

BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m. – July 26, 2022

Board members in attendance: Bill Fredell (2023), Jill Gohman (2022), David Badger (2022), John Bistodeau (2024), Don Davies (2024), and Becky Schulz (2023). Lydia Godfrey (Isanti County Soil & Water District), guest. Absent - Dan Dixon (2023)

Other lake owners in attendance: none

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. via ZOOM.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the April 26th Meeting. These minutes were circulated before the meeting and approved without additions or corrections. Approved electronically.

Chair comments: David Badger

Annual Meeting Logistics: Don will contact the township and reserve for meeting. Bill Fredell will notify the newspaper for the announcement of Annual meeting. Saturday August 27th, 10 a.m. Picnic on the same at 5 p.m. John Bistodeau family to host. BLID will take care of the donuts and coffee for the annual meeting.

Review of Agenda for Annual meeting.

- Don to present the financials, review budget for 2023, The budget will need to be approved in order to calculate the assessment.
- Committee reports
- Guest to invite: Greg Anderson and possibly the sheriff but not sure if necessary. Contact township representatives.
- Discussion of the plan for the Alum Treatment. Lydia Godfrey.
- Open discussion
- Election of officers: Vote: need election ballot counters. Jill put together ballot

Alum Treatment Update: Lydia - Approval letter received from the county in June. Stanford is not going to contribute to lake water monitoring, will continue to assist with landing monitoring. Spencer Brook offered to pay half of lake monitoring. Soil and water is going to pay the additional portion for the monitoring since the township will not. Tiffany is completing the contracts soon. Tiffany will be on maternity leave, so Lydia will be point of contact. Todd will be

acting manager for the project while Tiffany is on leave. HAB contractors to complete the ALUM treatment.

Don had question of wake board research. Asked if Lydia had contacted the U of M for the research. Bill discussed handing out printed information about Alum treatment, wake boards and meeting information. Lydia will print 200 packets for information. Bill will ask more people to distribute. Lydia confirmed we have completed the tasks which BLID was required for the project. Lydia is sending out all the notices to inform the community of the treatment. Lydia asked if we had informed the boat monitors? Bill and Jill will discuss with the monitors. Boaters need to be off the lake for about 72 hours after application. David suggested put a flyer out about the lake while the boaters are active.

Shoreline Restoration project: Offered by SWCD. Family to host ???- August 20, 9am -12pm. Bill will want to announce in the newsletter. David shared his shoreline is doing well and offered to have people visit.

New Owner and Shoreline Concerns:

Soil and Water concerns about new owners and water usage. Darrick Wotachek (Water Planner/Wetland Specialist) is requesting support from BLID and COLA to communicate to new owners about shoreline and good lake practices. BLID needs to put together information for new owners or existing owners for good lake practices for shoreline and runoff. David will speak with Derick and BLID will write letter and support his efforts. Bill to add info for shore education to the newsletter. Lydia said a letter has been prepared for COLA and we need to add a paragraph. Jill presented "Lake Steward Program" as a lake resource. Good information. Jill will send out the link and put on BLID website.

Soil and Water and county Zoning. Isanti county was notified of Dahlheimer doing addition clearing along the buffer zone without permission. "Second worst violation on this lake". Sent pictures of both issues. Darrick shared his frustration and hopes to get regulations for shoreline and any change. Darrick asked for BLID to present letter to the county for support of the effort. Also need to prepare a communication for new owners to preserve the shoreline.

Special Topics:

Election Officers. David offered to continue another term and Jill Gohman is at end of terms. Bill or Becky to send out email looking for candidates for board members for the AIS Inspectors and Chairman. Don reminded we have to have applications and then approval by the board before election. Discussion on the means of sending out the ballots; mail or electronic. Only mail out to owners

who do not have emails. Jill offered to email and then mail others. We can also have "on site" day of voting. Don will renew the PO Box. Email for application, candidacy and for volunteers to go out soon. Add the language to vote in person. Discussion about if full time residency necessary. The board will canvas neighborhoods about news Nominees have to be in by August 10th.

Committee Reports and Actions

Aquatic Vegetation Management: John Bistodeau John does not have the invoice for spraying. John is surprised he has not received the invoice yet. John received the post treatment report. Results were good after the spraying, which were evaluated mid-June and showed the spraying of the areas was very effective. John will send the report out. We have had successful spraying the last few years with Diquat and will continue in the future with Diquat.

Financial Report: Don Davies - Balance in account \$115,000.00. Reserve on account \$54,000 for Alum project and will cover the Alum project well. Don said we put 25k reserve each year. Don mentioned no monies from the state this year and will not plan for next year as well.

Water Quality: Dan Dixon absent - Don questioned the clarity of the lake. The readings were 6 feet but questionable.

AIS inspections: Jill Gohman working with Adam for numbers of boaters at the north access. Even though less activity, it is beneficial having a monitor on the north landing. Bill noted far fewer people at the north access. Don mentioned he spoke with a local plumber and shared his disappointment about parking. Jill will miss the annual meeting, David offered to present her info.

Education/Newsletter: Bill Fredell Bill would like more help for info to put in newsletter. Discussion to add info for the shoreline maintenance. Bill will focus on the Alum treatment.

Adjournment 8:17pm
Discussion for a meeting before the Annual meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Schulz