



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

## 3B

Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** July 22, 2025

**Title of Item:** LLCC Budget and Scholarships Presentation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA  <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Only
<b>Submitted by:</b> Dennis (DJ) Thompson		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 15 Minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b>  I would like to give a presentation on the 2026 Long Lake Conservation Center proposed budget and how scholarships affect the budget.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b>		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

# Long Lake Conservation Center

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BUDGET AND SCHOLARSHIPS REVIEW

JULY 22, 2025



# Minnesota's Oldest Environmental Learning Center

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- Sources of Revenue
- Scholarships
- 2026 Budget

# Sources of Revenue

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Everything goes to support operations!

- Bread and Butter
  - School Groups
  - Summer Camps
  - Non-School Groups
  - Commissary Sales (Gift Shop)

# Sources of Revenue

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- Long Lake Foundation
- Grants
- Environmental Trust Fund Interest
- Insurance Proceeds/Dividends
- Milk Refunds
- Donations
  - Individuals
  - Conservation Organizations

# Scholarships

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The term “Scholarships” is used loosely. It is a contribution given to LLCC to lower the amount the schools need to pay per student.

- Money can be raised by LLCC through fundraising
- Can come from the Foundation through their fundraising
- LCCMR Grants and Outdoor School for All



# Scholarships

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Long Lake receives full price per student, but school and students do not pay the full price.

- 2024/2025 School Year - \$170 per student
  - 2025/2026 School Year - \$185 per student
  - 2026/2027 School Year - \$192 per student (proposed)
- For a 3 day/2 night trip

# Scholarships

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- Amount of scholarship depends and will vary from school to school (free and reduced lunch, underserved communities, etc.).
- Allows schools to send more students
- Can be what is needed to get a new school to commit
- Keeps schools coming back

- New LCCMR Grant and Outdoor School For All will add stipends for teachers and help with bussing.



# Trip Costs Example

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Student fees: 100 students at \$185 per student... \$18,500

Transportation costs... \$4,500

Subtotal student and transportation costs... \$23,000

Financial aid of 60% ... \$13,800

Total trip cost... \$9,200\*

*Depending on the size of the school, teachers could get a stipend of up to \$250 each.*

*\*Additional Long Lake Conservation Foundation scholarships may be available, based on need, to further lower costs.*

# 2026 Budget

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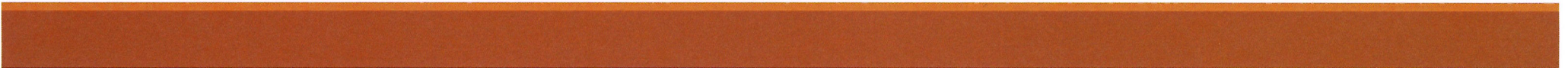
Up until 2020, the County's 19 account (LLCC account) was not zeroed out at the end of the year. A yearly budget was set however, if the account ended up in the red at the end of the year, that negative balance was just carried over into the next year. Auditor advised the County to zero out the account at the end of the year. That started in 2021.

Year	Budgeted Surplus/(Deficit)	EOY Surplus/(Deficit)	Beginning Year Balance	
2018	\$ 6,251	\$ (65,095)	\$ (65,095)	Account was not zeroed out at the end of the year, balance was carried into the next year
2019	\$ 1,631	\$ (86,193)	\$ (86,193)	Account was not zeroed out at the end of the year, balance was carried into the next year
2020	\$ 16,011	\$ 343	\$ 343	Account was not zeroed out at the end of the year, balance was carried into the next year
2021	\$ (148,694)	\$ (106,325)	\$ -	Account was zeroed out with FRF
2022	\$ (79,775)	\$ (113,035)	\$ -	Account was zeroed out with FRF and Resource Development Funds
2023	\$ 5,105	\$ 21,327	\$ 21,327	Account was positive at the end of the year - Donald H. Nelson Trust donation
2024	\$ 5,072	\$ 38,515	\$ 38,515	Account was positive at the end of the year

School Groups	\$ 627,000
Non School Groups	\$ 122,000
Summer Camps	\$ 114,000
Environmental Trust Fund Interest	\$ 32,500
Scholarships	\$ 68,000
Insurance Proceeds/Dividends	\$ 1,500
Commissary Sales	\$ 60,000
Milk Refunds	\$ 4,000
House Rental Income	\$ 7,200
	<b>\$ 1,036,200</b>

# Revenue

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Salaries and Benefits	\$ 786,982
Groceries - Students	\$ 75,000
Commissary Supplies	\$ 25,000
Office/Postage/Phone	\$ 10,000
Utilities	\$ 51,700
Insurance	\$ 21,000
Services/Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 40,500
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 5,000
Education Related	\$ 12,100
Fuel	\$ 1,200
Refunds/Reimbursements	\$ 1,000
	<b>\$ 1,029,482</b>

# Expenses

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# 2026 Budget

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Revenue    \$1,036,200

Expenses    \$1,029,482

**\$6,718**