

Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership

Minutes of the Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership

January 15, 2026

Present: Mike Golas, Vicki Browne, Sally Davis, Laurie Zen Netzow, Diane Kut.

Absent/Excused: Mike Bukovitz, Dave Keller, Jim Edmondson, Roy Carlson, Jason Gasperich

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ CONCLUSION
Call to Order/Roll Call	The meeting was called to order by President Mike G at 10:01AM CST in-person at the Iron County Library Board Room and via audio call. Jim previously sent an email stating his support of approval of minutes and acceptance of the treasurer's report.	Quorum established
Accept Minutes	MSP: Vicki/Laurie - Accept minutes of the October 16, 2025 Meeting.	Motion passed unanimously
Treasurer's Report	Report previously sent to board members. See attached. Vicki reviewed. MSP: Laurie/Diane - Accept treasurer's report	Motion passed unanimously
Membership Renewal Update	Membership (at 138) is a bit lower than last year. Mike G will send out a reminder.	Mike G. to send reminder
OLD BUSINESS		
Annual Member Meeting	June 6, 2026 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Vicki reported. Both presenters on special assessment districts are willing to present. Diane is coordinating with Fortune Lake Camp. Laurie has developed the flyer, which was reviewed and edited by the group. Information tables were discussed. Laurie offered to do nametags.	Discussion only
Lake association round table	Lake association roundtable. There has been a need for discussion on how lake associations are organized and the various missions/activities. Jo and Eric may be willing to facilitate this round table. If not, Sally and Vicki will co-facilitate.	Vicki will check with Jo and Eric
Jo and Eric Visit and AIS Symposium	June 24-27. Diane reserved the Crystal Falls Township Hall for the June 24 th symposium. Rent is \$75. Symposium will run from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Laurie and Vicki will create a flyer and press release. Mike will look into a sound system. Vicki is still working on speakers for the event.	Laurie and Vicki to develop brochure. Mike G. to check on a sound system. Vicki to follow up with speakers.

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	Other events we have considered are a family night and a fall color tour. Perhaps Jo and Eric will consider a children's focused library night.	
Mission and Budget around AIS	Nothing new on discussion. We have a new grant request from Iron Lake for \$500. Discussion and decision will be held next month.	Board members to review Iron Lake's application.
Special Assessment District development	Nothing new on the approved Lake Mary assessment. Buck Lake and Sunset Lake are considering pursuing a special assessment district.	Information only
Healthy Shoreline Projects	Mike G suggested we continue to encourage participation in healthy shoreline projects. We will continue connections with last year's participants.	Information only
Next Newsletter	Laurie suggested we get the next newsletter out in February. Jo and Eric's visit will be highlighted. Vicki will write about the 3-year education rotation. Perhaps a topic on the difference on an homeowners association and a lake association will be included.	Laurie will begin the process
NEW BUSINESS		
Insurance	Annual D & O and general liability insurance renewal of \$858 is due. Mike will request Jim to review the documents.	Online vote for approval of expenditure will be done.
Conservationist of the year	Jen Ricker has been named the Michigan's Conservation Employee of the Year. Mike sent a congratulations.	Information only
ADJOURN	Meeting adjourned at 11:22am CST. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2026 at 10am CST at the West Iron Library.	

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Davis, Secretary

NOTE: Review the task list below and let Vicki know where you can assist.

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Treasurer's Report **1/9/2026**

	Expense/Income
Description	e

Certificate of Deposit

Opening Balance:	Opened 5/19/25	\$ 10,146.20
	Dividend 12/31/2025	\$ 100.77
Current Balance:	1/9/2026	\$ 10,246.97

Membership Account: Interest-bearing

Opening Balance:	10/14/2025	\$ 13,515.42
	EXPENSES	
	INCOME	
	Member&Donation	\$ 3,045.00
	Interest	\$ 18.06
	CoV Annual Share	\$ 12.12
Current Balance:	1/9/2026	\$ 16,590.60

Checking Account

Opening Balance	10/14/2025	\$ 1,839.74
	EXPENSES	
	DocuCopies Newsletter	\$ (794.39)
	2oz Stamps	\$ (321.00)
	PO Box renewal	\$ (88.00)
	INCOME	
	Interest	\$ 0.21
Current Balance:	1/9/2026	\$ 636.56
TOTAL	1/9/2026	\$ 27,474.13

Membership: 138	as of 1/6/2026
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TASK LIST for Member Meeting, Symposium, Lake Association Round Table

June 6, 2026 Annual Member Meeting

At Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp (deposit paid)

4:00PM - 7:00PM

- Create flyer for the event: Laurie & Vicki

Create agenda for business portion of meeting: Mike G

Create brief cover letter encouraging attendance: _____

Email cover letter and flyer to bcc member list: Mike G

Print color copies of flyer to mail: (Docucopies) _____

Mail printed flyers to township boards and members for whom we have no email. [We should be sure we have all relevant flyers and cover letter so this is one mailing for all events.]: _____

- Coordinate getting photos of various boat launches (3-4) in the area that look different so Kelsey Brockelman can help participants process options for boat wash equipment/signage: _____
- Track attendance responses: Sally (unless someone else is given access to Partnership email)
 - Create spreadsheet of attendees (name, lake, email address)
 - Indicate whether attendees are members who have paid dues or non-members: Vicki
- Send flyer to Watersmeet group: _____
- Connect with Fortune Lake Camp regarding table/chair set-up and meal: Diane
 - Is there a way to have internet access at Fortune Lake Camp?
- Write press release for newspaper: Vicki [This is a way to attract new members.]

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- Create table tent signs for tables dedicated to CLMP and AIS cards: _____
- Pull together materials for CLMP table (secchi disk, sample lake reports, laptop, etc): _____
Create a sign-up sheet for lakes interested in doing Score the Shore or Exotic Aquatic.
- Pull together materials for AIS table: AIS cards: Laurie; Symposium Agenda/Sign up: Vicki
- Set up for meeting (3:30-start): _____ and _____ and _____
Make sure tables are in places we want.
Bring bucket and cloth to wipe table tops (last year they needed this)
Set up dedicated AIS and CLMP tables and registration table.
Interact with Charlotte to make sure we have everything needed.
Pay remaining amount: Vicki
- 4:00-4:30: Welcome/Registration: _____
\$15/person for non-members OR become a member
Be sure to get email contact if none listed on attendance sheet.
- Connect with Paul Dalpra, Joanne Burns and Karen Mallon to make sure they have everything they need: Vicki
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- Connect with Mike Bjork or someone else from Mastodon to be sure they can be at the member meeting in anticipation of summarizing during the July 27th Symposium: _____
- Stay to do any clean up: _____ and _____
- Thank you notes to Joanne Burns and Karen Mallon: _____

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Lake Association Round Table

Location: one of the township halls

- Create flyer: Laurie & Vicki
- Email flyer: Mike G
- Reach out to lake association leaders on various lakes and invite personally to participate: _____ (could be we each do this on our lakes) What other lakes do we want represented? (Definitely one with a covenant, Hannah Webb???)
- Find and secure a location large enough and conducive to round table discussion: _____
- Refreshments: _____
- Room set-up day of event: _____ and _____
- Clean up after event: _____ and _____
- Introduction: What is a lake association and how is it different from a home owners association?
- Research and write: _____
- Create handout with general information about lake associations and how to form them: _____
- Why have 501c3 st: Contact Sara Basso to see if she can talk about 501c3: _____

Aquatic Invasive Species Symposium Saturday, June 27, 2026 9:00-3:30

Potential location: Crystal Falls Township Building (rental \$75)

- Rent township building (needs to be CFT resident for cheaper rate): _____
- Set up chairs, demo tables and screen/projector day before: _____
- Refreshments: coffee (creamer, sugar, stirs, cups), water, soda, bananas, granola bars, coffeecake (paper plates, napkins):

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- Lunch: Subway, chips, cookies, beverages or maybe chicken strips and salads from Crystal Fresh market: _____
- Set up AIS table and CLMP table (same materials from Annual member mtg): _____
- Set up table with lake management co materials: _____
- Create flyer: Laurie/Vicki
- Press Release: Vicki
- Distribute flyer and press release to members, township personnel: _____
- Set up and sit at Welcome table: _____.
- Attendance sheet with names, lake/stream, email contact.

Suggested donation: \$10

- Get lunch items and set up lunch and clean up: _____
- Thank you notes to all presenters: _____