

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2023**

Members Present: Kyle Hams, Ron Groebner, Ed Hamlin, Doug Sabinash, Ray Ludowese, Tom Zych

Members Absent: Kevin Johnson

Guests: Rachel Hamlin, John Davis

The meeting was 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. MCIT (Workman's Compensation insurance) was added to New Business. Motion by Ed Hamlin seconded by Tom Zych to approve agenda with addition. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the 9-16-23 meeting were presented for review. The spelling of Tom's last name will be corrected. Motion by Ray Ludowese seconded by Ed to approve the minutes with correction. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills. Ray provided copies of the Treasurer's Report and the year-to-date financials. Report shows interest earned in both checking and savings. KLID was invoiced \$46.36 by Kanabec County for the list of property owners for the 2024 weed spray mailing. Kyle presented two invoices for payment: Reimbursement to Kyle in the amount of \$88.14 for prepayment for lake testing and a bill for \$27.00 to RMB Laboratories. There will still be one more bill from RMB Laboratories this year. Motion by Doug Sabinash seconded by Ron Groebner to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

There will not be a board meeting in November. Ray suggested a motion that he be allowed to send the financial report and information about bills to be paid to the board and receive approval for payment by e-mail. The motion was made by Doug, seconded by Ed. All ayes, motion carried.

Doug asked if we received payment for the second part of the assessment; Ray indicated it has not been received yet. The second half of taxes were just due. The assessment rate stayed the same for 2024.

Old Business:

AIS – Kevin Johnson was not able to attend today. No report. Board members would like to know the date for the December AIS meeting when allocation to the lakes will be discussed. Note that there is only one vote per lake.

Weeds – We have obtained the mailing list of lake property owners for the weed spray mailing. The mailing will go out in January.

Lake Testing – Kyle reported the testing is complete for the year. When he receives the final report from RMB Laboratories, he will provide a report for the board regarding phosphorus trending on the lake and at the mouth of the river.

Aerators – Doug reported the permit has been resubmitted with the KLID contact changed to Doug. Two locations are noted: Ray's property and across the lake. Doug took the safety training and quiz. He is good

for one year. The class needs to be taken every three years. Doug needs to provide proof of insurance. This will expire in January. Ray will provide new documentation when he receives it. Doug also needs to submit a copy of the notification about aerators when it is published. The first announcement can be published up to sixty days in advance; the second one five days prior to beginning use. Board members confirmed signs and four aerators are stored in the shed. They will show Doug after the meeting.

Report to Commissioners -- Kyle provided Sue DeGolier with content for the report. She will work on getting it ready this month. Commissioners have already had access to most of the information throughout the year.

EAP – the updates are complete; notebooks are ready for signatures and distribution.

Banking – In order for Ray to have access for on-line banking, KLID can only have two signers. Motion was made by Kyle seconded by Doug to remove Jeff Sues and Kurt Seidel as signers on the First Citizen's bank account for KLID since they are no longer on the board. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Tom seconded by Ed to have Kyle Hams and Ray Ludowese as signers. All ayes; motion carried. Ray requested that Sue DeGolier provide him with a signed copy of the minutes for this meeting that he can give to the bank. Alerts will continue to go to Kyle, but Ray will have on-line access.

By-laws – Ray suggested an amendment to the by-laws regarding how KLID will communicate. Legal notifications regarding the use of aerators will continue to be published. The board would like to rely on Lakelines and social media for announcements regarding the annual meeting and changes in meeting dates. This will need to be presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting next year. There will not be a board meeting in November; this has already been posted in Lakelines and will be noted on the sign outside the Sportsmen's Club.

New Business:

MCIT – Ray provided information regarding the current insurance arrangement, which includes property casualty and liability, but also includes Workmen's Compensation. In the past KLID has been required to submit a form about employees. KLID does not have any employees. The board members are volunteers. Sue DeGolier is not an employee; her services are based on fee for service. Any other work that is needed would be done by sub-contractors. When Ray checked with the State of Minnesota, they said KLID should not need to pay for Workmen's Compensation insurance. A motion was made by Ed, seconded by Ron for Ray to inform MCIT that KLID will no longer be paying for Workmen's Comp insurance. Property casualty insurance will still be paid. All ayes, motion carried. It is noted that KLID is an extension of Kanabec County; the board feels KLID should be covered by Kanabec County's insurance. Ray will talk with Kris McNally to get on the county agenda.

Wayside Park – Ed provided copies of two letters to which have been sent to the Kanabec County Commissioners. The first was dated November 24, 2021. Recently Commissioner Rick Mattson asked Ed to provide a second letter, which was dated September 25, 2023. Both letters indicated that there is financial support from the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club for the former wayside rest to be maintained as a park.

Discussion:

Board members would like to receive an updated contact list for the board and a copy of the by-laws. Sue will send these out.

Adjournment: Motion by Ed seconded by Tom to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier