

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2021**

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

Members Absent: Ray Ludowese, Kevin Johnson

Guests: Doug Sabinash

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

The agenda was presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Motion by Terry Wells seconded by Kurt Seidel to approve agenda as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the September 18 meeting were presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Hearing none, motion by Terry seconded by Ed Hamlin to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Ray anticipated he would be absent this month. E-mail notification was sent to board members requesting permission to pay bills; permission was approved by electronic vote. Only one bill; \$4.00 checking account fee.

Old Business:

Weeds – deferred until later in the meeting due to conference call with Clarke Aquatics.

Report for commissioners – a preliminary draft was available for board members. Documentation of repairs will be added. Kyle will finalize and submit. DNR and NRCS do not agree on classification of the dam and how often it should be inspected. Garlon was sprayed on weeds; will check this week to see how it worked.

Emergency Action Plan – Ray and Sue met regarding this; work is in progress.

AIS – At the meeting this coming Thursday they will develop a new budget. Kyle is trying to get more funding.

Aerators – nothing new to report. KLID owns two and two belong to DNR.

Lake level testing – Jeff has nothing new to report. No response from DNR. Since marker has been moved, we do not know what the normal level is unless there are old records available somewhere.

New Business:

Planning Commission – Doug Sabinash is involved with the planning commission. He reported there are four focus areas – one is natural resources. They want to promote tourism and natural resources, not commercial development. Hope to have plan finalized in January.

Wayside rest area – Ed Hamlin reported that commissioner Gene Anderson indicated discussion regarding the wayside rest area is getting messy. Meetings are coming up. Gene will keep Ed informed. Doug

indicated the county does not own or maintain any parks. Would be good to mention the Sportsmen's Club is willing to acquire and maintain the area.

Video Conference with Clarke Aquatics

In preparation, the board discussed questions/topics to be discussed during the meeting. Need to get curly leaf under control and have at least one spaying done early June and July.

At 8:20 a.m. Amy from Clarke Aquatic provided a presentation about service provided this year, data collected, and recommendations for next year. A PDF of the presentation will be provided to the board.

Key points and answers to board questions:

- Procellacore is for milfoil control
- If initial survey had been done a little later it would have shown greater need for treatment
- Curly leaf can be treated two times but should not be necessary if done at right time with correct dosage.
- They now have historical data specific to Knife Lake – advantages of working on the lake consecutive – will help with timing and treatment rates.
- Need to balance goals and costs. Double treatment will add extra cost.
- Many new permits were requested; they are now in place so DNR will not need to do in-person inspections which resulted in a significant delay.
- Terry indicated KLID request forms were turned in on May 5. Amy indicated this is too late; Clarke says March 31 should be deadline for returns for permits to be in place for timely spraying.
- Amy indicated Clarke can do surveys and mapping, but there are costs involved. KLID only hired them for application
- Kyle indicated we want nuisance spraying done earlier in June and July.

Follow up discussion:

Board thought it was a very good presentation. Would like to find a way to help property owners understand complexity of the issue. Wondered about timeframe for sending mailing to property owners regarding spraying. Will review in December.

Reminder: there will NOT be a board meeting in November.

Adjournment: Motion by Ed seconded by Kurt to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier