

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: July 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Place: John Bistodeau's home: 27995 Blue Lake Drive NW, Zimmerman, MN.

Directors Present: Bill Yueill (2017), George Golden (2017), Dan Dixon (2017), John Bistodeau (2018), Don Davies (2018), Don Herman (2019), Jim Lefebvre (2019)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

1. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of January 23, 2017, Previously distributed, were reviewed. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
2. Mr. Davies presented accrual-basis financial statements for the period January 1 – June 30, 2017. He noted a cash balance of \$36,693 and net income for the six months of \$16,158 which receipts of \$18,250 in assessments and \$6,900 in grants, along with \$8,992 in expenses (including weed control spraying of \$4,816 and boat monitoring fees of \$2,660. He also presented the income statement for the fiscal year ending June 30th which reflected total income of \$45,675 and expenses of \$28,014 (which included boat monitoring fees of \$13,056, water quality monitoring fees of \$8,445 and weed control spraying of \$4,816). After a brief discussion, the financial statements and detailed expenses were approved and accepted.
3. Update on Isanti County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) 2016 Lake Water Monitoring Report presented at the January 23rd meeting:
 - a. Agreement had been reached with both townships to correct water run-off issues near the east access.
 - b. The tributary near the Tiger Street campgrounds recorded the highest readings for total phosphorus, total suspended solids, and transparency due in part to a much larger watershed which includes an agricultural area. This had been identified as the #1 water quality issue on the lake. A \$150,000 project (including \$22,000 of SWCD fees) has been proposed to install a catch basin for filtering phosphorus from organic materials that are coming from the nearby wetland area. If installed, it would require ongoing maintenance by the BLID and a \$1,000/year reserve was recommended. It was anticipated that 80 pounds of phosphorus could be removed per year. It was noted that 1 pound of phosphorus could produce 500 pounds of algae. The BLID share in the project would be approximately \$43,000 over two years (25% of the cost). SWCD will initiate the writing of a grant for the project. The catch basin would be on the camp ground property.
A motion was made and seconded to bring the \$43,000 commitment to participate in the project to the Annual Meeting for approval.
 - c. The Board was informed that 22 people had signed up with SWCD for shoreline restoration/buffer projects.
4. Concerns were voiced over the effectiveness of curley pond-leaf spraying this year. We will meet with the SWCD and Clarke Aquatics (spraying vendor) to try to solve the problem. It

was agreed that part of the problem is the lack of acreage that we are allowed to spray even though we had a 25% increase in total area. Part of that is taken up in individual shoreline spraying. It was also noted that the weeds appeared to get an early start this year.

5. Water Guards access boat monitoring appears to be working well this year, although there have been some issues of monitors showing up late. No reports so far of finding any invasive species.
6. Preparations are underway for the BLID Annual Meeting which is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday August 26th at the Stanford Township Hall. We will request that Tiffany Determan of the SWCD present the 2016 Lake Water Monitoring Report.
7. Three current members of the Board are up for election this year: Dan Dixon, George Golden and Bill Yueill. Each member indicated an interest to continue on the Board, so all three were nominated as a slate of candidates approved by the Board for 3 year terms.
8. Committee assignments were discussed. The following were recommended pending final approval at the next Board meeting following the Annual Meeting:
 - a. Water Quality – Jim Lefebvre
 - b. Weed Control Spraying – Dan Dixon
 - c. Access Boat Monitoring – Don Herman
9. The proposed budget for calendar year 2018 was presented and reviewed. It was agreed that the \$250/year assessment should stay in place and that an \$11,800 deficit would occur following the first year payment of \$21,500 for the stream remediation project (assuming that the grants are received to proceed). This would leave a reserve of approximately \$16,000 at the end of the year.
10. In terms of the annual meeting, a draft of the chairman's letter was reviewed and approved and it was agreed to continue the practice of sending out combined ballots (in-person and absentee) with the mailing.
11. John Bistodeau briefly described his participation in an organizing meeting of the Isanti County Coalition of Lake Associations. John agreed to be the BLID representative with this organization.
- 12. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Davies, Secretary