

Blue Lake Improvement District

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: April 4, 2014, 4:30 p.m.

Place: Don Davies' Home

Attending: Bill Yueill, Tracy Drechsler, Kathy Rabenberg, Jean Touhy (by telephone), Don Davies, George Golden, Jim Lefebvre, Bill Fredell (non-director, by telephone)

Directors not in attendance:

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by president, Bill Yueill.

1. **Minutes of the March 7 meeting.** In reviewing the minutes, discussion centered on the summary of Major Projects. There was some concern voiced that the projects might be stated too specifically at this early stage of the organization. It was agreed that this area would require continuing discussion in the months to come. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as stated.
2. **BLID Liability Insurance.** Further clarification from the MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) documents as well as experience with the MCIT program relayed from the Long Lake Improvement District revealed that the coverage offered would meet the needs of the organization as well as the directors and officers. The program costs \$1,810 per year (approximately \$1,350 pro-rated for 2014), with a three-year commitment, and the initial premium will be covered by a \$2,000 pay-back loan from Isanti County. This is far less than commercial insurance options that were presented in the March meeting. Following discussion, it was moved and seconded that the BLID subscribe to MCIT for liability protection. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **BLID By-Laws.** Mr. Golden led the discussion surrounding the latest version of the bylaws. Discussions resulted in the following revisions:
 - a. Eliminated Article 18 (protocol for handling board documents) which was agreed to be an issue of Board governance rather than a bylaw.
 - b. Set the annual meeting for the Saturday before Labor Day.
 - c. Added a section stating that the organization would indemnify directors for liability incurred in the exercise of their duties as directors.

Following this discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the revisions to the BLID By-Laws. A final version of the bylaws will be available at the next meeting for signing.

4. **Protocol.** The Board agreed to the following procedures and disciplines to assure prompt and efficient information sharing and decision-making:
 - Board members agreed to review documents promptly and to reply within seven days of the date when input is requested. This would include documents such as meeting minutes or proposals from outside sources that require board review.

- Board members unable to attend meetings in person will be able to use a teleconference service offered by Tracy Dreschler's employer. The telephone meeting number is 1-888-330-1716, and the meeting access code is 4467858.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** George Golden presented the following financial information and budget:

- Cash: \$2000 start-up loan from Isanti County is in hand.
- Budget (2/1 – 12/31/2014): Insurance - \$1,358, Post Office Box – \$50, Mailings-\$65, newspaper notices \$25, PICK-M meetings - \$100, letterhead - \$50 and website - \$100 for a total of \$1,540. The BLID will not have tax dollars available until tax payments are made in 2015. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously to accept the treasurer's report and approve the budget.

6. **Old Business:**

- A permit has been received from the MN Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) to spray 15.6 acres for weed control. We are locked into a contract for this spraying with Lake Management for 2014, so the process is moving forward with the Blue Lake Association which has received a \$1,560 grant to cover the cost at \$100/acre, the same as last year.
- There was discussion, but no action, relating to educational initiatives concerning invasive species, especially to share information at the public accesses to Blue Lake.
- BLID website. Feelers are out to find someone to build and manage a web site for BLID. Tracy suggested that an announcement be placed in BLA communications and its website to solicit help with the BLID website.

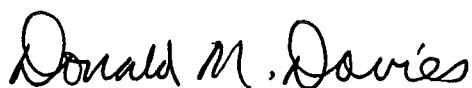
7. **New Business:** Projects and Planning Committees.

- George Golden organized and distributed via email an informal questionnaire about proposed projects for BLID which provides some insight into what lakeshore residents view as priorities for BLID. The results were as follows in order of importance indicated by the 42 responders:
 - Continuation of spraying for non-native invasive weeds
 - Research into improved water quality, including reduction of muck
 - Monitoring the boat landings to keep zebra mussels and other invasive species out
 - Education of members on practices for phosphorus run-off reduction
 - Channel and/or dam area dredging

It was agreed that future surveys would be more formal in nature once the project committees are in place.

8. **Next Meeting: May 2nd, 4:00 p.m. at Stanford Township**

Respectfully submitted,



Donald M. Davies Secretary