

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: October 25, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Place: John Bistodeau's residence, 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),

Directors not in attendance: Jim Lefebvre (2019)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

1. The minutes of the Annual Member Meeting and Board of Directors meeting of August 27, 2016 were distributed and reviewed. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve both sets of minutes.
2. A primary focus of the meeting was to provide an orientation for the new Directors (Dixon and Bistodeau) as well as a review for the current Directors. To that end, the Board reviewed and discussed the *Basic Responsibilities of BLID Board Members* that was put together by George Golden. The importance of active committees was noted in the discussion and two committees were highlighted:
 - a. Weed Treatment Committee – John Bistodeau agreed to chair the committee. Current members would be contacted and John indicated a desire to also recruit new members. It was agreed that the committee should send out a letter near year-end to all BLID members informing them of the common area weed treatments (including the treatment waiver process) and the options available for individual shoreline treatments. It was also suggested that letter request feedback to the committee from members for good or bad issues arising from weed treatments.
 - b. Water Quality Committee – It was noted that the SWCD report on water quality trends over the past three years was due at the end of the year for our review and ultimate presentation to BLID members in March or April. The Rum River Watershed Study should also be nearing completion. It was noted that the lake quality had two unusual phases during the year – significant clarity in the spring and a significant algae bloom in late summer. The two new grant initiatives for 2017 – phosphorous study of the SE stream and lakeshore buffer projects – were also discussed.
3. With two new Directors being appointed to replace resigning Directors, Board recruitment was discussed. It was agreed that a nominating committee was probably not necessary at this time and that active committee members would be the best source of Board recruitment in the future.

4. Individual Board Officer responsibilities were reviewed, discussed and accepted. Part of the discussion considered the potential benefits of collaboration with other LIDs in the county regarding common issues and governance ideas. Feedback from Tiffany at SWCD would be helpful in identifying which LIDs were the most effective.
5. Don Davies presented the financial reports for the calendar year through September 30th. He noted that BLID had a cash balance of \$9,446, liabilities of \$1,148 and a reserve balance of \$8,308. The actual-to-budget comparison report indicated that most of the expenses incurred to date were in line with the budget. Still missing were the water quality fees from SWCD and the receipt of money from the county which had been committed to BLID for boat monitoring. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the financial reports.
6. It was agreed that the next Board meeting will be scheduled when we know more about the availability of the water quality reports. It was agreed that either Sunday or Monday evenings would work best and that the meeting locations would continue to rotate among Directors' homes. It was further agreed that future meetings would be scheduled as needed and that the Board would not follow a set meeting schedule.
7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Davies, Secretary