

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2022

**Members Present:** Ron Groebner, Kurt Seidel, Ed Hamlin, Bob Hecht, Doug Sabinash, Jeff Suess

**Members Absent:** Kyle Hams, Kevin Johnson

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

**Agenda was presented for review/approval, additions/changes.** An item was added to New Business – review draft of letters regarding weed spraying. Motion by Doug Sabinash seconded by Ed Hamlin to approve agenda with addition. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes from the September 17 meeting were presented for review/approval, additions/changes.** Motion by Jeff Suess seconded by Bob Hecht to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:** Bob Hecht provided the Treasurer’s Report. One invoice to be paid: Kanabec County for \$46.27 (\$25.00 set up fee and .03 per property owner for billing of annual assessment). Motion by Jeff seconded by Ron Groebner to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Report to Commissioners – Sue DeGolier reported she and Kyle are working on this. A draft is in progress.
2. File cabinet – board members are needed to go through the two-drawer file cabinet to see what needs to be kept. File cabinet is currently in a shed at the Sportsmen’s Club. Board members do not know what is in the file cabinet. Jeff indicated some items are very difficult to read. Some items were retained by former board members and are missing. Jeff will contact Rob Schlomer to see if he would help and who else should be involved. Will try to schedule a work day this winter. Several board members indicated they would be willing to help.
3. Aerators – Jeff indicated the DNR will notify KLID if oxygen levels drop, and aerators will be needed. Then the KLID board has an emergency meeting. Permits are needed and an announcement needs to be published. Whether or not there will be a need for aerators depends on the weather: if there is snow on the ice the oxygen will be low. If the sun can penetrate aerators will not be needed. If aerators are needed, two people will need to check them **daily**. There are liability concerns. The last time aerators were needed, a long saw was required to cut through the ice; the DNR put the aerators in. KLID has two aerators and DNR has two. We need two sites. Ray Ludowese had offered his property as a site; not sure if the easement to power and electricity meter were installed. The north end is where oxygen level goes too low. We need an access point on the northwest. Needs to be 220 wiring: not 110. Jeff will talk with Terry Wells and Ray Ludowese.

**New Business:**

Kevin Johnson could not be here today but provided drafts of two letters, regarding spraying for nuisance weed and Curly Leaf Pond weed. He asked the board members to review and provide feedback. The drafts were e-mailed to board members ahead of time and paper copies were available. The board members felt the letters were well written, but there was too much information, and it was still confusing. Recommendations are to make it one letter. Condense it. Make it clear what does it cost me and what do I need to do. Distinguish the two different parts. Make it clear what action is needed. Put who to contact

if they have any questions. Does the DNR have an insert that could be included about aquatic plants? Or could the great information and the link be included as an extra insert? Sue will get the feedback to Kevin.

**Discussion:**

The lake level is low, clarity is very limited, and fishing is not good.

Signatures on checks – Bob needs to provide the bank with a copy of the board member contact list and a signed copy of the minutes from the September meeting where we said who needs to be able to sign checks. Clarification: only one signature is required on a check. This just indicates who has authority to sign checks. We need at least three people listed as being authorized to sign. Sue will send required items to Bob.

Ed extended an invitation for board members to attend the Knife Lake Sportsmen’s Club Chili Feed today at 5 o’clock.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ed seconded by Ron to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue DeGolier