

Meeting Minutes for 2020 TLID Annual Meeting – August 15th

Meeting called to order by Scott Ruitter at 10am at the Palmer Township Hall parking lot with the Pledge of Allegiance. 27 Members were present including the board members.

Directors in Attendance: Scott Ruitter, Walt Munsterman, Harry Ernzer, Steve Demules, Diane Stangler, Nancy Hahne, Mike Flanery, and Advisor Kenzie Phelps.

Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to approve by Rosalie Musachio, 2nd by John Schnell. Motion passes.

Introduction of Board Members – Scott Ruitter thanked Steve Demules for his years of service to the TLID.

Adoption of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Rosalie Musachio, 2nd by Brad Kipp. Motion passes.

Treasures Report – Harry Ernzer went over the current balance of the TLID which stands at \$84,355.53 (including the \$15,000 in the contingency fund). Beginning balance in August of 2019 was \$68,271.21, total income was \$54,878.01 and total expenses to were \$38,793.69. Motion to approve by John Schnell, 2nd by Rosalie Musachio. Motion passes.

Officers Reports:

Chairperson: Scott Ruitter thanked everyone for coming and outlined what we would be discussing at the meeting. 2021 Projects, elect new Directors, and the grants we received this year.

Vice Chairperson: Walt Munsterman reminded the attendees state their name and to address the board with questions and/or comments.

Secretary: N/A

Treasurer: N/A

Advisor: N/A

Old Business:

Water Stabilization – Dan Cibulka of Sherburne SWCD presented. He gave the TLID an AIS Monitoring Kit and went over the latest water stabilization study. He noted that in order to solve our high water / no wake events we need to hold or re-direct 1200-acre feet of water (acre foot = one acre of water 1 foot deep).

They have determined the Weise property does not contain enough storage to control the flooding because the type of soil found in that area precludes digging deep enough. He indicated to control the river level would likely take several smaller storage projects. Dan gave an example of the wetlands at ditch 15 which could be modified for storage. Any water storage project could be costly, it would be good to start discussing long-term budgeting plans. We are likely about 2 years out from having a "one watershed plan" in place to move forward on.

2020 AIS Activities – Mike Flanery reported on spraying of the curly leaf pondweed for 2020. We couldn't spray as much as we would have liked due to the 54 acre max enforced by the DNR. Mike also reported that Eurasian water milfoil was not located on the recent survey, so spraying was not needed for milfoil this year.

Boat Landing Surveillance – We were asked at the 2019 Annual meeting to inquire on surveillance for the landings. Nancy Hahne did some research and had Eric from I-Lid present at our January meeting. See attachment. As a board, we decided the cost and annual maintenance was too high. We felt that having a DNR person present on high-traffic weekends to educate is a better use of our dollars.

Lake Surveys: Point-Intercept Surveys have been done on all lakes. These reports identify the aquatic plants in each lake. Each lake will be surveyed every 5 years. The reports are available on the website.

New Business:

2021 Projects – Curly Leaf Pondweed, Eurasian Water Milfoil (continue to manage), Water Level Stabilization, Algae Reduction, Boat Access Monitoring.

Proposed 2021 Budget – The budget is lower due to 2020 DNR grants for AIS treatments. 2021 assessment will be \$75.66. 2021 Budget is attached.

John Reber from Julia asked why we needed to access as much for 2021 since we had a healthy balance in the checkbook. It was explained that we have some unpaid expenses yet, and the DNR grants cannot be counted on for budgetary purposes.

Motion to approve the 2021 budget made by John Reber , 2nd by Rosalie Musachio. Motion passes.

Election of new Board Members: Kenzie Phelps went over the election of board members. John Schnell from Briggs and Mike Flanery from Julia were introduced and gave a background on themselves. Motion passed

Next Annual TLID meeting will be August 21, 2021

Meeting was adjourned at 10:56am.

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