

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

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

Guests: Gene Anderson

Kyle Hams 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 asked that voting for new officers and committee heads be added under new business. Motion by Ray seconded by Terry Wells to approve agenda with addition. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the July 17 meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ray seconded by Ed Hamlin to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills: Ray presented the Treasurer's report. There were no deposits or invoices this month. No bills to be paid, only monthly fee of \$4.00 for checking account. Balance as of 9-18-21 is \$138,973.21. No action required.

Old Business:

Weeds – There was discussion about weed control plan for 2022. Should we use the same company? The board would like to meet with the company representative. Since company is based out of town, Terry and Ed will contact them to find out what platform they use for a video conference and schedule during the October KLID board meeting. Issues/ questions include the following:

- Timing of spraying was off this year; curly leaf was too early and under sprayed, nuisance weed was treated too late – related to DNR permit issues.
- Spraying needs to be done early June and before July 4th
- Can a third spraying be done for those who are dissatisfied with results?
- What is the earliest a permit can be turned in?
- Difference in the number of acres sprayed from previous year – need to push for spraying more acres for curly leaf.
- There was also discussion about a product that is supposed to last three years- ProcellaCOR How would cost compare?

Kevin Johnson checked with Al Johnson from Pokegema Lake regarding use of harvesters in follow-up to interest expressed at the annual KLID meeting in August. They have two harvesters. The DNR allows them to be used on 86 acres and limits to 120 feet from docks. They can only harvest 4-5 weeks a year, so is done between May 15 and the end of June. Volunteers operate the machines. Weeds are dumped to a barge, then loaded to a trailer and hauled to a landscaper who is willing to accept them. It costs about \$6,000 per year to maintain the equipment. This year it will cost an additional \$20,000 to replace parts. Our lake size is different – would number of treatable acres be different? Concern that it does not seem like it would help most people because of the limitation around docks.

Report to Commissioners – Kyle has done some initial work on this; needs to include treasurer's report, fisheries, dam inspection. He will gather additional information, assure accurate numbers, and get it to

Sue DeGolier to format the report. Then will send to all the board members for review. Should be 24.3 acres treated for curly leaf and 15 for nuisance weed, 255 properties treated.

Dam repair – The pipe repair has been done. Brush on the west side needs to be cleared to the start of the berm (currently $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way is clear). There was discussion whether we could hire someone to do this? Kyle indicated the following is allotted for the project: \$75 for well caps, \$200 to remove woody vegetation, and \$200 for fence repair. Equipment and spray have already been obtained. Workday scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 at 10 a.m. Kyle will notify property owner.

Kyle indicated on the DNR website under Dam Finder it says to inspect every four years – inspection would not need to be done again until 2024. The classification of the dam is being questioned between DNR and another state entity.

State auditors and report (2019, 2020, 2021) – Ray reported that this is a “dead issue”.

Emergency Action Plan – Kyle indicated this needs to be reviewed annually and updated to reflect changes such as board members, property owners, etc. Sue will work with Ray on getting this done.

Lake level – Jeff Suess reported the lake has gone up 1.5 inches or more; we got 1 -3 inches of rain and more rain is expected in the coming week. Some creeks are starting to trickle. He is taking pictures. Marker was moved (does not know who did that), so does not know what “normal” lake level should be. He still has not been contacted by DNR.

Repair of boat landing – Terry reported that Dan Peterson from the DNR indicated it is being worked on; they will drop in concrete slabs. Kurt Seidel saw it being worked on.

AIS – Kyle indicated there is nothing to report; a meeting is coming up in October. Other lakes smaller than Knife Lake get funding to spray for invasive weeds (curly leaf). Kyle will push to get fully funded for this.

Aerators – Ray reported he passed his test and can now be responsible for the aerators (formerly Chuck Hartl was responsible for this). We need to have \$5000 in liability insurance and proof of public notice within 5 – 60 days. Permit has been renewed; notice will need to be published in February. Location for aerator has been changed to the Ludowese property.

New Business:

Election of officers and appointment of committee chairs

Kyle is willing to continue as chairperson. Motion by Ray second by Kurt Seidel for Kyle to serve as chairperson. All ayes, motion carried.

Ray is willing to continue as treasurer – Motion by Kevin second by Ed for Ray to serve as treasurer. All ayes, motion carried.

Terry will stay as vice chair for 2022.

Need to fill secretary position vacated by Chuck Hartl. Responsible for publications in newspaper and annual meeting notice to property owners. Kurt indicated he would be willing to serve. Motion by Kyle seconded by Terry for Kurt to serve as secretary; all ayes, motion carried.

Terry indicated he will be done with his responsibility for weeds after next year. Kevin Johnson is willing to take it on. Kyle asked if Kevin would be willing to attend AIS meetings (Coalition of Area Lakes), which are held six times a year from 5 – 6 p.m., usually on the third Thursday evening at the courthouse (some have been remote or at other locations due to Covid). Kevin is willing; Kyle will serve as alternate.

Kyle and Jeff will continue with fisheries, creel study, oxygen levels, water testing and lake levels.

Administrative Support – it was suggested that pay rate be increased from \$15 to \$20. Motion by Jeff seconded by Terry to make the increase; all ayes, motion carried.

Wayside rest – Ed asked if there is any new information about the wayside rest. People from the association request portable toilets. Gene Anderson said it is state owned and there is no new information to report.

November board meeting – it is likely there would not be a quorum (6 people) for the board meeting. Motion by Ray seconded by Jeff to cancel the November board meeting; all ayes, motion carried. Ed will publish cancelation notice in Lakelines.

Adjournment: Motion by Jeff seconded by Ron Groebner to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier

KLID Treasures Report

Sept 2021

Deposits:

Invoices:

First Citizens Checking Fee	\$ 4.00
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As of 9-18-21	\$ 138,973.21
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