

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2022**

**Members Present:** Jeff Suess, Ray Ludowese, Kurt Seidel, Ed Hamlin

**Members Absent:** Kyle Hams, Terry Wells, Ron Groebner, Kevin Johnson

**Guests:** Doug Sabinash, John Vlasin

**Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Ray Ludowese. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**The agenda was presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes.** Motion by Ed Hamlin seconded by Kurt Seidel to approve agenda with additions. All ayes, motion carried.

**The minutes from the June 18 meeting were presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes.** Motion by Kurt seconded by Ed to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills.** Ray presented the treasurer's reports for June and July. Invoices for July were:  
\$4.00 First Citizens – checking fee  
\$16,888.00 Central Mn Aquatics – remaining balance for weed spraying  
\$14.96 Kanabec Publications – spraying notice

Motion by Kurt seconded by Jeff Suess to pay bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Weeds -- Kevin Johnson sent out an e-mail prior to the KLID board meeting as he could not attend. He will be tending the AIS booth at the Kanabec County Fair July 28 – 31. He is looking for people who will volunteer to help. He submitted expenses for curly leaf pond weed; KLID should get a check for \$6,800.  
Ron Duey indicated some people are asking for a second spraying. Motion by Ed seconded by Kurt that there NOT be a second spraying for nuisance weed. All ayes: motion carried. Ed will include something about this in the Lakelines.
2. Dam repair – the spraying has been completed.
3. File cabinet update – Kelsey S. indicated to Sue DeGolier that records could be stored at the court house if they do not need to be accessed often. The county could also assist with scanning documents, but there would be a charge. Ray gave a poor copy of the easement to sheriff Brian. KLID wants a readable copy of the original. So far, we have not received one nor has the copy been returned.
4. Annual meeting – Ray indicated KLID wants to change the bylaws from needing to publish announcements in the newspaper two weeks in advance to using Facebook and The Lake Lines as the two methods of communication. A sign can also be posted at the Sportsmen's Club. This change would need to be voted on at the annual meeting. A letter to property owners is not required by the by-laws. Ray will take care of the notice to the newspaper. Ed will post in Lakelines and on the sign board. Meeting will be held on August 20 at 9:00 A.M. Terms for Kyle Hams and Terry Wells will expire. Kyle is willing to serve again; Terry will not renew. Individuals interested in running for the board should send their resume two weeks prior to the annual meeting to Ed Hamlin at: [Pres@knifelake.us](mailto:Pres@knifelake.us).

5. NRCS – will table this for now. It should be brought up at the annual meeting. KLID is charged for mailing lists, labels, etc. by Kanabec County. KLID should bill the county for expenses. This should be brought up at the annual meeting. For the EAP mailing Sue was able to obtain an Excel sheet of property owners from the dam to the city limits; then could just print addresses on envelopes. John Vlasin raised the big question: “Who owns the Dam?” KLID posed that question to NRCS; no one seems to know. The Army Core of Engineers helped fund and build. KLID is an extension of the County – named the “sponsor” in the operating agreement (copies provided to board members). KLID was put in place after the dam; we maintain the dam – we do not own it.

**New Business:**

Annual meeting – discussed above.

Ray indicated he is resigning from the board. He recommends Bob Hecht to take his place for the remainder of Ray’s term. The board can designate a person to fill out a term until it expires. Motion by Jeff seconded by Ed that Bob Hecht finishes out the term for Ray Ludowese. All ayes: motion carried. Ray will facilitate transfer of information and training for Bob.

Doug S. indicated he does not have any new information regarding the former wayside rest area or development along highway 65. KLID would need to talk to Rick Mattson. The state wants to maintain easement for access. MN DOT does not want to maintain it. The County does not want to own because of the tax base.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Kurt seconded by Jeff to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue DeGolier