

Blue Lake Improvement District (BLID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes: August 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Place: ZOOM Meeting

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. upon ZOOM connection by meeting participants.

Approval of Minutes:

George Golden moved and Jill Gohman seconded a motion to approve the Board minutes from May 27, 2020. Motion passed.

Financial Statements:

Don Davies discussed the financial statements through June 30, 2020 which had previously be distributed to the Directors. He noted that we have \$91,630 in the bank (County) and a net deficit for the first six months of \$5,051 consisting of \$19,770 in assessments, \$13,670 in grants received and \$38,491 in expenses (including \$21,500 transferred to the Rapid Response and Project Reserves).

Net income for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 was \$3,223 consisting of income of \$50,191 and expenses of \$46,968 (including \$21,500 in transfers to Reserves).

Approve FY 2020 Expenses:

Don Davies briefly reviewed the detailed income and expense report for FY 2020 which had been previously distributed to the Directors. It was noted that the expenses all fell within the FY2020 budget approved by the members at the annual meeting in August 2019. After brief discussion a motion to approve was made by George Golden, seconded by Jill Gohman and approved.

SWCD Proposed Tiger Street Project:

Bill Yueill presented a project proposal from Isanti County Soil and Water District called the Tiger Street Basin Project. Due to the inability to negotiate the installation of a sand filter for the creek on the campgrounds property, it was determined that installing berms and basins on the east side of Tiger Street would go a long ways in reducing water flow and therefore phosphorus through the creek to the lake. The \$135,000 project could start this winter and would be funded through the grant initially established for the sand filter. Tiffany Determan from the SWCD has worked hard to also extend the grant from its December 2020 expiration through May 2022 to accommodate this project along with other shoreline prevention projects. Draft agreements are being prepared for the BLID, SWCD and the Tiger Street property owner. The Board gave its strong support for the project.

2021 Proposed Budget:

Don Davies presented a draft of a budget for calendar year 2021. It reflects no change in the annual property owner assessment of \$250, and normal expenditures for weed treatments, boat inspections, and project and response reserve transfers, resulting in a budgeted deficit for the year of \$4,500 and a year-end cash balance of \$72,253. It anticipates a \$27,000 draw

down from the Project Reserve to pay for the BLID's share of the Tiger Street project. After discussion, a motion to approve and recommend to the membership at the annual meeting was made by Don, seconded by John Bistodeau and approved.

Slate of Board Candidates:

George Golden presented a slate of Board candidates to be submitted to the membership. He noted that he, Dan Dixon and Bill Yueill had come to the end of their three-year terms. Bill has indicated that he would not be seeking re-election. Thus, the members would be voting to fill three vacancies on the Board. George reported that he and Dan Dixon have chosen to stand for re-election and that two new members had submitted their applications: Bill Fredell and Becky Schulz. The Board accepted the slate of candidates and approved their inclusion on the Board ballot.

Proposed Bylaws Change:

George Golden discussed the need for a Bylaws change that would more specifically permit business of the Board and Members to be conducted electronically during this time of health concerns caused by COVID-19. Specifically, the use of ZOOM and other platforms for conducting virtual meetings. The Board agreed to add this proposal to the annual meeting ballot.

Annual Meeting:

The Board agreed to hold the Annual Members Meeting at 10:00am on Saturday, August 29th. Don Davies offered to host a ZOOM meeting. In terms of voting, it was agreed to send out ballots by email or mail along with the other meeting documents. Ballots could be returned by mail to the BLID's post office box or by email to a new BLID email account: BlueLakeDistrict@gmail.com. Both would be controlled solely by the Board Secretary.

Other Business:

None

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Davies, Secretary