

BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m. – March 30, 2021

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm via zoom

Board members in attendance: David Badger (2022), Bill Fredell (2023), Dan Dixon (2021), Don Davies (2021), Becky Schulz (2023), guests: Brad Brown Spencer Brook township elected Supervisor and Tiffany Determan District Manager of Isanti county SWCD

Board member not in attendance: Jill Gohman (2022), John Bistodeau (2021),

Minutes: Correction given by David Badger of Jill's spelling. Don moved to approve minutes and Bill seconded. Minutes approved.

Introductions – Introductions were given by persons in attendance. Brad Brown introduced himself. He is excited about representing the people of the area to the township. He would like to be a liaison between BLID and Spencer Brook township, but will need township approval. Brad will be installed into Spencer Brook Township supervisor at the April 12 Township meeting. Brad encourages attendance of all meetings. Brad appeared very passionate about his new position and being a strong advocate to the citizens of the area to maintain the health and beauty of the area.

Boat monitoring – Isanti county approved the \$7800.00 for the monitors. David has not heard from Derek about the funding but will follow up. Bill mentioned advertisements are out for boat monitors.

North Landing Concerns – The lake owners in the area of the North access have shared strong concerns of the difficulties presented by parking and utilization of the landing. Brad Brown from Spencer Brook township spoke strongly in support of the landing concerns. Bill Fredell shared the past history of the acquisition of the access land ownership, which is not very clear but we do know that it is not state or county owned. Bill shared that the 1977 township minutes might have information about the origination of the landing. Brad and others discussed possibly closing the North Access in the summer, allowing only winter access for ice houses etc. Concerns were shared about access load issues on the East Access and need for strong supervision of parking by the county Sheriff. BLID would be supportive of closing the north landing with appropriate controls and monitoring in place at the east landing.

Phosphorus Study and Alum Treatment – Tiffany Determan presented the Phosphorus study and the Aluminum Oxide treatment. Tiffany reviewed the study and Blue Lake is in a good environment to do the treatment. The external load is being dealt with by the Basin and the Internal load of phosphate would be treated with the Alum. The Aluminum Oxide is similar to an antacid and placed in the deeper areas of the lake where the least oxygen is located. Possibly treat from 20 or 25 feet and deeper. The treatment of Alum will reduce the Phosphate load significantly.

There was discussion that the phosphate reduction will improve clarity of the water. Concern was shared that clearer water can increase vegetation, however experience has shown it usually is an increase in native plants.

Tiffany presented the opportunity for a clean water grant to cover 75% of the cost. BLID has a strong reserve to cover the rest of the expense. BLID was in agreement that Tiffany should move forward with the grant application process. If the grant is approved the application would occur in 2022. for the grant would be this summer and application could be the next three years. Discussion to have Tiffany present the plan at the May BLID/BLA meeting.

Meetings - Future meetings were discussed to have BLID meeting the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. Also to have the annual BLID meeting in May, TBA. Becky to speak with Bill Yueill about the May meeting. Next BLID meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Schulz