

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2021

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

Members Absent: Kyle Hams

Guests: Deanna Pomije, Soil and Water Conservation, Gene Anderson, Gene Carda

In Kyle Hams' absence, Terry Wells called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda was presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Ray Ludowese requested to add an item to the agenda: discuss KLID signing a letter in support of broad band internet access for the area. Motion by Chuck Hartl, seconded by Kurt Seidel to approve agenda with addition. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the April 12 meeting were reviewed (there was not a meeting in May). Motion by Kurt, seconded by Jeff Suess to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Chuck mentioned that we do not want to lose track that an annual report needs to be submitted within four months of the annual meeting. It needs to include financials, election results, dam inspection and efforts to control weeds. Will discuss at the September board meeting. Administrative support staff may help, but report would be submitted by the board secretary.

Payment of Bills

Ray provided a treasurer's report. Deposits from property owner assessment (\$18,290.87) and grant (\$4,725). Invoices to be paid: Kanabec Publications (\$334.72), AIS consulting (\$630), Clarke Aquatic Services (\$11,590.33). Checkbook balance including deposits and proposed payment of bills: \$143,297.41. Motion by Jeff second by Kurt to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Weeds – Terry provided a status report regarding spraying for weeds. Curly leaf was treated in May. 254 people requested spraying for nuisance weeds this year compared to 188 in 2020. Previous people would be included in the existing permit. Audrey from the DNR needs to check the new sites. Spraying for new sites cannot be done until that is complete. That is the holdup. It must be done by the end of August; the permit expires. We need to put two-week notice in the paper prior to spraying, but do not know when it will be done. Terry will put an announcement in the paper saying it will be done by the end of August. There will not be buckets on the docks this year. The sprayer will leave an orange sign indicating the area has been sprayed.

Terry received the grant money toward treatment for curly leaf; gave it to the treasurer.

Report to state and tax exemption – Ray reported that apparently KLID never filed for tax exempt status. Denise indicated she paid expenses on our behalf. This status would have saved \$729 on the weed spraying alone. Would need to go through the process and our budget and financials would need to be submitted to the state. Seems we should qualify as we are an extension of Kanabec County. Ray cannot

find any place on the forms where KLID expenses would belong. Will table for now until they figure out if KLID qualifies.

Letter to be sent to Knife Lake residents about KLID and Letter for proxy voting – Chuck sent out a draft of a letter addressing these items to the board members for review prior to the meeting. Motion made by Ray, seconded by Jeff to send out the letter. All ayes, motion carried. Chuck will get supplies to Sue for mailing to go out on July 1.

Jeff indicated Diane has ballot information. He will get copies to the board members so they can provide them if anyone asks.

Lake level reading/monitoring – Jeff is still trying to work with the DNR office in Cambridge on this. Kyle did start reading and recording. Jeff will continue. Then it can be handed off to the DNR when they are ready.

Dam inspection – this was completed about two weeks ago. Water was running over the dam at that time. A copy of the inspection was provided for board members. Easement access went fine. KLID now has a code for the gate to the east. Owner would like to know when someone will be coming. Some vegetation needs to be cut back on the west side. A group of board members will do this in September. There are stump sprays that can be used: would need to be approved for aquatic areas.

New Business:

KLID received a letter asking the organization to support a resolution, which will be presented to the commissioners, seeking better broad band internet services for Kanabec County. The document indicates Kanabec County's access is the worst (number 87 of 87 counties). There does not seem to be any expense involved for KLID. Motion by Jeff seconded by Kurt to support effort. All ayes, motion carried. Form will be filled out and returned.

No other new business.

Adjournment: Motion by Ray seconded by Jeff to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier

KLID Treasures Report

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Deposits:

Kanabec County
May – Settlements \$ 18,290.87

State of MN
DNR – OMB \$ 4,725.00

Invoices:

Kanabec Publications
Meeting Cancellation &
Boat Parade Flyers \$ 334.72

AIS Consulting
Post Treatment Curly
Leaf Survey \$ 630.00

Clarke Aquatic Services
Curly Leaf Spraying
24.3 acres \$ 11,590.33

Checkbook Balance
As of 6-19-21 \$ 143,297.41