

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors/Membership Annual Meeting Minutes: August 23, 2014, 10 a.m.

Place: Stanford Township Hall

Directors Attending: Bill Yueill, George Golden, Jim Lefebvre, Jean Tuohy, Don Herman, Don Davies

Others Attending: 17 voting members plus spouses, Greg Anderson (Isanti County Commissioner)

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Bill Yueill at 10 a.m. The members introduced themselves to each other.
2. **Agenda.** An oral agenda was presented to include: Financial Report, Proposed Budget, Levy Proposal, Election of Officers, By-laws approval, Other New Business.
3. **Financial Report.** George Golden reported that BLID has had expenses of \$1,558 to date, including \$334 for January-June 2014, most of which was used to provide insurance for the organization. A written report elaborates the expenditures. There was a motion and second to accept the report. Unanimous approval to accept.
4. **Presentation of 2015 Budget.** Each of four committees outlined the proposed budget for 2015. In many cases, the proposed budget includes anticipated grants. The budget is based on the approval of the assessments amounting to \$35,250. Anticipated grants amount to \$24,600. A written copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.
 - a. Bill Fredell explained that weed control/spraying is proposed at \$5,100 (including \$1,100 in grants) to be spent for approximately 15 acres of littoral spraying in off-shore locations. There was consensus of the membership that the board should consider allocating additional dollars in the existing budget to spray for Purple Loosestrife since the probably is getting much worse. In addition, \$1,200 is planned for mapping of the lake's weed beds.
 - b. Jim Lefebvre spoke about water quality. Blue Lake is part of the Rum River Water Quality Study, so BLID will be getting help from Sherburne and Isanti Counties to cover the cost of water evaluation and monitoring. The effort is designed to determine the current state of the water in Blue Lake – what's there, what's coming in, what's in the full water column. This is important information so that we can use baseline data in finding longer term solutions that will improve the quality of the water in Blue Lake. Expenditures are projected for 2015 at \$27,050 (**including \$11,000 in grants**).
 - c. Don Herman presented the budget relating to boat launch monitoring. The program developed by the Long Lake Improvement District (LLID) was used as a basis for the BLID plan. The Southeast Landing will be monitored more than the Channel West Landing. The company that manages the LLID landings is a **potential vendor** for BLID landings.. The budget for this monitoring is \$21,500 (including \$10,500 of anticipated grants).
 - d. Education: George Golden said that \$800 would be spent on educational materials.
 - e. Organizational expenses, mainly liability insurance, services and supplies, are projected at \$4,200 (including \$2,000 to be repaid Isanti County for 2014).

5. **2015 Budget Approval.** A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget based on individual lakeshore owner assessments amounting to \$35,250. Anticipated grants amount to \$24,600. **The budget proposal was approved unanimously.**
6. **Per-owner Levy.** A motion was made and seconded to approve a levy of \$250 per lakeshore property owner for 2015 taxes. **Passed unanimously.**
7. **BLID Expenditures over \$5,000.** BLID by-laws require that line item expenditures over \$5,000 require a separate vote of the membership. A motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures in excess of \$5,000 on approved budget items. **Passed unanimously.**
8. **By-Law Approval.** The BLID By-Laws have been in development since February 2014. Copies of the by-laws have been distributed and are available on the BLID web site – www.blidmn.org. A motion was made and seconded to approve the current BLID By-Laws. **Approved unanimously.**
9. **Board of Directors Election Results.** Three board-nominated directors was elected unanimously for three year terms: William Yueill, George Golden, and Bill Fredell by a count of the in-person and absentee ballots. Subsequent e-mail ballots (from members who attended the meeting) confirmed the three Board members (Don Davies, Jim Lefebvre, and Kathy Rabenberg) appointed by Isanti County Commissioners and approved the Board's selection of Don Herman to fill a vacant Board position.
10. **Isanti County Commissioner.** Greg Anderson, Isanti County Commissioner from District 3, applauded the efforts to date of BLID. He shared that Isanti County will receive \$34K in 2014 and \$75K in 2015 for control of aquatic invasive species. This money goes directly to the counties to help in controlling invasive species. He also mentioned that the county is considering limiting trailer spaces and parking at boat launches in the county.
11. **New Business:**
 - a. Bill Fredell believes that it would be more workable to quarantine those lakes that are infested with aquatic invasive species rather than to have monitors on all lakes to assure that infested boats and trailers are not spreading these invasives. Bill urged BLID members to contact their state representatives and others concerned with the control of invasive species.
 - b. Education committee: This committee will share as much information as is available to help lakeshore owners and users protect and improve Blue Lake.
12. **Adjournment.** Following a round of applause for the first Blue Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald M. Davies
Secretary

Follow-on Board Meeting to Elect Officers:

Chair, William Yueill, called the follow-on meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. August 23, 2014 at the Stanford Town Hall to elect officers for BLID and determine next steps.

1. **Naming of officers:** Following discussion, the following Directors were elected to serve as officers:

William Yueill, Chair
Jim Lefebvre, Vice Chair
George Golden, Treasurer
Bill Fredell, Secretary.

2. **BLID Committees.** Committees were urged to begin working immediately with plans and proposals, so that the Board can decide on vendors and sign contracts.
3. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held at the Lefebvre home, 8940 Vista Point Drive at 4:30 p.m. on October 27, 2014.
4. **Acting Secretary.** Don Davies will serve as secretary until February when Bill Fredell returns from working in Slovakia.
5. **Adjournment.** Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald M. Davies

for Bill Fredell
Secretary

**Blue Lake Improvement District
Proposed 2015 Budget**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>Weed Control Spraying</u>	\$ 5,100
<u>Water Quality Monitoring-</u> Lake Water	6,650
Input Stream Staging	5,950
Subwater Quality	14,450
<u>Weed Mapping</u>	1,200
<u>Boat Monitoring & Landings-</u> Southeast Landing	15,350
Channel West Landing	6,150
<u>Education</u>	800
<u>Organizational Expenses</u> Repay Isanti County Advance	2,000
Liability Insurance	1,850
Supplies and Services	350
	\$ 59,850

Estimated Assessment per Property

\$ 250.00

<u>Paid for By</u>	
<u>Assessments</u>	<u>Grants</u>
4,000 \$	1,100
6,650	-
5,950	-
3,450	11,000
1,200	-
	4,000
9,000	3,000
	2,000
	3,500
800	-
	2,000
1,850	-
350	-
\$ 35,250 \$	24,600

Grant Provider

DNR
N/A
N/A
SWCD
N/A
DNR
Isanti County
Spencer Brook Twp.
Stanford Twp.
N/A
N/A
N/A
N/A