

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2020

Members Present: Jeff Suess, Ray Ludowese, Ron Groebner, Ed Hamlin (Sportsmen's Club Liaison)

Members Absent: Kyle Hams, Terry Wells, Chuck Hartl, Kurt Seidel

Guests: Gene Anderson, Deanna Pomije and Paul Hoppe – Kanabec Soil and Water Conservation District

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

Agenda was presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Motion by Jeff Suess and seconded by Ron Groebner to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes from September 19 board meeting were presented for review. Motion by Jeff Suess and seconded by Ron Groebner to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

Ray Ludowese presented Treasurer's report. Deposit of \$2,000 from Ogilvie Lions – donation toward weed control. Invoices – Ray Ludowese for PO Box Key (\$12.00) and First Citizens checking fee (\$4.00). Balance in checkbook as of 10-16-20 is \$115,216.66. Motion by Ed Hamlin and seconded by Jeff Suess to pay bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Deanna asked whether the payment from AIS (about \$6,000) was received (would probably come as a transfer of funds). Ray indicated it has not been received. Deanna will check and resend.

Election of Officers:

Ray called for nominations from the floor for chairman. No nominations. Kyle is willing to serve another term. Motion made by Jeff Suess and seconded by Ron Groebner to approve Kyle as chairman for another term. All ayes, motion carried.

Ray called for nominations from the floor for vice chairman. No nominations. Motion was made by Ed Hamlin and seconded by Jeff Suess for Terry Wells to serve another term as vice chairman. All ayes, motion carried.

Ray called for nominations from the floor for secretary. No nominations. Motion was made by Jeff Suess and seconded by Ron Groebner for Chuck Hartl to serve another term as secretary. All ayes, motion carried.

Ray called for nominations from the floor for treasurer. No nominations. Motion was made by Ed Hamlin and seconded by Ron Groebner for Ray Ludowese to serve another term as treasurer. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Ed Hamlin and seconded by Jeff Suess to table committee appointments until next meeting when more board members are present. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Weeds – Ed Hamlin gave phone number to Kyle for person in St. Cloud. No update from Kyle. Ed will contact the person in St. Cloud.

Easement on East Side – Jeff Suess reported sheriff Brian has a copy of the easement and is aware of the situation; current renter planted corn over the field road and has a locked gate in place.

Aerators – Chuck not present, but he did submit for and receive permit.

Discussion:

Paul Hoppe from Kanabec County Soil and Water Conservation provided some history regarding the Knife Lake Improvement District and handed out copies of a resolution dated December 23, 1987, which states purpose for KLID and what can be done to preserve and project properties on the lake. Water quality is important. Clarification – this is the second resolution regarding water quality. First resolution pertained to the dam.

Paul also mentioned an upcoming meeting and handouts provided by Deanna Pomije. Meeting regarding the Snake River watershed is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Call in and Zoom links provided. This includes people on the lakes and rivers. Knife Lake is 10% of the Snake River. It is important for KLID to be represented. Ed will try to attend virtually, as will others.

Ray responded that the \$100 from property owner assessments is the only money KLID receives from the county. It falls short of covering expenses just for weed control. KLID does water testing and other projects besides weed control. Other years we have gotten about \$11,000 in other donations. This year only \$7,000.

Ed Hamlin brought up a question raised by a property owner, wondering if there is a designated number of vehicles that can park by the boat launch on highway 65. AIS has a designated number of parking spots, but there is not a limit how many vehicles can park there. The MN DOT controls the wayside park and boat launch.

Concern was expressed regarding drop-offs by both boat launches. DNR was waiting for the water level to be right, and then did not have big enough equipment. Terry needs to let them know the south launch is just as bad.

Paul Hoppe asked about the location of the aerators. Ray responded that KLID has four, which are kept in a shed provided by the Sportsmen's Club. Two are owned by KLID and two are owned by the DNR. DNR does the oxygen test and lets KLID know. KLID automatically gets a permit each year proactively in case they will be needed.

New Business:

KLID usually cancels the November board meeting. Ray Ludowese made a motion seconded by Jeff Suess to cancel the board meeting scheduled for November 21. All ayes, motion carried. The bylaws say meeting cancelations need to be published in the paper. To change this would require an amendment at the general meeting. Group feels there is plenty of notice since meeting minutes are posted on the Kanabec County web site and information is posted in Lakelines. For this time, ED Hamlin will publish in Lakelines and Jeff Suess will talk to Chuck Hartl to publish cancelation in the paper.

Adjournment: Motion by Jeff Sues and seconded by Ed Hamlin to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier