

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2016, 7 p.m.

Place: Stanford Township Meeting Hall.

Directors Present: Bill Yueill (2017), George Golden (2017), Don Davies (2018), Jim Lefebvre (2016)

Directors not in attendance: Ben Connors (2018), Don Herman (2016), Bill Fredell (2017)

Also Present: Dan Dixon

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

1. Don Davies agreed to be Acting Secretary for the meeting.
2. **Treasurer's Report.**
 - a. The Board reviewed and ratified a detailed listing of all expenses approved and submitted for payment to the County for the six months ended June 30, 2016 totaling \$15,096.14.
 - b. The Board reviewed and discussed the financial statements for the June 30, 2016 fiscal year-end (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) which reflected an ending cash balance of \$28,910.30, accounts payable of \$9,878.66 and an ending equity reserve of \$19,031.64 which includes net income for the fiscal year of \$7,651.86.
 - c. There was a motion and second to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion carried.
3. **Budget.** A draft of the 2017 calendar year budget was presented to the Board which also included the actual results for calendar year 2015, the 2016 budget and the estimated results for calendar year 2016. It was noted that as of June 30th, the 2016 expenditures are tracking very closely to budget. Points of discussion included:
 - a. BLID is contracted with Lake Restoration for 2 more years at a set per acre cost with a discount available for acreage in excess of 10 acres. The budget reflects an increase to 15 acres of treatment in 2017.
 - b. The 3rd year of the SWCD Lake Water Monitoring and Input Stream Staging study is expected to be at the same cost as 2016. Once completed, SWCD will prepare a report of findings and recommendations.
 - c. Two new projects were presented:
 - i. A remediation study to determine upstream sourcing and treatment options due to high readings of phosphorus entering Blue Lake from the southeast stream. A grant is being applied for in

conjunction with Isanti SWCD to cover 75% of the \$30,000 estimated cost.

- ii. Stormwater reduction efforts designed to reduce nutrient run-off from roads into inflowing streams or directly into the lake. A grant will be applied for to cover 75% of the cost and if problems are sourced to specific roads, funds will be requested from the responsible township. Estimated cost is \$5,000.
- iii. Sponsorship of a grant program directed to individual property owners for covering up to 75% of the cost of creating buffer strips and/or rain gardens along the lake shore to reduce nutrient run-off into the lake. BLID would assume the cost of design, SWCD coordination and administration estimated at \$5,910. The grants would be administered through BLID with owners being able to reduce \$ cost of their 25% through “sweat equity.”

4. Director Nominations. There are two directors whose terms expire at the upcoming annual meeting: Don Herman and Jim Lefebvre. Both directors have indicated a willingness to be nominated for an additional 3 year term. Two other directors, Ben Connor and Bill Fredell have indicated a need to resign from the Board prior to the annual meeting, thus necessitating the recruitment of two additional board members. In discussion, it was noted that the recruitment process has been more that successful with three qualified candidates expressing interest to fill the two potential vacancies. It was agreed that each candidate would be contacted to determine the strength of their interest before finalizing a slate of candidates for the annual meeting.

5. Annual Meeting. Once the budget and director nomination issues have been settled, Don Davies and Bill Fredell will put together and mail the meeting documents to BLID members. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m.

6. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Davies, Acting Secretary