

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Annual Meeting Minutes
08/10/2019

Board Members Present: Rob Schloemer, Lee Johnson, Terry Wells, Ray Ludowese,
Jeff Suess, Kyle Hams,

Board Members Absent: Chuck Hartl

Guests: Commissioner Gene Anderson

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am, all stood for the pledge of allegiance.

At this time, Rob acknowledged and thanks the Board Members, Diane Norby of the Crow's Nest, the Sportsmen's Club, Diane Norby and Debbie Johnson for their service and the Commissioners.

Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Last year's meeting minutes were reviewed by guests. Motion by Kim Schloemer, seconded by Doug Sevener to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Nominations

There are two positions open at this time, Terry Wells and Kyle Hams. Rob called for nominations from the floor. Rob called for nominations from the floor 2 more times. This was done as per requirement. No nominations were made. Motion was made by Zaven Tufenk, seconded by Melanie Mainquist for ballet to remain as fixed. All ayes, motion carried.

By Laws

Ray Ludowese stated that he had reviewed and adjusted some items that are on file at the county. He made changes to the Finance By Laws as the county has been paying the bills. He revised the By Laws to indicate that in the future the disbursements will be made by the Board Treasurer according to county resolution 19 dated 6-12-19. As of September 1, 2019 KLID will be in control of their own checking account. There will be a requirement for two directors to sign a check. According to the old By Laws there would be a need to have a bond issued for the person signing but the Board discussed having two directors sign to make it so a bond would not be needed. The bank account/checks issued will be audited by the board once a month. Kyle Hams at this time explained to the guests the reason for the change due to the length of time the county has taken to pay bills and the fines that had accrued due to this time issue. Also, "executive officer" was removed from the by laws as it was never used. At this time Ray Ludowese offered a copy of the old by laws to the guests for review. To open the bank account there will be a need to take the minutes and a copy of the by laws to the bank. Motion for approval by Zaven Tufenk, and seconded by Kim Schloemer. All ayes, motion carried

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Financial Report

Ray Ludowese presented a copy of the financial flow sheet to guests at this time for their review.

Weed Control Cost: \$60,524.00 for this year which was higher due to the fact that there was a portion leftover from last year. As of July 2018 the cash balance in account was \$124,325.56. The balance as of July 2019 was \$111,287.36.

Rob Schloemer explained that the County Commissioners agreed to fund the Improvement District \$5,000/year for dam maintenance, cumulative. Per Ray Ludowese his calculations are that the lake would need \$9,550.00 increase in assessments per year to stay solvent. Ray has not submitted for an increase at this time as he only has an estimate and is waiting for the final figures.

Zaven Tufenk inquired as to if Knife Lake will receive any financial help from Pokegama Lake. Per Rob Schloemer he as just made the request.

Per Ray Ludowese Knife Lake is currently receiving an assessment from 337 parcels equal to \$37,000.00 per year to be deposited into the checking account.

Motion by Melanie Mainquist to keep assessments as they currently are, seconded by Zaven Tufenk. All ayes, motion carried.

Weeds

Terry Wells reported: 340 people got weed letters in March. 238 returned those letters with authorization. 2 said "no" and 6 were returned to sender no such address.

Terry explained the importance of the forms and that they need to be returned by the deadline.

Ice out was April 20, 2019 last year was May 1st, 2018.

18 acres were approved by the DNR for curly leaf pond weed spraying. This was done by Central Minnesota Aquatics in May at a cost of \$13,600.

Nuisance weed survey was done and 186 forms returned out of the 238 that were mailed. DNR approved and the spraying was done on 7/8/19 at a cost of \$22,616. Total cost of weed spraying \$35,616.

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AIS

Kyle Hams said Cola meetings are held once every two months at the county courthouse. The money used every year for spraying of curly leaf is funded partially from the COLA. Kyle offered to distribute the budget to guests at this time.

The Decontamination Unit being budgeted at COLA is at \$15,000 but the actual cost is closer to \$25,000.

Knife Lake is receiving funding of \$3,800 from the state, \$2,500 from Pomeroy Lake, and \$1,000 from Lewis Lake.

There is veliger (baby zebra mussels) testing being done in three places. There were none found so all is good so far this year.

Rob Schloemer reminded everyone about when removing docks, lifts, etc., look for anything questionable and call the KLID or send a photo. They cannot be moved to another lake for 21 days after being removed from the water.

There are inspectors at the landing performing the Clean/Drain/Dry inspection checks.

Fisheries Presentation

Lee Johnson reported that Knife Lake will have electro-fishing done in October when the water temperature is in the 50's to check for walleye reproduction.

There were no permits issued this year for netting.

Leslie George, DNR, reported that Knife Lake is doing well. Also, the walleyes are doing well.

The Hinckley DNR specialists will be looking at Knife Lake on 9/16/19.

Aerators & Electrical Stations

There are 2 electrical stations, one North and one South. Ray Ludowese received a bid from Mattson Electric for \$1,650 to install a power source at the shoreline for the North Station. They would have to pull the line underground to be able to extend to the aerator.

Kyle Hams stated the need for aerators last year as the oxygen levels were low across the lake. The flow from the river is fine. The fish migrate to the south side of the lake when the oxygen level is low.

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Dam Insurance

The dam has changed from H3 to H2. MCIT County insurance provider does not write policies for H2. Rob has found a carrier that will write H2 and is waiting for a quote. Rob suggested going in front of the County Commissioner Board to get help with the funding. Melanie Mainquist suggested the Board invite the current commissioners to a KLID Board Meeting.

Water Testing

Per Kyle Hams he and Jeff Seuss are currently doing the Secchi disc testing which should be done through October. Also, phosphorous and algae testing is being done once a month. It is suggested that this testing be done six times a year at a cost of \$300.00 per year.

Wayside Rest

Discussion was held regarding the Department of Transportation wanting to sell the wayside rest. The rest area is a level 2 and the state only wants to maintain level 1. They would like to sell it to the County who would like the KLID to take over the maintenance of the 7.6 acres keeping it green. Taxes were questioned and they would be under the Knife Lake umbrella.

Open Forum

Zaven Tufenk explained that he was one of the two letters returned requesting no spraying. He has planted bull rushes by hand which alleviates the need for spraying. It was stated that the lake needs some weeds for the oxygen levels and fish shelter.

Kim Schloemer explained that the number of dead snails was due to the natural cycle of life. Also, that the very hot weather contributes to the death of the snails.

Adjournment

Motion by Melanie Mainquist to adjourn, seconded by Zaven Tufenk. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Carlson

