

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2022**

Members Present: Kyle Hams, Jeff Suess, Kurt Seidel, Ed Hamlin, Kevin Johnson, Bob Hecht, Doug Sabinash

Members Absent: Ron Groebner

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. Three items were added for new business:

- Questions regarding water clarity and oxygen levels (Ed Hamlin)
- Meeting scheduled with Kris McNally (Kyle)
- Signatures for checking account (Bob Hecht)

Motion by Ed seconded by Doug Sabinash to approve agenda with additions. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the October 15 meeting were presented for review (there was no meeting in November). Motion by Jeff Suess seconded by Kurt Seidel to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills:

Bob Hecht distributed copies of the Treasurer's report for both November and December. Additional bills were submitted for payment: RMB Laboratories for testing \$308.00 (Kyle) and Susan DeGolier for administrative support July through December \$400.00 (Sue DeGolier). Motion by Kurt seconded by Kevin Johnson to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried. Kurt has a check for Kanabec County that will be dropped off on Monday. Kanabec County has indicated they will pay assessment in three payments in 2023 rather than four as in previous years.

Old Business:

1. **AIS** – Kevin reported they are still working on finalizing the signage for the pilot project. A film overlay will be applied to the existing signs. The sign by highway 65 boat launch needs to be moved to the south so boats can be moved out of the launch area while being cleaned. Tools will be available by the sign (brush, grabber, and plug puller). It is anticipated that these will disappear; replacements will be available through AIS. If the pilot works an additional sign will be provided for the north end. Kevin thinks AIS will pay to move and install the sign(s). They still need to get final approval from the DNR. AIS budget may have a slight increase for KLID.
2. **Aerators** – The DNR tests oxygen levels and determines whether aerators are needed; they will let KLID know. Notice that aerators may be used must be published in February. Kurt has a copy of the message. If aerators are installed, they will need to be checked daily and signs repositioned as the size of the opening changes. Currently oxygen is still available due to plants and to water flowing into the lake from the river. Kyle will notify Leslie George with Jeff's contact information so Jeff can be informed when the DNR will be testing.
3. **Dam Reclassification** – Kyle has been in communication with Elizabeth Oolman from USDA to inform her KLID does want to pursue reclassification of the dam. She will work on it. This will be done at no cost to KLID. Classification determines requirements for Emergency Action Plan.
4. **Weeds**

- a. Kevin received clarification from Jeff Walsh that KLID does not need to reapply for grant money this year; we will be able to use the money received last year for spraying this year. It could not be used last year because the spraying had already taken place.
 - b. The letters regarding weed spraying for 2023 have been finalized; they will be mailed on January 3. Sue DeGolier will track responses on the spreadsheet of contact information received from Kanabec County. Ed will include information about the mailing in Lakelines, and he requested an electronic version of the forms so they can be posted on the Sportsmen's Club website as a printable PDF.
 - c. A delineation survey needs to be done in 2023. Kevin will work with Ron Duy to arrange; Ron has a person who can do it.
 - d. We will need to determine the number of acres to spray in 2023; currently thinking 50 acres.
 - e. Ed reported that water clarity now is good (6 feet).
 - f. Kyle received a report from RMB laboratories indicating a trend that phosphorus levels are decreasing in the lake. We have monitored for three years; Kyle thinks we should continue to do so. Perhaps in the future we could monitor where the river enters the lake.
5. **Report to Commissioners** – a final draft was provided for review. Sue will add Doug and Kevin to the list of board members then send the report to Kelsey Schiferli at Kanabec County.
 6. **Report to State** – Kyle provided Bob with information that needs to be reported to the state. Most of it does not apply to KLID. We can discuss it at the next meeting.
 7. **Update board and officials** – Remove Craig Smith as commissioner and replace his name with Tom Roeschlein. Sue will get his contact information from Kelsey. Board member terms are for three years and will be updated.

New Business:

Ed indicated he has received questions about water clarity and oxygen levels especially with heavy snowfall. See above. Response is that the DNR tests oxygen level and makes the determination whether aerators are needed.

Kyle will be meeting with Kris McNally the last Tuesday in January at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse. Goal of the meeting is clarification regarding who owns the dam, KLID's responsibility and liability, and a financial report on \$5000 set aside annually for the dam. Other board members are welcome to attend.

Bob has been working with Kathy at the bank. Needs signatures on a form today for those who will be authorized to sign checks: Bob, Kurt, Kyle, and Jeff.

Discussion:

Kevin recommends we begin to track snow depth to see how it impacts weeds. Kurt, Jeff, and Doug will each measure 100 yards out from shore the week before the KLID board meeting and report at the meeting. Sue will track the information on a spreadsheet.

Adjournment: Motion by Jeff seconded by Doug to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier