

BLUE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
7:00 p.m. – February 22, 2022 – Draft #1

Board members in attendance: Bill Fredell (2023), Dan Dixon (2023), John Bistodeau (2024) Jill Gohman (2022), David Badger (2022), and Don Davies (2024) Becky Schulz was absent.

Lake owners in attendance: none

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. via ZOOM.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes of the January 25 Meeting. These minutes were circulated before the meeting and approved without additions or corrections.

Finance Report: Treasurer Don Davies stated that very little relating to the financial position of the organization happened during the month; he received a small invoice from the Isanti County Assessor's office for services rendered.

Aquatic Vegetation Control. John Bistodeau reported that applications for common area spraying to control invasives are on track. He also announced that the spraying contractors have been selected to treat commons areas for invasive species. Earlier than usual this year, John will be contacting via email all shore owners to determine who wants to opt out of the weed control program near their properties.

Grant Requests:

The Blue Lake Association has submitted one grant request for a two-year, innovative program to shape treatment in relation to the Alum applications that will be part of the water clarity effort for Blue Lake. This grant request complements the alum initiative.

The other grant request is traditional – to request permission and funding for a 16-acre treatment of invasive species such as curly leaf pond weed. That request is sponsored by BLID. John expects decisions on the grant request sometime in March-April 2022.

Water Clarity: Dan Dixon reported that water quality testing is planned for this year, again to complement the alum project. Dan will follow up with Tiffany Determan to assure that any contracts are drawn appropriately. While not costly, Don said that the budget provides for this testing expense.

David Badger went on to explain that Lydia Godfrey had developed a communications strategy and several communication tools. David distributed the plans and tools created so far for the board members to review. Bill Fredell commented that we needed another aspect of these communications to address what shore owners should do to help keep phosphorus from entering the lake. Fredell thought that most shore owners need more information about how to determine whether their property characteristics help or hinder the containment of phosphorus from entering the lake water.

AIS inspections. Jill Gohman reported that we will have to sign a new contract with WaterGuards, We will have to check with Spencer Brook Township to assure that they will still fund the porta potty and the trash collection. In addition, there is the matter of the inspector's parking. Fredell will investigate the matter with the township officials. In addition, the WaterGuards manager is worried about the inspectors serving this year with the new no parking ordinance at the north landing. Fredell will raise this issue with the township. In addition, he will share a proposed flier detail the facts of the no parking ordinance and whom to contact for further information. BLID will take on the cost of producing this flier.

Education/Newsletter. Bill Fredell reported that we get positive feedback about our newsletter. No negative comments to date. We will continue to publish mid-month and highlight information necessary to members – especially on projects, volunteer opportunities, and community-building efforts. Badger emphasized the importance of sharing information about the Alum project, saying, "We can't talk too much about this important project."

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Fredell, for Rebecca Schulz (absent)