

TOWN OF LAKESIDE
ANNUAL MEETING April 17, 2018

Agenda:

- **Meeting:** Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter 7 p.m.
- **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Jon Winter, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Scott Luostari (running late due to County meeting), Miina Helske, Earl Granroth, Ted Helin, Jeremy Winans, Kevin Norbie, Nova Nordrum, Mike LaFontaine, Brad Cundit, Gary Peterson, Scott Metraud, Joel Pearson, Jeff Mahanna, Mary Waldorf, Fran Micken, John Lowrey, Obey Saari, Tim Johnson, Mark Saari, Tom Karas, Lila Ronn, Richard Ronn, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
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Other Business:

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Adjournment

Scott M made a motion to adjourn, Jeremy W seconded, 25 ayes 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
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4/22/2018

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