

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 17, 2021

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

Members Absent: Ray Ludowese

Guests: Gene Anderson, Gene Carda, Michelle Gulden, Rachel Hamlin

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

**The agenda was presented for review/approval, additions/changes.** Motion by Kurt Seidel and seconded by Terry Wells to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes from 3-20-21 meeting were reviewed.** Terry noted need for a correction under Old Business – Weeds and Grant: Brian Clark should be Matt Swanson. Motion by Kurt seconded by Terry to approve the minutes with correction. All ayes, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:**

In Ray Ludowese's absence, Kyle reported there were no bills to pay. Kyle will forward treasurer's report to Sue DeGolier to file.

**Old Business:**

Weeds and Grant – Terry reported that as of 4/16/21 he has received 225 completed forms. He tracks forms that are returned. He has needed to re-mail about two dozen to people who lost their form. He has learned there are two lists: the fee list (those who are assessed \$100) and the all property list. Some people who own lakeshore property did not get the letter. Terry has been in contact with the county and they are working to correct issues.

KLID was accepted for a grant. Eric from AIS will be doing consulting for curly leaf today; results will go to Clark's Aquatic Service.

Terry tried to arrange for a Zoom meeting today with Amy or Matt as they were not available to attend the meeting, but technology was not compatible. If there are any questions Terry will present them on behalf of the group.

Michelle Gulden asked for clarification on process if neighbors want to go together for spraying. Individuals can go to the DNR website under invasive weed control to get forms. Would need to pay \$35 per individual. DNR official would come out. Then would need to hire a licensed applicator. Kyle encouraged them to check it out, but the last time he did it individuals would not be able to spray anything more than what KLID contracts to do. DNR limits it to one dock and a pathway out. Clark's Aquatics is willing to come if there are multiple owners who want to go together.

Matt indicated to Terry that they do not mail stickers. They use GPS and phones. Will post orange treatment signs on the properties when done (this may be done the day prior to spraying to be more efficient).

There were no further questions.

Easement – Kyle had a call from Rick Mattson last night. He is working on the old easement going through Jerry Nelson. Should have in one to two weeks.

Creel Study – Ed Hamlin reported Patty Oster has volunteered to lodge the boat for the study.

Dam Inspection – this is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 10:30 at the west gate. There was discussion about method and materials needed. There is an allowance of \$5,000 for repairs.

Annual Report – Chuck reviewed the 2005 resolution. Need to provide annual report within four months of the annual meeting, which is held in August. It should include election results, annual budget and minutes of the annual meeting. KLID also needs to provide a way for absentee ballots. Gene Anderson said to include what KLID is doing regarding the dam. The minutes of the annual meeting are not approved until the meeting the following year. Following the 2021 annual meeting, Chuck will work with Sue to develop an annual report. It will include that expenses are higher than revenues and that the county is required to fund KLID.

Lake Level – Jeff Suess reported he will have his boat back in the water next weekend. He will get information about doing this from Kyle. He also has a call in to the DNR office in Cambridge.

Letter to property owners before annual meeting – proxy request – Kyle read wording regarding what is required (previously emailed to board members). With the notice of the annual meeting, they need to be provided with a slate of candidates and the process to request a ballot. They need to be given the opportunity to vote in person or by proxy. This needs to be sent out a month prior to the annual meeting. Also need to tell them where to send ballots (our P.O. box or contact a board member). Nominations can be made from the floor the day of the meeting; absentee ballots would not include those individuals.

There was discussion about how this was done in the past. Jeff will talk with Diane who used to help with the process and check old records for letter and form. Will add to the agenda for our next meeting.

Ed Hamlin indicated he can help communicate about this to the Sportsmen's Club. Their annual meeting is in June. He will also try to clarify that KLID and the Sportsmen's Club are two different organizations.

The KLID annual meeting will be August 21. It is held after the Sportsmen's Club meeting.

RMB Lake Monitoring – Kyle reported test kits are sent the end of April, but testing does not actually begin until May. Phosphorus/algae is tested 5-6 times a year and zebra mussels once in July/August. We save some money if we prepay. Jeff made a motion seconded by Terry that we prepay. All ayes, motion carried. Kyle will take care of this.

**New Business:**

Terry indicated he will place notification in paper regarding curly leaf pond weed spraying. Also raised question about boat landing repair – who is the new person in charge?

Kyle reported two inspectors have been hired to watch for invasive species.

**Discussion:**

Gene Carda expressed concern about people speeding near the boat landing by highway 19. There are often people near the road and short distance of visibility when pulling out a boat. There was discussion about another exit, lights, and mirrors. Gene Anderson will ask that a county engineer take a look at it.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Kurt seconded by Jeff. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue DeGolier

Following adjournment, it was discovered there would not be enough board members present at the May meeting to have a quorum. An email notice was sent to board members. Kyle mentioned it to Gene Anderson and Gene Carda who often attend the meetings. Chuck Hartl will publish meeting cancelation notice.