

KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

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

Members Absent: Jeff Suess

Guests: Rachel Hamlin

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. Kyle Hams indicated we need to add #6 Housekeeping to New Business. Motion by Kevin Johnson seconded by Ed Hamlin to approve agenda with addition. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes from the July 16 board meeting were reviewed. Expense under weeds was for curly leaf pond weed. Motion by Kyle seconded by Doug Sabinash to approve the minutes with addition as indicated. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes from the August 20 Annual Meeting were reviewed. Missing last name of attendee (Valasin) was added and one typo corrected. Motion by Ed seconded by Kevin to approve; all ayes, motion carried. Minutes will be formally approved at the annual meeting next year.

Payment of Bills:

Bob Hecht presented the treasurer's report. He thanked the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club for a donation of \$5,000. Expenses were \$34.45 to Bob Hecht for supplies and checking fee of \$4.00. Motion by Kyle seconded by Ron Groebner to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Weeds – Kevin reported he is in conversation with Ron Duey from Central Minnesota Aquatics regarding pre-buying chemicals for this year. Notice about spraying will be mailed in December and mentioned in Lakelines a few times.

Report to Commissioners – Kyle indicated he will take care of this. He needs the report Kevin presented at the annual meeting and will include information Lesley George provided. Kyle will get all information to Sue DeGolier to assist with preparation of the report.

AIS – Kevin indicated there was not a COLA meeting in October. Deanne Pomije sent information about signage. KLID wants two signs – one at each landing. She forgot to submit the invoice for \$6,800 for curly leaf pond leaf spraying, so the reimbursement check is still pending. Kevin will be gone in October and November. Kyle will be gone next KLID board meeting.

Aerators – announcement will be placed in the newspaper in February.

New Business:

Board positions for 2022-23 will be: Chair – Kyle, AIS and weeds – Kevin, Finances – Bob, Aerators – Jeff, Lake testing – Kyle. We do not need a board position for fisheries.

Sue will check the mail box and maintain the spread sheet for responses after the weed spray mailing is sent. Responses need to be saved and given to Ron Duey. Kyle will assist with AIS when Kevin cannot be here. Ed will put information in Lakelines in November regarding the weed spray mailing; newsletter goes to the lake property tax list.

Kyle reported that in June he could see down 14 feet in the lake. In September, with algae growth, he could see one foot. Phosphorus levels are up.

File cabinets – Kris McNally said the file cabinets can be stored at the Kanabec County Courthouse. Kyle will take care of bring it there. Perhaps volume can be reduced first.

Liability – according to the operating agreement, KLID is responsible to maintain the embankment and gears. Kyle will be meeting with the county attorney and Kris McNally for clarification. Kris said the county has set aside \$5000 for the last 3 or 4 years, so there is now \$15,000 to \$20,000 for dam maintenance.

Phosphorus load – Kyle indicated in the future the river needs to be cleaned up. Core drillings need to be done to determine levels. It has been ten or more years since this has been done. It is unclear whether there would be a cost to KLID. Need to continue to test the lake.

Financial report on weeds – Kevin clarified his record for cost is very close to that reported by treasurer.

Housekeeping

Kyle indicated we are updating who can sign checks. Several old names were removed; Kyle, Kurt, and Jeff are still listed. Bob was recently added.

The board contact list needs to be updated. Sue has information for Bob and Doug. Will add and send draft to Kyle.

Kyle will get notice to the county that the assessment will remain at \$125.00

Kyle will not be here in October; Kurt will lead the meeting. November is deer hunting; there will be enough board members here for a quorum.

AIS – Kevin would like to propose that COLA change how they divide funds. Currently part is divided equally between 8 lakes and part is based on parking spaces. It would be most equitable if funds were divided according to acres approved for treatment of curly leaf by the DNR permit. He will wait to present this until he can be present at the meeting.

Discussion:

Doug Sabinash mentioned he saw marker balls on the lake this past week. The DNR was going to do some type of survey during September.

Kyle reported he has not followed up on slot limit signage question raised by Diane Norby at the annual meeting. He will ask Leslie George who to contact from DNR. Slot limits change.

Kevin asked if we are going to pursue trying to have the dam reclassified and if we need to continue doing the Emergency Action Plan. We will do it again this year: Sue will begin the mailing process after the first of the year. Kyle will contact the woman who spoke at our meeting. Kevin thinks we should attempt reclassification since the numbers used were incorrect.

Ed indicated the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club will probably do some stocking of fish, walleyes and fingerlings in the fall and crappies in the spring. Cost is \$5000 per drop. They will wait for a DNR report.

Adjournment: Motion by Kevin seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier