

**Minutes of the May 16, 2026 annual meeting
of the Big Swan Lake Association of Todd County**

Meeting called to order at 10 a.m. by President Joan Ganley. Members approved minutes of the 2025 meeting on a motion by Betty Richter and seconded by Nancy Hillman. Also approved was the treasurer's report by Tammy Macy showing a money market balance of \$63,884.16, a checking balance of \$412.24, and a share balance of \$35.08.

Lee Daly gave an update on the alum treatment project for 2026. Contracts have been issued and approved by Todd County Soil & Water for the second year of treatment, including \$261,953 to Lake Restoration Inc., \$9,000 to Barr Engineering and \$900 for monthly PH and E.coli monitoring with sample testing by RMB Labs.

Applying alum, which ties phosphorus to the lake bottom, is tentatively scheduled for the first week of October and will last 5-7 days. An update will be sent in late September to confirm the timing. Daly noted water clarity improved immediately after last fall's treatment and is continuing this year with above average secchi disk readings down to 16 to 20 feet. Lee also reported that a cleanup and restoration project on Schwanke Creek, a westside lake inlet, will be proceeding to help limit the inflow of phosphorous and other pollutants into the lake

Lee and Chuck Macy reported offshore curlyleaf treatment of 19 acres took place a week before the meeting in the same minimal areas allowed by the DNR last year. A recently completed lake weed survey may help expand treatment areas for next year.

Steve Richter reported for Al Leinen that the lake will be stocking approximately 450 pounds of walleye fingerlings on the budget of \$8,000 approved by Lake Improvement District (LID) members last August. Stocking takes place in late fall. The DNR stocks small walleye fry in odd years and the lake adds seven-to-nine-inch fingerlings in even years.

President Ganley asked for volunteers for the board's vice president position due to a resignation. New resident Jacob Hanson volunteered to fill the open position. Joan stressed the need for more volunteers to help run the lake association to protect the future of the lake. Tammy Macy, who stepped up last year, also put in a pitch for new volunteers.

Property owner Jason Zander provided contact information for a Moorhead, Minn., vendor who provides weed removal services.