

Hess Lake Improvement Association

MINUTES of Meeting: August 13, 2026

Location: Brooks Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Hess Lake Improvement Association was called to order by President Brian Meyer at 6 PM on August 13,, 2026 at Brooks Township Hall.

Members Present:

Brian Meyer	President	Present
Mary Spicer	Vice President/ Zone 6 Rep.	Present
Holle Coppock	Treasurer	Absent
Phyllis Sano	Secretary / Alternate Rep	Present
Larry Hohs	Zone 1 Rep.	Present
Grant Bryan	Zone 3 Rep.	Present
Jerry Swendrowski	Zone 4 Rep.	Present
Katherin Farwell	Zone 5 Rep.	Present by phone
Dale Dozeman	Zone 7 Rep.	Present
Barb Hemmeke	Zone 2 Rep.	Present

Also in attendance: 7 members

Organizational Items

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2026 AGENDA

- **Motion** by Jerry Swendrowski supported by Grant Bryan to approve the August 13, 2026 Meeting Agenda; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July 9 , 2026 Minutes

- **Motion** by Jerry Swendrowski, supported by Grant Bryan to approve the July 9, 2026 Minutes as submitted; motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BRIAN MEYER

- Brian Meyer and Holly Coopock have been added to all accounts at Gerber Federal Credit union. Nancy Calvi and Paul Dennis have been removed from the accounts.
- Treasurer Report for August 13,, 2026 and current Treasurer Summary of Expenses 2025 - 2026 was reviewed.
- The General Fund has been combined with checking.
- **Gerber Federal Credit Union**

Checking Account:	\$ 16,648.07
Wildlife Fund:	\$ 7,443.10
General Fund:	\$ 0.29
Savings: Interest	\$ 5.04
24 Month CD - 1000:	\$ 5,761.38
24 Month CD - 1001:	\$ 14,041.21

- **Membership:** 226 paid dues to date. This is down from 264 last year.
- Expenses:
 - Auto-owners Liability Insurance \$621.00 paid
- Liability insurance cost has increased \$ 300.00. Nancy Calvi is evaluating better pricing.
- **Motion** by Barb Hemmeke, supported by Phyllis Sano, to approve report a submitted; motion carried unanimously.

Media Coordinator Report Mary Spicer

- No report.

HESS LAKE BOARD (H.L.B) REPORT GRANT BRYAN

- 29 residents have received incentive Septic System Pumping at a cost of \$ 2,000. The program will be extended to allow additional residents to take advantage of the financial incentive until allocated funds are depleted. .
- Fish stocking: \$ 10,000 has been designated to stock croppies and perch. The board is requesting an additional \$ 5,000 from the HLIA wildlife fund to stock bluegill.
- Fish Sticks: This is the process of placing logs into the lake extending out from the shore to help protect shorelines and provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Grant Bryan and Bart and Nany Calvi have agreed to be the pilot areas. Bids for the project are being obtained. Permits have been obtained. It was recommended that the H.L.B. send a letter to homeowners so they are aware of the project.

Old Business

- **Picnic**
 - August 15, 2026
 - 11-1:00 at Smugglers on the second floor.
 - It was noted that the time on Facebook was incorrect and will be updated. The sign at the boat launch is correct.
 - Anyone that is not a member will be asked to pay dues to attend..
- **Neighborhood watch** **Jerry Swendrowski**
 - Neighborhood lights on August 7th had good participation. Next date is September 4th.
 - Jon Forner and Jerry Swendrowski met with Chase Andress of MSP to discuss Neighborhood Watch program progress and upcoming class. Feedback was positive especially related to improved signage.
 - Safety training is scheduled for 10-11:30 am August 22, 2026 at Smugglers second floor. Cory Sietsema, Chase Andress and possibly officers from the marine division will participate.
 - Beverages and cinnamon rolls will be provided.
 - A motion by Larry Hohs and supported by Mary Spicer requests HLIA cover the cost of refreshments for class. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The new, larger Neighborhood Watch signs are complete and installed.

New Business

- Band Party 2027
 - Brian is looking for suggestions for a band. Please bring suggestions to the September meeting so a band can be booked ahead.

- Zone 3 Representative
 - Grant Bryan will step down as zone 3 representative as soon as a replacement is found.
- Audit
 - No one volunteered to assist with the financial audit as per bylaws. Brian Meyer will put together a committee to complete the audit.
- Wildlife fund : A motion by Phyllis Sano supported by Grant Bryan to fund the \$5000.00 requested by H.L.B. for fish stocking. After much discussion the motion passed with 7 for and 3 against.
- Contact page:
 - The contact page on the website has been creating difficulties. Access is very limited and inappropriate items, such as invoices, are sent there. It has been decided to disable it and use the post office box for communication.
- **Board Member comments / discussion**
None

Public Comments:

None

A motion was made by Jerry Swendowski and supported by Larry Hohn to adjourn, motion carried unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53 PM

**** PUBLIC/MEMBERS SIGN-IN LOG SHEET ON FILE (SECRETARY NOTEBOOK), ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO AUGUST 13, 2026 MEETING.**