

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Place: John Bistodeau's home: 27995 Blue Lake Drive NW, Zimmerman, MN.

Directors Present: Bill Yueill (2020), George Golden (2020), John Bistodeau (2021), Don Davies (2021), Dan Dixon (2021)

Directors not in attendance: Don Herman (2019)

Also in attendance: BLID lake owners Mark Johnson and Joe & Jill Gohman

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

1. The minutes of the January 25, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Davies presented the email resignation of Janet Burda dated April 18, 2019 which had previously been distributed to the Board members. The Board accepted her resignation.
3. At the January 25th meeting the Board authorized the contracting for boat inspections and invasive weed spraying for 2019 and to continue its contract with Isanti County Soil and Water District (SWCD) for water quality monitoring, weed mapping and project grant writing. After a brief discussion of the subsequent contract process, including the last minute change in weed spraying contactors, the Board ratified the following completed contracts for 2019:
 - a. WaterGuards for boat inspection
 - b. Lake Management for invasive weed spraying
 - c. Isanti County Soil and Water District
4. Mr. Davies presented a preliminary set of financial statements for the six months ending June 30, 2019 which reflected a cash balance of \$55,431, net reserves of \$52,144 and net income of \$1,653 for the period.
5. Mr. Davies then presented projections for the balance of the 2019 calendar year and a preliminary budget for 2020. Discussion followed regarding the need to continue to set aside dedicated funds for big projects such as large-scale alum applications to decrease the internal loading of phosphorus from decaying plants on the lake bottom. After discussion, the following elements of the budget were agreed upon:
 - a. Per recommendations from the SWCD, \$14,000 for a feasibility study regarding options for reducing in-lake phosphorus (internal loading), and \$16,500 dedication of reserve funds for BLID's share of a much larger grant project relating to external sources of phosphorus (external loading).
 - b. Continuation of water monitoring testing by SWCD to extend the historical trending analysis.
 - c. Continue current levels of boat inspection and invasive weed spraying.
 - d. Recommend the same \$250/property owner assessment for 2020.

6. Mr. Yueill discussed Board membership/recruitment for the coming year. With the resignation of Janet Burda and the expiring term of Don Herman, two 3-year positions need to be filled. Several names were raised who will be contacted by Mr. Davies and Mr. Golden. A brief discussion considered changing the Bylaws to provide for more flexibility in the number of Board members authorized (currently seven); Mr. Golden noted that the Isanti Administrator stated that any changes voted on by BLID members to reduce the number of board members would serve as a request for the County Board to approve an amendment to the original order establishing the BLID.
 7. Mr. Davies presented drafts of the annual meeting notice letter and Board ballot for the August 24th annual meeting. A brief discussion followed regarding the agenda including recognition of Board members who left the Board in the last year. Notices, ballots and financial information will be sent to lake owners by email or mail in early August.
 8. Mr. Golden informed the Board that Jeannie Fanning was no longer able to be the webmaster for the BLID website. In discussion about possible replacements, Mr. Bistodeau expressed an interest in taking on that responsibility.
 9. After discussion regarding options and projected expenses for future phosphorus containment projects, Mr. Golden volunteered to obtain updated information from Ms. Determan at the Isanti County SWCD.
- 10. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Davies, Secretary