

3 Lakes Improvement District

TLID

Minutes from meeting of: January 3, 2022

John S Present

Walt M Present

Nancy H Present

Scott R Absent

Todd L Present

Diane S Present

Mike F Present

Kenzie P Present

Guests: Tom Hahne and Harry Ernzer

Call to Order at: 6:00 PM

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Walt 2nd by Mike passed

Changes - add Water Stabilization and Water Testing Update to New Business

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Diane 2nd by Mike passed

Financial Report: Bills paid: None

Deposit: \$13,075.99 (second tax assessment payment)

Account balance: \$87,154.02

Motion by Walt 2nd by Todd passed

Officer Reports:

Chair: absent

Vice-Chair: nothing

Secretary: nothing

Treasurer: noting

Advisor: No Healthy Lakes meeting this month. Still looking for a chairperson(s) to head this committee. Brad Kipp will ask at the next BLCA meeting if any board member would be interested.

Old Business:

Water Logger Update: nothing new.

James Johnson Update: Mike spoke with James regarding spraying of weeds in 2022. We will cover that later this meeting under new business.

Weise Property: We believe the county has received a grant to help purchase this property.

Elk Lake TLID Update: nothing new.

TLID Annual Report: Scott completed and sent out our TLID annual report to the proper people/agencies.

New Business:

No wake Update: nothing new.

Curly leaf spraying vendor for 2022: We had a long discussion highlighting the pros and cons of using PLM or continuing with Lake Management. Mike talked with Mike O'Connell from Lake Management to clarify his bid. The two bids are comparable in the price of the product per gallon and application, the difference being that PLM is proposing putting more product in the lakes to get a better result. PLM will apply the product within the guidelines on the label and also within the guidelines of the DNR. Lake Management has always taken a more conservative view of applying this product. They are concerned that using too much product (> 1.5 ppm) could harm native plants. Mike also talked with James Johnson who saw no problem using PLM and has worked successfully with this company. By applying the product at a higher amount PLM is also guaranteeing weed kill. If we're not happy with the results we will get a credit for the next year or a refund. We would work closely with PLM to determine the best time to spray and will be informed of the exact day and time they will be spraying BEFORE they spray.

- Lake Management's bid is: \$27,234.37
- PLM's bid is: \$40,467.00
- A difference of \$13,232.63. The BLCA has agreed to budget up to \$16,000 to help with the 2022 spraying.

A motion was made by Walt to sign a contract with PLM to spray for curly leaf pondweed in our three lakes. Todd seconded this motion. The motion was passed.

Discussion of Floating Weed Removal: John has been researching what can be done about the large amounts of weeds and muck that is making it to our shorelines during the summer months. We believe the boat and jet ski traffic are the main cause of this. The phosphorus gets churned up from the bottom of the lake and the wind blows it to shore. Boat traffic running through weed beds can cut the weeds which then float to shore. Last year seemed especially bad with the early ice out, warm weather and low water levels. We discussed what can be done.

- Encourage residents to remove as much as they can.
- Hire a company to come in and remove it (very costly).
- Possibly dredging some areas.

We decided the first step may be to encourage property owners to remove what they can. The township is working on possibly purchasing some land in Palmer where we could dump weeds and leaves. Currently there is a compost in Becker where this could be disposed of. John will ask Brad Kipp, BLCA Chair, if this is something they would be willing to spearhead. They have measures in place to send out information to all of our residents.

Water Testing: Walt handed out a report (graphs) of data obtained by taking sechhi reading and water samples twice monthly from May through October in 2021 in all four lakes. He also had graphs with this information from 2007 through last year. These graphs will be on the BLCA website. The BLCA pays for this. Walt may be asking the BLCA to pay for blue algae testing also. The company he currently works with now has the capability to test for blue green algae.

Water Stabilization: Mike would like to have the Wenck report explained to this board by either Scott or Dan. The Wenck report was finalized after the 2019 Annual Meeting. Mike believes that Dan has met with Scott to explain the report recommendations but has not met with the entire board (mostly due to covid). It was mentioned that maybe Scott would be willing to give us an overview from his perspective. There are a list of things that need to be done before we can implement any recommendations from the Wenck report. Data collection is all we can do for 2022 due to not having any plan proposed at the annual meeting. This is all we can do in 2022 because no money has been approved by TLID. We will keep this on future agendas to continue this discussion.

Adjourned at 7:10 PM

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