

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: May 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Place: ZOOM Meeting

Directors Present: David Badger (2022), John Bistodeau (2021), Don Davies (2021), Dan Dixon (2020), Jill Gohman (2022), George Golden (2020), Bill Yueill (2020)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. upon ZOOM connection by meeting participants.

Approval of Minutes:

Bill Yueill moved and Dan Dixon seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes from August 24, 2019 and March 24, 2020. Motion passed.

Vendor Contract Ratifications:

The following vendor contracts were reviewed and discussed:

- AIS Consulting Services AIS Survey – Invasive weed pre-survey completed May 14, 2020.
- Isanti County SWCD 2020 Water Resources Monitoring and Management Contract for Services – This contract is based on the decisions made at the last Board meeting: (1) no lake monitoring activities in 2020 following the completion of three year studies; (2) weed mapping and mid-year AIS survey of the lake (\$950); and (3) engage Wenck, Inc. to perform sediment core sampling and provide an alum treatment feasibility report, the cost of which was estimated to be \$14,000. SWCD is to contribute \$7,000 to cost share the study.
- WaterGuards Boat Access Inspection Contract – Renew the inspection contract for 750 hours total for both access points. Total contract at \$19/hour is \$14,250 but is subsidized by grants from Isanti County (\$7,800) and Stanford Township (\$3,500) leaving a net cost to BLID of \$2,950.
- Lake Management Inc. 2020 Aquatic Nuisance Management Program. – Contract to spray for curly-leaf pondweed in the spring covering an estimated 15.8 acres at a cost of \$468/acre for a total of \$7,395.

After a brief discussion, the Board ratified the contracts which had been authorized by the respective committee chairs within the 2020 budget approved by members at the last annual meeting.

Weed Treatment Committee Update:

John Bistodeau discussed the current spraying plan. He noted that the DNR allows 3 years of treatment in the same area. This year an alternative site was allowed because the north bay was in good shape based on the AIS survey. He hopes to accelerate the timing of the permit process in the future because there is a very narrow window of time to effectively spray and a 7-10 day approval process can lead to ineffective results. SWCD will do a mid-year AIS survey to see how effective the plan was this year.

Boat Monitoring Committee Update:

Jill Gohman reported that the inspection process began on the fishing opening weekend. She has already received complaints from a new owner next to the north access relating to excess parking and disruption. It was noted that overflow parking occurs on the east access as well and is difficult to enforce by the County Sherriff's department. Also, other lakes have taken a stricter approach to parking including permit requirements. As part of the discussion it was noted that wave action caused by some larger boats and a couple of "wave surfing" boats is causing disruption on the lake and lakeshore damage. "No wake" restrictions were discussed and questions raised as to whether the County, Sherriff or DNR had any related ordinances. What authority would the BLID have? Further research is necessary.

Financial Statements:

Don Davies presented the financial statements through April 30, 2020. He noted that we have \$70,366 in the bank and net income for the first four months of \$10,180 consisting of \$11,300 in grants received and \$1,120 in expenses (annual liability insurance premium).

Other Business:

Bill Yueill and Don Davies briefly provided an update on the status of attempting to reduce the flow of phosphorus into the lake during high rainfall events through the campground stream. There continues to be no cooperation from the campground owner for installing a sand filter on his property. Tiffany Determan from the SWCD has worked with Wenck, Inc. to determine an effective option. It appears that such an option exists by installing a series of rock berms and settling ponds on the east side of Tiger Street on the Haas property. The property owner is supportive of this project. Tiffany provided a cost estimate of \$135,300 for the project. She will begin the process of getting county board approval to proceed using the balance of Legacy funds previously approved for the sand filter project.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Davies, Secretary