

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2020

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

Members Absent: None

Guests: Deanna Pomije, Kanabec SWCD, Sue DeGolier, future secretary

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, seconded by Kurt Seidel to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Payment of Bills:

Debbie Johnson, clerical \$ 37.50

Pat Carlson, secretary \$146.25

Central Aquatic, down payment for 2020 herbicide \$8,500

Central Aquatic, DNR permit and survey of Knife Lake \$4,300

Daniel Swanson, Curley leaf Survey \$1000

Kanabec Publications, April Meeting cancelation \$17.65

U.S. Post Office, service fee \$64.00

Motion by Terry Wells, seconded by Chuck Hartl to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Rosnow Knife River Bank Restoration: Deanna from Kanabec SWCD reviewed observations and recommendations following site visit that was done by Technical Service Area Technician on November 14, 2019 (documentation provided). Two hundred feet of bank erosion. River is forming a bend to find equilibrium. A sand bar is developing on the south side creating a peninsula; the curve is very well vegetated. Since 1991 movement has been minimal. Recommendations included the following:

- Stop mowing
- Allow native plants and deep-rooted trees to develop
- Place coir logs or willow waddles, which will decompose over time. The DNR favors this over rock; will gain back some of what was lost over time.

Rough estimate is \$12,700. Partial grants up to 75% may be available, leaving approximately \$3,200.

Report states, "No engineering solution is necessary at this site."

Mr. Carda and Mr. Rosnow received certified letters and contracts. The board cannot take any type of action until signed documents are received. Discussion tabled.

Manure Pit: Owner is legally responsible to correct problem. Kyle approached the Sportsman's Club to help provide funding; will let Deanna know what he finds out. Pokegama donated \$3,000 to owner. Per Ray, the county is responsible to assure repair; they can fix and assess taxes to owner. Discussion tabled.

Dam Insurance: Per Kyle nothing new to report.

Weeds: Terry reported 31.5 acres to curly spray; up from last year. Permit issued; to be sprayed by Central Minnesota Aquatics in the next two weeks. \$3300 grant to be paid after spraying is complete. Out of that will pay \$1000 to Swanson.

Nuisance weeds – 215 forms returned out of 350. Weeds follow weather conditions. Can swim in the water the day after spraying, but seven days use for plants. Weeds will be sprayed the week before July 4th.

Insurance Audit: Ray reported paperwork is complete; will bring to next meeting.

Emergency Plan: Will bring to next meeting

AIS: Per Kyle 50% split of funding between five lakes based on size. Initially \$3,800 now increased to \$4694.75

New Business:

Pull tabs: on hold; Jeff to talk with Rita and Diane.

Dam inspection: scheduled for Tuesday, June 30 at 10 a.m. Need board members to attend.

Lake Testing: Kyle to order testing kit; approximately \$300.

Water level: Jeff to take care of weekly. Kyle recommends having a second board member also trained.

Power to Ray's property: Needs easement from county, then get updated quote.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier