

## Blue Lake Improvement District

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:** October 27, 2014, 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Jim Lefebvre's home – 8940 Vista Point Drive NW, Princeton, MN

**Directors Attending:** Bill Yueill, George Golden, Jim Lefebvre, Don Herman, Kathy Rabenberg, Don Davies

**Others Attending:** Chris Caulk (Chief Deputy, Isanti County Sheriff's Department)

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bill Yueill.

**Sheriff's Department Update:** Mr. Caulk provided an update on the proposed patrolling of the lake in 2015:

- The DNR has now funded the County to perform boat patrols as well as providing a grant for a new boat for the Sheriff's department. Boat patrols will be scheduled for every other weekend next summer.
- The Board discussed concerns over a lack of attention to parking violations at the public access points and the perception that the Lake's distance from Cambridge is an issue in patrolling. Mr. Caulk responded that the patrolling plan for next year would include scheduled visits to the public accesses.

Mr. Caulk left the meeting.

**Minutes.** Motions were made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the August 23, 2014 Annual Meeting and the September 26 Executive Committee Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report.** George Golden presented the summary of expenditures through October, noting that they were within the budget of \$2000 for the 2014 calendar year (\$1,701.82). These expenditures include \$1,174.00 for liability insurance and \$527.82 for supplies and services. He noted that given the timing of the first assessment payment from the County (June 2015), it would probably be necessary to apply for an additional advance in order to pay next year's liability insurance premium.

**BLID Annual Report to the County.** Mr. Golden presented the report that had been previously distributed to the Board. It provided a summary of the strategic and organizational accomplishments of the BLID for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The Board approved the report for submission to the County and thanked Mr. Golden for its preparation.

**Volunteers and Liability Insurance.** Mr. Golden discussed his conversation with our insurance agent regarding the involvement of volunteers in BLID projects and the extent of our liability insurance coverage. The agent recommended that volunteers who actively participate in performing functions related to Board-approved projects be registered with the BLID and sign liability acknowledgement/waiver forms. Mr. Golden presented drafts of volunteer registration procedures (including description of volunteer functions and appropriate training) and an acknowledgement form for review and discussion. The Board agreed that volunteers who are physically involved in projects should be included in this registration procedure. Mr. Golden and Mr. Yueill will initiate this process.

**Invasive Weed Spraying.** Mr. Golden presented an update to the 2015 weed spraying bids provided by Lake Management (LM) and Lake Restoration (LR). Both bids provide the following:

- Fully insured
- Spray curlyleaf with Aquathol (a single herbicide)
- Do not assess the lake prior to spraying but could do a weed mapping for additional fee
- Help apply for DNR grant money

In terms of costs, LR had a lower per acre cost for Curlyleaf spraying (\$304 vs. \$339) and also offered a gratis post-application boat tour to assess effectiveness. Pricing for individual homeowner near shore spraying were comparable at a 100 foot width, with LM offering a lower price for 50 foot width. Both vendors also offered prices for Loostribe spraying, but the Board determined that it needed more information regarding the cost/benefit of such an application.

In terms of maximizing the amount of weed spraying on the lake, the Board discussed the offer from the Isanti County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to prepare weed mapping for a fee of \$952, and whether that could increase the level of coverage accepted by the DNR (15% being the norm) –we will also need additional confirmation that the DNR will accept mapping from SWCD. It was agreed to forward the bids and Board discussion to the Weed Committee for their selection input.

**Grant Money Applications.** It was agreed that BLID should begin requesting funding for access monitoring costs by attending the next Stanford and Spencer Brooke Township meetings.

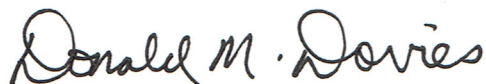
**SWCD Services Contract.** Mr. Yueill confirmed that he had signed the revised Contract for Services with the Isanti County SWCD. The Contract was presented and discussed at the September BLID Executive Committee meeting and the Committee had authorized Mr. Yueill to proceed with executing the Contract as revised. After a brief discussion, the Board ratified the Contract approval.

**Lake Access Monitoring.** Mr. Herman and Mr. Golden briefly updated the Board on the status of providing lake access monitoring next year. They confirmed that the DNR does training and certifying of monitors but does not provide such a service. One bid has been received from the source that provides monitoring for Long Lake. It was noted that an additional bid would be beneficial, but this is the only local source for the service and it has proven to be effective. Further steps in initiating this project will be dependent on obtaining sufficient funding.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting.** \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,



Donald M. Davies  
Acting Secretary