

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: July 16, 2015, 4 p.m.

Place: Bill Yueill's residence at 27202 Carr St., Zimmerman, MN 55398

Directors Present: Bill Yueill, George Golden, Don Davies, Jim LaFebvre, Bill Fredell

Directors not in attendance: Kathy Rabenberg, Don Herman

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

1. Minutes from the Executive Committee on Feb. 14, 2015 were approved.
2. Minutes from the Prior Board Meeting on Dec. 18, 2014 were approved.
3. George Golden, Treasurer, presented a list of organizational expenses for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the list of expenses as presented, amounting to \$10,117.40, to include the following items:
 - Communications: \$371.11
 - Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness: \$204
 - Liability Insurance: \$899.50
 - Vendors:* \$7611.24

*Lake Restoration Inc., Isanti Co. Soil and Water Conservation District, WaterGuards Inc.
4. George Golden also presented for review a proposed budget for 2016, based upon Lake Owner Assessments of \$36,000, the same as for 2015. Budget items include the following, and cover the fiscal year from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:
 - Weed control (spraying, chemical treatment)
 - Water Quality Monitoring
 - Weed Mapping
 - Monitoring of boat landings
 - Education
 - Liability Insurance
 - Miscellaneous Administrative Expenses
5. A detailed budget will be presented to the lake owners at the BLID annual meeting on August 29, 2015.
6. A motion was made, seconded and passed to empower George Golden to secure a replacement nominee for Kathy Rabenberg. as she will not be seeking

another term on the BLID board. Several names for possible nominees were raised.

7. George Golden presented a draft letter to serve as a signature waiver for lake shore owners. The signature waiver serves to put lake shore owners on notice that treatment of CurlyLeaf Pondweed in common areas on the lake may be within 150 feet of their property's shoreline. The signature waiver alerts lake shore owners to this possible and offers them an opt-out provision if they object to chemical treatment within 150 feet of their lake shore. After considerable discussion, Bill Fredell offered to revise the draft and send it to the board for further revisions and approval.
8. Bill Fredell reported on inquiries he had made relating to treatment of Purple Loosestrife. He learned from three sources at the DNR that there were no suppliers who could collect and place leaf eating beetles. He recommended that BLID postpone treatment of Purple Loosestrife this year and continue to work with DNR representatives as well as Isanti County Soil and Water Conservation District to evaluate Blue Lake's infestations of Purple Loosestrife. With that assessment, BLID can proceed with a treatment plan in 2016. Blue Lake Association voted to grant \$2,500 to the treatment of Purple Loosestrife at its annual meeting in May 2015.
9. Board positions review. George Golden prepared a list of responsibilities for each of the board positions for consideration. The board reviewed and discussed the responsibilities for each position. While no formal action was taken, the board agreed that it was important to have specific tasks attached to each board position. Bill Fredell suggested that BLID have an annual calendar as well so that meetings could be scheduled for the entire year.
10. A meeting was scheduled for Aug. 5 to plan for the annual meeting on August 29, 2015.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Fredell, Secretary