

**Minutes of the Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 membership meeting
of the Big Swan Lake Improvement Association of Todd County**

The meeting was called to order following the Big Swan Lake Improvement District meeting by President Denny Harder with 32 people present at the Hub Supper Club. Minutes of the May meeting were approved following a motion by Jeannette Macy and a second by Pat Brauch. Jean Harder and Nancy Hillman made motions to approve the Treasurer's report showing a checking account balance of \$9,659.80 and a money market balance of \$22,258.70, which members approved.

Harder reviewed the north-end overflow culvert projects, which have been completed and approved by the DNR as specified in its permits. Mike Rist and Nate Villnow, who live in the area of the project and depend on the road under which two of the culverts were added, asked who is responsible for the road and culverts now that the project is completed. They expressed concern that the new culverts could wash out during spring flooding and asked who would be responsible if that happened. Harder indicated the owner of the road and the home owners have the responsibility and would have to do any additional preventive maintenance. He suggested they contact the DNR to determine what further work could be done to the culverts.

Nancy Hillman reported that Save the Lakes Golf Tournament and Dinner in August, run in conjunction with Long Lake, was another success and Big Swan Lake's share of the profits is \$2,400.

In new business, Harder reported a couple of potential projects that have been mentioned include creating a "no wake zone" in the narrows between the north and south ends of the lake and dredging it to make a deeper channel. Betty Richter reported the loon platform had been placed on the lake, but it had not yet attracted a nester.

In elections to replace Harder and Vice President Larry Alsleben, who both reached the two-term limit for those positions, members elected Dave Nickolay as president and Mark Redding as vice president. Nancy Hillman was elected to serve Redding's remaining one-year term as director at-large.