

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2026
Crooked Lake Township Town Hall

Present (9): Bob Eddy, Gary Langer, Diana Lee, Bob Lee, Mark Mosman, Lloyd Thyen, Bonnie McGowan, Betsy Skagen, Lisa Bonafede

Absent (1): Kim David

Welcome: Bob Eddy

Secretary's Report: Diana distributed a draft of the June 18 board meeting minutes, and no changes were requested.

Upon motion made by Gary, seconded by Bob Eddy, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the June 18, 2026 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Diana presented financial statements (Profit & Loss Statement along with balance sheet) for the month ended June 30, 2026 as well as a Budget vs. Actual report covering January-June.

Upon motion made by Mark, seconded by Lisa, and unanimously carried, the financial statements were approved as presented.

Diana Lee then referenced RALALA's Annual Report that she filed with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, which was approved by the board via email on July 12 due to time constraint in light of the July 15 due date.

Upon motion made by Bob Lee, seconded by Bob Eddy, and unanimously carried, the approval of RALALA's Annual Report to the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, as presented, is hereby ratified.

Membership Status: Diana provided an updated report on number of paid members, along with totals received for dues, EQPI, and pass-through funds. Gary reported that a second mailing of membership materials was sent to unpaid members on June 11 by Lakes Printing with a payment due date of July 10. Extensive discussion followed about the fact that there is a notable drop in the number of members paid by mid July this year compared to last year, and there is no clear explanation for the decrease. No specific plan of action was decided upon except for sending email reminders to unpaid past members. It was suggested that reaching out by telephone and visits could be productive, but also

acknowledging that we would need more board members to take on that time commitment since many already have a full plate.

Newsletter Update: Betsy reported that finalizing the newsletter is running a bit behind schedule but is almost ready to print. She discussed a new “reflection” column to highlight families on the four lakes that have a history to tell. The first article will be in the upcoming newsletter featuring the Fritz family on Leavitt Lake. She is hopeful others will come forward to tell their own family stories, and will strive to have a “reflection” article in all future newsletters.

AIS Treatment Plan: Bob Eddy referenced the results of the EWM (milfoil) surveys and where the milfoil was found on south Roosevelt lake. He also distributed a copy of PLM’s proposed treatment plan along with cost estimates. The treatment plan involves treating 5.1 acres with ProcellaCOR (which is expensive but is very effective on larger patches) and treating 0.4 acres with Diquat (much less costly and generally less effective, but recommended for smaller groups of plants because it does not require the same contact time as ProcellaCOR). After discussion, the board agreed to accept PLM’s treatment plan as presented.

Upon motion made by Diana, seconded by Bonnie, and unanimously carried, the Board approved PLM Lake and Land Management Corp’s Eurasian Watermilfoil treatment plan involving a ProcellaCOR application on 8 sites (a total of 5.1 acres) at a cost of \$13,410 and a Diquat application on 4 sites (a total of 0.4 acres) at a cost of \$87 for a total expenditure of \$13,497.

Annual Meeting Update: Bob Eddy reported that he received confirmation that Maddie Hayden will be available to attend RALALA’s annual meeting as the guest speaker and explained that she is a Research Outreach Specialist with MAISRC (Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center) and will be discussing zebra mussels. He also indicated that, in light of feedback via the membership survey earlier this year, (a) his “president’s presentation” will be shorter than in the past with emphasis on RALALA accomplishments; (b) no lunch will be served following the meeting; (c) RSVPs will be requested to gauge how many attendees can be expected and whether they plan to be in-person or via WebEx.

Roosevelt/Lawrence Channel Depth: Bob Lee reported that he has ordered some equipment for the channel measuring project and that he will contact Gary and Mark (who volunteered to assist) in the very near future to set up a date and time to perform the initial survey.

Volunteer Appreciation Event: Bob Eddy presented a draft of a plan for a volunteer appreciation event, which would include a Saturday luncheon at a local venue to include numerous members who have volunteered to assist with RALALA events, projects and activities over the past year. It will be important for two or more board members to volunteer to assist with the planning process, invitations, etc. The topic was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Corn Feed August 15: Gary shared the details that are coming together for this year's Corn Feed at which RALALA shares a large tent with Washburn Lake Association and CLT Lakes & Shores Committee. He discussed the plans for the kids' tee shirt and tote bag stenciling, the Get the Lead Out contest, the contest prizes, etc. He indicated he has some volunteers signed up to assist in the booth, but will be soliciting more volunteer help.

Support for 2026 Private Well Protection Grant: Bob Eddy provided information regarding SWCD's (Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District) application for a 2026 Minnesota Department of Health Private Well Protection Grant. He explained that SWCD requested a letter of support from RALALA regarding this application. The grant would include free, well-certified lab test kits for private well users, technical information on the test and its results, and private well educational workshops.

Upon motion made by Betsy, seconded by Diana, and unanimously carried, the Board approved support for an application to be submitted by Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District for a 2026 Minnesota Department of Health Private Well Protection Grant, and authorized Bob Eddy, as President of RALALA, to sign a letter of support.

Board Member Replacements and Need for Recruitment: Bob Eddy announced that Gary Langer will be resigning from the board at the end of his current term which is August of this year. Discussion followed regarding the incredible contribution Gary has made over many years of serving on the board. In light of the number of projects he has led or taken full responsibility for, the hours he has devoted, and the relationships that he has formed (local, county and state officials, vendors, business members etc.), it will likely require several board members splitting up these tasks that Gary alone has performed. In addition, there are other projects not getting attention due to the small size of the board and the need to recruit additional board members. It was also suggested that it may be possible to solicit volunteers that don't want to commit to a board seat but would be willing to spend a few hours or days on a specific project, event or initiative.

Adjournment:

Upon motion made by Bob Lee, seconded by Lloyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

Diana Lee, Secretary