

**BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**7:00 p.m. – February 9, 2021**

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm via zoom

**Board members in attendance:** David Badger (2022), John Bistodeau (2021), Bill Fredell (2023), Dan Dixon (2021), Don Davies (2021), Jill Gohman (2022), Becky Schulz (2023)

**Board member not in attendance:** Jill Gorham (2023)

**Newsletter-** Bill reviewed monthly newsletter which is being published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. He reported good readership, approximately 50-60%. Matt Glatzel has shared his talents in publishing the newsletter. Appears more read newsletter on their mobile devices. Great to have the newsletter sent out that format.

**Basin Filter** - David reported on the Basin filter is completed. Was completed timely and efficiently. The cost to BLID was \$13,498.00. Maintenance budget to be confirmed at a later date and a ten year cleanup will need to be budgeted.

**Website** - David reviewed the Website looks good with changes that Jill had completed. Reminded that 2019 and 2020 minutes need to be placed on the website. Becky to address with Jill

**Phosphorus Study** - Dan reported he had spoken with Tiffany regarding the Phosphorus study. Tiffany had recommended doing the study in an interval of 3 years on and 3 years off. She recommended studying the Tiger Street creek in the 2021 season. Cost of monitoring should not exceed approximately \$1760.00. Costs to be reviewed and discussed further with Tiffany. Bill had asked purpose of the monitoring. The hope is the Basin filter will reduce the phosphorus load as well as the flow of the water into the lake. Cost approved by board.

**Boat monitoring** for the East and the North landings. Monitoring of the landings is from May-fishing opener through Labor Day, holidays and weekends are covered. Contract for the water guards has been completed. The hours of monitoring have been increased from 2020 season 690 hours to 2021 season 714. Valued at \$20.00/hr approximately \$14,000.00 for the season. Isanti Soil & Water contributes \$7900.00, Stanford Township has offered to pay 3500.00, Spencer Brook (north landing) has chosen to not contribute at this time but will continue Porta potty and garbage, which Stanford Township also supplies. BLID will cover the remaining balance of the water guards. Board approved cost of the boat monitoring for BLID.

**Weed Projects** – John reported that the grant process has changed. In past it was first come first serve, this year will be a lottery. Will work on the grant soon so it will be ready to present. A predelineated survey is a requirement of the grant process. Soil and Water have prepared the survey in the past but we will need to look at other sources. John discussed ASI can possibly complete and Don Davies offered to look at other resources.

**Spraying-** Like Management would like to have a contract soon but too many unknowns. John discussed possible chemicals for weed spraying. DNR usually allowed 16- 17 acres.

1. Aquathol is what has been used in the past. Cost of about \$400.00 an acre.

2. Diquat is more broad spectrum and about half the price of Aquathol. There is some concern using Diquat that it kills most vegetation and not selective as Aquathol.

There is some concern that the polygons (area of the weeks) are too small so the Diquate could be more effective.

Ideally we hope to spray for weeds about April or May.

Don moved that we authorize John to negotiate and approve the weed treatment contract within the budgeted amount of \$9,400. All agreed, approved.

**Alum Treatment** - Tiffany had brought up a discussion of Alum treatment of the lake. Alum is used to contain or cover the phosphorus and muck in the lake. It is very expensive and not recommended until all the inlets are fixed first and best efforts to contain the phosphorus load in the lake.

**Budget** - Don shared information on the budget. All needs are budgeted well with a strong reserve. Discussion about putting reserve away so we will be ready for the 10 year maintenance on the Basin.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Schulz