL. The annual 2026 average to date is 5.94" above the OHWL compared to Annual 2025 average of 7.19" above the OHWL. The 5-year annual average is 5.91" above the OHWL and the 10-year average is 3.78" above the OHWL.

DID YOU KNOW? Water level monitoring is vital for several reasons: Flood Prevention-Historical data helps zoning officials map floodplains and establish low floor elevations for new construction. Ecosystem Protection-Monitoring prevents severe drawdowns and supports the management of aquatic vegetation and fish habitats. Groundwater Sustainability-The DNR tracks static groundwater levels (cobbles) to monitor aquifer health and prevent over-pumping during droughts.

Prepared by Lake John Association Member/Lake Health & Safety Committee Member Kelly Kozicki



Please consider forwarding this to your association members so that they have this information.

MN COLA Members and Friends,

Our September quarterly Membership meeting is just a week away. So mark your calendar and join us for a very interesting meeting!

MN COLA Membership Meeting
September 15, 2026
9 - 11 a.m. Central time on Zoom

[Click here to register](#) anytime before the meeting. The Zoom link for the meeting will be provided following registration in an email from Zoom. Watch for it and be sure to save the email.

We have two very important topics on the agenda:

- A highly effective AIS treatment option for zebra mussels that is getting ready to exit the research stage
- An update on Sulfide mining in Minnesota



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Researchers from USGS and MAISRC have been leading the efforts on treating zebra mussel infestations with low doses of copper for many years and they are now exploring approaches to deploy the solution. It will be a key new arrow in our quiver for addressing a very vexing AIS animal species.

Matt Barbour, from the US Geological Service (USGS), is one of those key researchers and we are excited that he can join us to bring us up to date on this exciting research.



Minnesota Center for
Environmental Advocacy



This battle over sulfide mining in Minnesota has been going on for years with industry announcements, government actions and inactions, lawsuits, and more. One of the latest actions happened in mid-August with Governor Walz signing an executive order for "Enhancing Protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness". The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy ([MCEA](#)) is one of the lead organizations fighting this battle for all of us and they know the current situation.

Ashlynn Kedzior, an attorney from MCEA, has been in the middle of the MCEA efforts to protect our Minnesota waters from the impacts of sulfide mining. We are thrilled to have her on the agenda.

[Register today](#) and join us for this important, informative, and interesting session. Be sure to look for an email from Zoom after registering that includes the meeting link... and save it!

Everyone is welcome to attend, so feel free to forward this meeting information.

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DNR statistics on boater accidents and death lowest on record following implementation of new Boaters Education and Certification requirement

Dear Joleen,

MLR lobbied hard, for many years, for the legislature to create a boaters education and certification program. Minnesota was one of only eight states that did not have a boater license requirement.

In 2025 the Legislature passed a new [Boater Education and Certification](#) requirement. The law went live on July 1, 2026.

There were multiple reasons MLR pushed for a boater license:

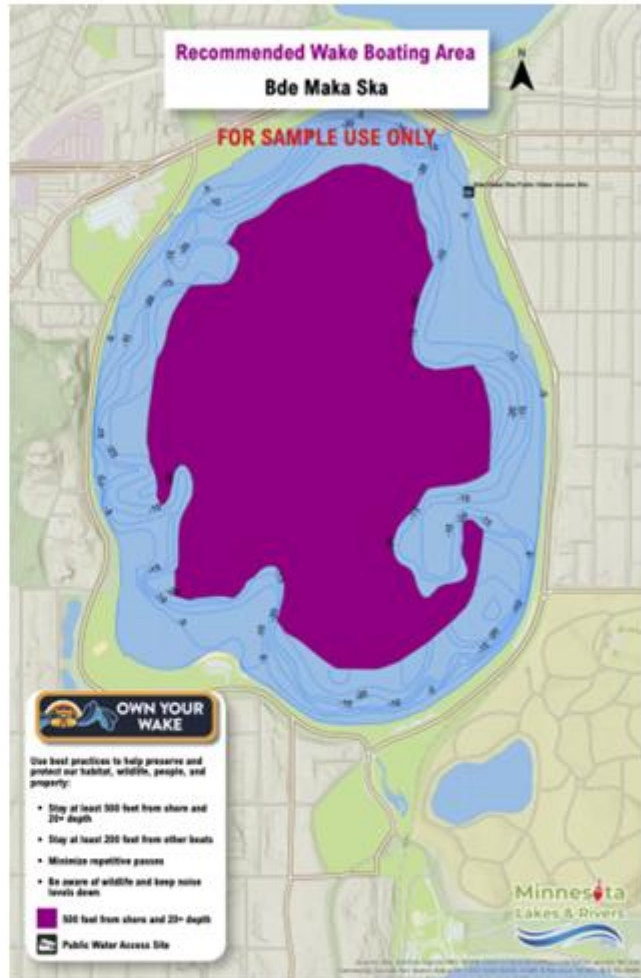
- **Public Safety** - For years boating deaths in Minnesota hovered between 10 and 20 each year.
- **Over Powered Boats** - manufacturers are increasing the horsepower of boats, making them much faster. Boats that can travel 70 mph are not uncommon today.
- **User conflicts** - Some uses, like wake surfing, make other uses, like angling, kayaking or paddle boarding, impossible.
- **Ecological impacts** - with more and more powerful boats, shoreline erosion, destruction of waterfowl nests (loons), destruction of native aquatic plants and reanimation of sediments was increasing,

- **Aquatic Invasive Species, AIS Prevention** - The spread of AIS is preventable with best practices, yet rates of AIS spread remain too high.

Shelia Van Raden wrote, "We love our map for Lake Six!"

MLR's WakeSafe maps can be used in all your lake association communications to reinforce the best practices put forth in the boaters license program.

- They are standardized across the state - over 100 are up at lakes in Minnesota.
- Language has been pre-approved by the MN DNR to facilitate permitting at the accesses.
- Proactive and positive response to wake surfing issues.
- They work - users report improved conditions on the lake.



[Order a Wake Safe Map for your lake HERE](#)

The Minnesota DNR recently released their [2026 Yearly Watercraft Accident Records and Statistics](#).

Minnesota's waters are the safest that they have ever been, reporting 4 boating fatalities. This continues a trend from 2025, when the boater safety training went online, when there were 7 boating fatalities.

For comparison, in 1961, the first year that MN tracked boating fatalities, there were 57.

Our work together is literally saving lives, making boating more enjoyable for all, AND reducing negative ecological impacts. Your support of MLR makes this possible.

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The data also shows that the highest risk demographic were not young people. The most common age range for victims was 61 years and older (3), followed by 31 – 40 years old (2). The oldest victim was 76 years old and the youngest was 15 years old. Alcohol was listed as a factor in 3 of the 8 incidents (37.5%).

My father had both motorized and sailing boats. I started boating before I could walk. In Boy Scouts I earned my Boating, Sailing, Rowing and Canoeing Merit Badges. In high school I worked at a sailing school.

I took the training and the test, and learned vital information. I am a more respectful and safer boater than I was before taking the new course.

So take the course, even if you are not required to by law. Reach out to your local water patrol and host a training day on the lake. Order a Wake Safe map to reinforce the wake and prop thrust best practices taught in the course.

We can all feel immense pride in the work we do together. Not only are we protecting our lakes and rivers for future generations, WE ARE LITERALLY SAVING LIVES.

Thank you for all you do.

Jeff Forester

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