

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: July 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Place: Don Herman's home: 28660 Tiger Street, Zimmerman, MN.

Directors Present: Bill Yueill (2020), George Golden (2020), Dan Dixon (2020), John Bistodeau (2018), Don Davies (2018), Don Herman (2019)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

1. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 21, 2018, previously distributed, were reviewed. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes.
2. Mr. Davies presented accrual-basis financial statements for the period January 1 – June 30, 2018. He noted a cash balance of \$39,599 and net income for the six months of \$2,447 which receipts of \$19,788 in assessments and \$17,341 in expenses (including weed control spraying and mechanical removal of \$4,690, boat monitoring fees of \$2,508, water quality monitoring services of \$8,545 and organizational expenses of \$1,598). He also presented the income statement for the fiscal year ending June 30th which reflected total income of \$37,475 and expenses of \$34,563. After a brief discussion, the financial statements and detailed expenses were approved and accepted.
3. Update on proposed sand filter installation near Stanford access. Bill Yueill and Don Davies discussed a meeting earlier in the day with Tiffany Determan, District Manager of the Isanti County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). She had indicated that the property owner had changed his mind and would not sign a contract with SWCD to install the filter. She noted that in a conversation with the owner and a nearby farmer, concerns were raised about the impact of water backing up behind the filter in heavy rainstorms. Bill and Don will meet with the owner and a representative of the township on Thursday to listen to their concerns and discuss a possible relocation of the filter further to the east of the original site.
4. Don Davies presented a financial report projecting income and expenses for the balance of 2018 and a preliminary budget for calendar year 2019. It reflected an anticipated deficit of approximately \$4,700 for 2018 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$11,800. The primary difference related to savings of \$800 in weed control, \$1,450 in water quality monitoring and \$5,000 in the anticipated cost of water quality projects. The 2019 budget is expected to be breakeven with the elimination of the water quality study expense. The proposed budget reflects a lake owner assessment of \$250 for 2019. The proposed budget and assessment will be voted on by the members at the annual meeting in August.
5. John Bistodeau discussed the impact of the spring weed treatments. He noted that the spraying treatments seemed to be more effective than last year, but the mechanical removal was significantly reduced because of minimal weed growth at the scheduled time of cutting due to the late winter.
6. Director Jim Lefebvre (2019) has moved from the lake and will be submitting his resignation soon. An earlier communication to BLID members requesting applicants for the Board produced only one candidate, Janet Burda. The Board approved the following slate of candidates for election at the upcoming annual meeting:

- Janet Burda to fill the open director position ending in 2019.
 - John Bistodeau and Don Davies for new terms ending in 2021.
7. Preparations are underway for the BLID Annual Meeting which is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday August 25th at the Stanford Township Hall. The Chairman's letter/meeting notice, directors' ballot, financial statements and proposed budget will be emailed to members (or mailed if no email available) prior to the meeting. Members will be directed to the BLID website (newly configured by the end of July – **blidmn.org**) to read the minutes from last year's annual meeting.
- 8. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Davies, Secretary