

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2020

Members Present: Kyle Hams, Jeff Suess, Terry Wells, Ray Ludowese, Ron Groebner

Members Absent: Chuck Hartl, Kurt Seidel

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

Present Agenda for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Motion by Ray, seconded by Terry to approve agenda with additions. All ayes, motion carried.

Review Minutes from 1/18/20. Motion by Jeff, seconded by Terry to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Kanabec County Auditor - \$672.00
Kanabec County Times - \$351.71

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

Old Business:

SWCD: Nick from SWCD attended the meeting regarding the manure pit. The pit was built in 1979 and was constructed with a concrete liner. It has a 335,000 capacity of which was half filled at last usage in 2018. It is 1200 feet away from Knife Lake. The property owner is looking for assistance in the closing of the pit with an approximate, high end, cost of \$36,000.00. The property owner has started a federal application for assistance. The funding if received would be approximately \$6,600.00 leaving a balance due of \$29,400.00. The Snake River Board has approved \$15,000.00 which is good through 2021 which would leave a balance of \$14,000.00. Kekegama Lake has offered to donate \$3,000.00 leaving a balance of \$11,000.00. KLID is not funded by the county but by the property owners. The property owner is choosing to close the pit and not being forced to close. Kyle will talk to the Sportsman's Club regarding the funding. The board will continue discussion of donation at May Board Meeting.

Dam Insurance: Kyle has no new information and Kris McNally is still working on it.

Aerators: Per Kyle, there needs to be more volunteers to work on placement of the aerators. He has requested as many board members as possible work on the placement. He has not been contacted by Leslie George and has an understanding the he will only be contacted if the oxygen level is low. DNR is checking weekly. Per Ray Mattson Electric needs to complete work at his property site in the spring.

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River: The contract has been signed and is being delivered to Mr. Rosnow via certified mail. Soil and Water has sent an easement letter to Gene Carda which is expected to be signed after Mr. Rosnow signs his letter. The Board will wait to hear from Mr. Rosnow.

Weeds: Per Terry, \$3,300.00 grant has been received from DNR. He has contacted the sprayer regarding the work. There will be a \$1,000.00 charge due to Dan Swanson for an inspection.

AIS: Per Kyle, KLID received \$3,800.00 from AIS. He has requested additional funds. Terry will look into pull tabs to help with funding.

Insurance Audit: Ray is working on the audit. Ray has obtained new tax ID #'s and passwords for the Board.

New Business:

Board Members Positions: Chairman - Kyle Hams
Vice Chair - Terry Wells
Secretary - Chuck Hartl
Treasurer - Ray Ludowese

Motion by Jeff, seconded by Ray. All ayes, motion carried.

EAP: Ray is still working on it. There are 65 residents in the area that would need to be verified for notification by the Sheriff's Department the case of a flood disaster.

Dam Inspection: Kyle talked to Shannon regarding the inspection. There would be a need for four board members to attend the inspection of which the Board would prefer to be held on a Tuesday in June or July.

Discussion:

Board Meetings: No meeting to be held in April. Ray to place notification in paper. Motion by Ray, seconded by Jeff. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Carlson