

BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m. – March 29, 2022

Board members in attendance: Bill Fredell (2023), Jill Gohman (2022), David Badger (2022), and Don Davies (2024) Becky Schulz (2023). Absent - Dan Dixon (2023) and John Bistodeau (2024)

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 February 22 Meeting. These minutes were circulated before the meeting and approved without additions or corrections. Approved electronically

Chair comments: David Badger

Special Topic: Bill Fredell Discussed the assessor visits to homeowners as some of the assessments have been increased along with, possibly, taxes. Bill recommended a joint meeting with BLA/BLID to introduce Lydia and the water plans. An in-person meeting would be nice, end of May. Hopeful that Tiffany will present again as well as Lydia Godfrey with her communications strategy.

Committee Reports and Actions

Financial Report: Don Davies Treasurer- Don paid the fee for handling the cash account to the country. Don said the budget is good for invasive spraying even without the grant.

Aquatic Vegetation Management: David reported for John. BL did not receive the grant from the county. But spraying and plan will go forward for 2023. Lake Restoration wants their name taken off the communications to the lake owners as they do not get enough interest from lake owners. The company is still an option for purchasing lake products.

Water Quality: Tiffany is doing a great job of keeping all informed of the progress on the alum treatment. We may not be able to do first application in early summer, so planning on the fall application. Tiffany presented at the last township meeting. The people attending were excited about the water treatment.

AIS inspections: Jill Gohman No new information. Contract has been signed and working on hiring monitors. Jill said she would volunteer with the monitors to be sure no issues with new parking restrictions on the north landing. Jill wanted to introduce the changes prior to the boat drivers getting down to landing. May 14 opening fishing. Jill and Bill plan to go to the landing for a few hours. Bill plans to attend the Spencer Brook meeting, April 4th will be focused for the North Landing. Trying to find solution for the inspector to park. Bill had thought to chain one of the gates with a lock box. After the township meeting, a card might be prepared to hand to boaters approaching the landing. Bill will prepare the card. Bill discussed utilizing Sheriff's to assist with difficulties but the cost might be prohibitive.

Education/Newsletter: Bill Fredell - Bill wants to encourage shore run off program to mitigate the run off. Great newsletters!

Other Matters -- all directors

Don Davies reported about an article in the STRIB on Gunn Lake campground. Watch their progression to help us with our lake seasonal park. <https://www.startribune.com/its-cabins-vs-campground-as-aitkin-county-debates-lakeside-rv-park/600159867/>

Question about adding off lake to BLID. Off shore owners can be part of BLA, not BLID because they do not contribute via assessment to the BLID. A few board members will be up for re-election, Jill and David. Discussion to reach out to new people for encourage new individual to fill the positions. Becky will contact Bill Yueill about May meeting as well as the county to update owners for the BLID list.

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting BLID Board April 26, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Schulz