

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 20, 2020

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

**Members Absent:** Kyle Hams

**Guests:** Gene Anderson, Gene Carda, Ed Hamlin

**Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM.** All stood for the pledge of allegiance. Meeting lead by Terry Wells in absence of Kyle Hams.

**Present Agenda for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes.**

Motion by Ray Ludowese, seconded by Jeff Suess to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**Review Minutes from May, 2020 Meeting.** Motion by Jeff Suess, seconded by Ray Ludowese to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:**

Ray Ludowese provided the following treasurer's report:

Deposits:

Kanabec County - May tax settlement	\$18,083.29
State of MN DNR OMB Grant	\$ 3,000.00

Invoices:

Minnesota UI Fund – Unemployment Tax	\$ 250.00
Kanabec Publications – Weed Notification	8.27
First Citizens – Checking Fee June	4.00

Checkbook Balance as of 6-18-2020 \$149,706.00

Terry Wells submitted an additional invoice from Central MN Aquatics for Curly leaf treatment. Original amount was \$25,716.28 minus payment of \$8,500.00 (check #5020). Remaining balance due is \$17,216.28.

There was discussion about possibility and pros/cons of investing funds in CDs. Fees/penalties to access cash. County board would need to approve.

Motion by Chuck Hartl, seconded by Ray Ludowese to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Donations:** Per Jeff this is still on hold

**Weeds:** Terry reported 31.5 acres were sprayed for curly pond leaf - appears to have done a good job. We now have the final bill; which Kyle can submit to AIS to get grant money.

Nuisance weeds – scheduled to be treated on 6/29 (before July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday). Can swim in the water the day after spraying and can eat fish but wait seven days before using for plants. Any additional forms received now would be too late. Letters and stickers have gone out.

**Dam inspection:** scheduled for Tuesday, June 30 at 10 a.m. at the west gate. Terry has tools and keys. Several board members plan to attend.

**Dam insurance:** per Ray, Chris is looking into it.

**Lake Testing:** per Ray, Kyle is doing testing monthly.

**Water level:** Jeff has been leaving a message with Cambridge DNR once a week. Once he reaches them it will be posted on the website.

**EAP:** Ray reported it is done. He e-mailed a copy. Will update name changes and get signed copies to the sheriff, NRCS office, Treasurer, and Chairman.

Motion by Chuck Hartl, seconded by Jeff Suess to approve EAP report. All ayes, motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Per Jeff, no Creel Study to be done by DNR this year due to COVID 19

Sue DeGolier will take over secretarial duties previously done by Pat Carlson

### **Discussion:**

Jeff Suess raised topic of spraying for “army worm” or “tent caterpillars” which are dropping from the trees. Ernie took care of this before. Ray will call Ernie.

Jeff Suess expressed concern about increase in boat traffic which are power landing, which is creating a hole and people are getting stuck. He suggested the DNR needs to fix this and post a sign. The ramp system needs to be replaced. The group feels it is the DNR’s responsibility. In fall it will be a problem to get pontoons out. Terry will check with Rob about getting the person’s name from DNR to contact about this.

Gene Anderson provided an update regarding the wayside rest on highway 65. MDOT owns the easement. The county would need to condemn and give the property back to MNOT. They have 60 days to respond or property would be listed for sale to the general public. Just received letter earlier this month. The space has been a park since 1930. Would need to convince the county board that it should remain such. The sportsmen’s club and KLID are mutually concerned about the future of this land. The commissioners meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 9 A.M. in the basement meeting room of the courthouse. Ed Hamlin will bring it up to the Sportsmen’s Club. There is currently no information from the state about

the cost. Individual or group letters to commissioners Smith and Ellis are encouraged. The first action is to encourage the county to take it over.

Motion by Ray Ludowese, seconded by Jeff Sues to develop an agreement to be submitted to the county to pursue acquisition. All ayes, motion carried.

Dam insurance – per Chris, not finding anyone willing to insure. Important to do maintenance.

Ed Hamlin questioned whether KLID requested funding from the Sportsmen’s Club for weed spraying. Terry will submit a letter to Ed.

Ed Hamlin requested to be added to the ballot for KLID board or that a position be created for a liaison between KLID board and the Sportsmen’s Club. Ray Ludowese will send out KLID bylaws for board members to review.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ray Ludowese, seconded by Chuck Hartl. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue DeGolier