

## Blue Lake Improvement District

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:** July 10, 2014, 7 p.m.

**Place:** Stanford Township Hall

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

Bill Fredell was present to record the minutes of the meeting

**Others Attending:** Doug Oster, Paul Isensee, Jamie Schurbon

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

An agenda for the meeting had been distributed in advance of the meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from the June 6, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved with minor spelling revisions.
2. **Changes to the By-Laws.** George Golden proposed changes to the existing by-laws to accommodate absentee ballots/proxy voting and location details for annual meetings. A copy of the changes will be attached to these minutes. These changes are in Article 7.4 and Article 17. The revisions were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** George Golden reported that the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014, so now we begin another budgeting year.
4. **Water Monitoring Proposal.** Jamie Schurbon presented a proposal for monitoring the water quality at Blue Lake over a four-year period. This program will offer BLID the basic information about water character and quality in Blue Lake. This information is vital to understanding the current situation and provides a basis for taking actions on lake problems. The recommended monitoring would include the following: Lake water quality in both bays, Lake levels, Stream water quality, Stream stage, Stream rating curve. (Full proposal distributed to meeting participants). The board thanked Schurbon for the proposal so that it could be considered for 2015 and included in the budget. No action taken.
5. **Subwatershed Analysis Proposal.** Jamie Schurbon presented another proposal to identify and rank projects throughout the Blue Lake watershed that will improve lake water quality. The proposal includes BLID as well as the Isanti and Sherburne Counties Soil and Water Conservation Districts, with BLID covering about 25% of the project's cost. The proposal was enthusiastically received, and Schurbon was thanked again for the plan and costs, which can be considered and worked into the overall lake management plan and budget starting in 2015.
6. **Working Committee Reports.**
  - a. **Weed Committee.** A 5-year plan was submitted to show components and approach for dealing with aquatic vegetation. While the Board appreciated the year-over-year plan, they reminded the committee that the budget would have to be considerably less than the initial plan described. The Committee and Fredell were to adjust figures and resubmit immediately.
  - b. **Landings** – and control of invasive species. Don Herman reported on what the Long Lake ID is doing and who was handling the hiring and supervision of employees. This is an expensive proposition since it would require an outside service to hire, train and supervise the staff at landings. George Golden and Don Herman will compiled more data into a proposal.
  - c. **Education.** George Golden presented an educational program, largely based on sharing available printed and web resources that lakeshore owners can use to understand the problems facing the lake as well as to shape their shoreline practices in positive ways. The proposal was accepted as presented.

7. **Annual Meeting.** Scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Stanford Township Hall. Several items were discussed relative to announcing the meeting, mailings and proxy voting. It was decided that there would be one U.S. Postal mailing as well as one emailing to announce the meeting, provide an overview of the plans for 2015, the list the candidates for the board, and procedures for voting by proxy. A proxy ballot with instructions will be referenced in the mailings and will be available on the BLID website.
8. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 17, at the Stanford Town Hall.
9. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Donald M. Davies



Secretary