

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
EMERGENCY AERATOR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2019

Members Present: Rob Schloemer, Lee Johnson, Terry Wells, Jeff Seuss, Chuck Hartl, Ray Ludowese, Kyle Hams

Also Present: Leslie George, MNDNR

Meeting called to order at 10AM.

Motion by Ray, seconded by Lee to approve the agenda for the meeting – Aerator Installation. All ayes, motion carried.

Rob informed the Board that he spoke with Gene Carda, and Gene will plow the access area for the north aeration station. Rob also called ECE, the power will be hooked up, either yesterday (Friday) or this coming Monday.

Leslie George has been informing Rob about oxygen testing on various areas of the lake. Levels have dropped enough over the last week to be concerned. She handed out a map/log of the stations being checked and oxygen level results.

Kyle stated that there's open water areas up the river, doesn't think the south aerator will be necessary.

The publicized date for the aerator(s) to be activated is 3/16/19. The last time the aerators were put out was March 17, 2014. Chuck has a written checklist and inspection log. Rob said that the ice is 20-30" thick. He will speak to Andrew Smith about the use of a chainsaw. Rob also said that per Statute, the signs surrounding the aerator need to for a rectangle and should be checked and moved (if necessary) at least weekly, if not more often. Rob asked Leslie if it was allowable to power up the aerator(s) soon than the advertised date? She told Rob to contact Amanda Yord who is well-versed on aerators. She also said that if possible, the DNR will send helper to aid in installation. Kyle has a Ranger with tracks to help in plowing the installation area.

Rob will check with Amanda to see if the installation can happen on Tuesday, March 12th. There will be more bodies available for installation purposes on that day. If it isn't possible to push the date, the activation will remain on March 16th, but the push will be for March 12th, meeting at the KLSC clubhouse at 9AM.

Adjournment: Motion by Jeff, seconded by Lee to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Schloemer