

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2020

Members Present: Kyle Hams, Jeff Suess, Terry Wells, Ray Ludowese, Ron Groebner, Chuck Hartl, Ed Hamlin

Members Absent: Kurt Seidel

Guests: Doug Sabinash

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Kyle Hams. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda for was presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Motion made by Ray Ludowese to add Committee Assignments to the agenda (carried forward from October meeting). Seconded by Terry Wells. All ayes, motion carried. Motion made by Ray to add rate of payment for secretarial services. Seconded by Terry. All ayes, motion carried. Motion made by Ray, seconded by Kyle to discuss, and approve assessment amount for property owners. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the October 17 meeting were reviewed (no meeting in November). Clarification will be added that two aerators are owned by KLID and two are owned by DNR. Motion made by Ray seconded by Ed Hamlin to approve the minutes with clarification added. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

Ray provided the December Treasurer's Report and 2020-2021 Financials for KLID. In addition, Kyle submitted RMB Lab invoice for lake testing for \$360.00. Secretary Sue DeGolier submitted an invoice for services and expenses through the end of 2020. Ray moved to pay the same rate as for two previous secretaries (\$15.00). Seconded by Jeff Suess, all ayes, motion carried. Ray reported a mix-up with invoices from Kanabec Publications for KLID notices. It appears the cancelation notice for November board meeting only ran one time (rather than two). Ray paid for two (\$8.75 times 2 = \$17.50), so KLID should have a credit that can be applied to the aerator notice in the future. Checkbook balance as of 12-18-2020 was \$136,828.67. Motion by Chuck Hartl seconded by Terry Wells to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Weeds – Terry Wells provided Kyle with a list of people in the area who do weed spraying. Ed also had contact with Dan McQuin from Limno Pro.com out of South Haven. He is interested in providing a quoted, but needs information, such as what chemicals were being used by previous sprayer. Terry indicated we need to know what would be charged per acre for curly pond leaf and how much per property owner for nuisance weeds. They only spray channels and around docks. Ray provided expense information about spraying that has been done in the past. Once the weed committee is identified they can contact sprayers: group recommended contacting three companies, also contacting current provider, Central Aquatics, and person from Brainerd. Board wants to keep it simple and to avoid adding expense for owners. It may be good to approach owners about possibility of additional expense. Terry has the letter from previous year. It needs to go out in March. Any increase in assessment needs to be presented to the general membership at the annual meeting in August. Grants and donations have been down in 2020 and will likely be down in 2021. Also, there is already a tax increase for property owners. Another option is for property owners to be in charge of their own space and get DNR permits. The fountain was back ordered, so was placed late. It helped but covers around a 50-foot circle. Motion by Ray, seconded by Jeff that we continue with normal assessment procedure (\$100 per property owner) for 2021 and we will gather data from potential sprayers (at least three). All ayes, motion carried.

Committee Assignments for 2021 will be as follows:

- Weeds – Terry and ED
- AIS – Kyle (meetings 2nd Thursday at 5 P.M. every other month (now done by Zoom))
- Fisheries – Chuck (Kyle has contacted Lesley George and he gets contacted about air levels)
- Water testing – Jeff (Kyle will get information to Jeff)
- Aerators – Chuck
- Lake levels – Jeff
- Dam Inspection/Maintenance – Ron

Easement – Ray will contact sheriff Brian for a copy of the easement. Perhaps board members need to have a card to show that we have right to access and need to be able to open the gate. Kyle questioned if expenses are ever submitted for the operating agreement? Can we, do we, should we?

AIS – Kyle will know about funding for KLID after the next meeting. Yes, we will test for zebra mussels.

Aerators – Chuck reported notice will be published in February and aerators will be installed if needed. He observed what is done on other lakes; some put up signs that float on the water when it is open with cables attached that can be pulled. The DNR carries no liability; KLID carries liability. There are lots of requirements: inspect weekly (Terry indicated a daily log is kept), document, notify property owners. Chuck is concerned about our safety and liability to the board. Ray indicated we are covered by liability insurance. Beacons were suggested, but there is a concern that they will attract people. Based on what Lesley George says, we will continue to do what we are doing. Ray received a letter from ECE that they will be canceling the electric box. It was \$300 per year and we do not need it any way. Kyle will contact Chris.

Boat Landing – we never heard whether it was repaired. Terry will contact the DNR.

New Business:

Contact list - will need to be updated with terms and Rick Mattson will replace Kathi Ellis as Kanabec County Commissioner Also add Ed Hamlin as Sportsmen's Club Liaison.

EAP – is supposed to be done annually. Ray has it on the computer. Ray made a motion, seconded by Terry, that we do it once every three years. All ayes, motion carried.

Operations Agreement – Ray will send it out to the board members.

Discussion:

- Board members indicated it was helpful to receive minutes from previous meeting and agenda for upcoming meeting in advance by e-mail.
- Yes, the board will meet in January.
- Secretary is available to assist with preparing mailings, etc.

Adjournment: Motion by Terry seconded by Jeff to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Sue DeGolier