

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2020

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: Ed Hamlin, Gene Anderson, Mike Oster, Doug Sabinash, Paul Rocheford

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

Present Agenda for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Motion by Terry Wells and seconded by Chuck Hartl to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Review Minutes from June, 2020 meeting. Kyle Hams requested minutes be changed to indicate he is doing lake testing monthly rather than weekly. Sue will revise. Motion by Ray Ludowese and seconded by Jeff Suess to approve the minutes with correction as indicated. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

Ray Ludowese presented treasurer's report.

Invoices to be paid are:

Kanabec Publications – copies of EAP book \$49.85

First Citizens Bank – checking fee \$ 4.00

Checkbook Balance as of 7-18-20 \$132,436.79

Terry Wells submitted an additional invoice from Central Minnesota Aquatics, Inc. in the amount of \$24,064.00 for treatment of nuisance plants performed on June 30, 2020.

Motion by Jeff Suess and seconded by Terry Wells to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Wayside rest update: Following the last KLID meeting Ray Ludowese and Ed Hamlin, from the Sportsmen's Club, sent letters to Kris McNally regarding the interest of the two groups regarding the wayside rest area. Ed received an e-mail response, which was forwarded to the KLID board members. Gene Anderson provided an update from the county board meeting as well. The DOT wanted to close the area so they would no longer have the expense. Current suggestion is for the DOT to keep the easement, but maintenance of the park area will be done by locals. The state operates the boat landing, so that is not part of the discussion. Gene will keep the KLID board updated on discussions. The motion from the June KLID meeting to develop an acquisition proposal will be on hold for the present.

Boat landing repair: Terry Wells contacted Leslie at the Hinkley Fishery Department. She indicated posting a sign probably would not help. She indicated yes, they are in charge and said she will look into it. Terry has not heard any more. Terry or Kyle will follow up. If the hole is filled with rock, who will be responsible for the expense? Jeff Suess will discuss when he contacts the person in Cambridge.

Dam Inspection: Kyle Hams has a printed copy of the inspection report. Per NRCS, according to the agreement, KLID is responsible to fix three things, which needs to be done in a reasonable time. Two pipes need to be cut off and capped. Need a 1 ¼ and 2 inch pipe threaders (Ed and Jeff will locate these). A fence and pipes need to be cemented in to prevent people from going under, and weeds and brush need to be taken down. Kyle would like to see this done within the next month. Jeff has the key to the shed. Also, per Kris, the agreement does not say KLID needs to supply insurance. KLID will continue to inspect and maintain.

Emergency Action Plan (EAP): Ray reported this is done. All board members are listed as contacts. Only Kyle Hams and Terry Wells need to sign. Kyle will drop it off.

AIS: Kyle needs a copy of the bill for curly leaf to submit. KLID received \$3,300 in grant money, which was deposited in account in June. There are actually two bills; Ray will get them to Kyle, and Kyle will drop them off.

Lake Testing: In May Kyle was able to see eight feet down; it was really clear. In June he could see three feet, eight inches. The information is available on line at RMB Laboratories – Detroit Lakes. Look under Kanabec County and Knife Lake. Currently they test for phosphorus, algae, and clarity. Will test for zebra mussels. This is done with drag nets at two landings and the river; then send in samples. Ray and Kyle will do it in the next couple of weeks.

Rosno land: this discussion was tabled at the last meeting.

Weed spraying: Weed spraying for both curly (\$30,016.20) and nuisance (\$24,064.00) weeds has been done. Some people say the weeds are still so bad they cannot get boats out. Results seem to be spotty. There are restrictions where the spraying can be done (not around docks). There was discussion about if the person who did the spraying re-inspects (Terry Wells will ask the sprayer), maybe some areas need to be sprayed again. There are different people who spray some of the other lakes. In some cases we would need to provide a boat. Some people want to get a weed harvester. Both Jeff and Ed strongly recommended research on this; it may make things worse and kill fish.

Terry forwarded a letter to Ed requesting a donation. Property owners are assessed \$100 for spraying, which comes to KLID. Income to KLID this year was \$33,776.33. More was spent than was paid for by the assessment.

Jeff Sues made a motion that another spraying be done with follow-up. Second by Terry Wells. All ayes, motion carried.

KLID-KLSC Liaison: Ray checked the KNID by-laws; it would require a change of the bylaws to add a liaison position. This could be brought up at the annual meeting in August. Ray will write it up. To change the bylaws, will need a motion, then need to be approved and then the county would also need to approve. It would be a voting position, appointed by the Sportsmen's Club, not elected by the public.

Pull tabs: per Jeff, nothing to report.

New Business:

Annual meeting:

The annual meeting is held the third Saturday in August, this year it will be August 15. Has usually been at 10:00. There was discussion about having it earlier, but the Sportsmen's Club meets prior. Will continue with 10:00 time. KLID group needs to meet prior. Jeff will ask Diane to be a judge. Ray will publish meeting announcement to run two times in the paper. Two board positions will be open (Ray and Kurt). Interested parties should call Kyle to get on the ballot.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier