

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 18, 2023**

**Members Present:** Kyle Hams, Ron Groebner, Kurt Seidel, Jeff Suess, Bob Hecht

**Members Absent:** Ed Hamlin, Kevin Johnson, Doug Sabinash

**Meeting called to order at 8:09 AM by Kyle Hams** (meeting was held at the Crows Nest). All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**The agenda was presented for review/approval, additions/changes.** Motion by Kurt Seidel seconded by Jeff Suess to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**The minutes from the February 18 meeting were presented for review/approval, additions/changes.** Motion by Kyle seconded by Jeff to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills** - Bob Hecht presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance includes \$10,000 recently transferred from checking to savings account. This balance was the best option in order to accrue interest on savings and checking and eliminate monthly fees. \$8,000 will be deposited in 2024 and \$9,000 annually thereafter. Expense for copies reimbursed to Sue DeGolier was for a copy of the Kanabec County information regarding the dam (copy provided for each board member). Motion by Jeff seconded by Ron Groebner to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

AIS – no report.

Aerators – no word from the DNR regarding oxygen levels.

Emergency Action Plan (EAP) – Sue provided a copy of the letter that was sent out in 2021 to property owners between the dam and the Mora city limits. There was discussion about only sending to properties that have changed owners, but it was pointed out contact information could change without change of ownership. Sue will make minor changes to the letter and contact Ryan Carda for the spreadsheet to being the process. We will finalize this at the April meeting.

Dam Inspection – this is scheduled for June 6 at 10 a.m. All board members are welcome to attend. Ahead of time a key for the storage shed needs to be located (locks have been changed) so group will have access to the required tool. Jeff will check on this.

Weeds – Sue reported Ron Duy has acknowledged receipt of the spreadsheet and completed forms for all responses and is working on the permit process.

Report to the state – Kyle reported that nothing more needs to be done. He has a written response and will provide copies for board members.

Account for dam (referenced in Treasurer's Report).

**New Business:**

Water testing – Kyle proposed contacting RMB Laboratories to do the water testing again this year. Last year veliger testing was not done; Kyle recommends doing it again this year. Cost of testing will be \$300 – \$400. Motion by Kurt seconded by Ron to order the testing. All ayes, motion carried.

Kyle reported that Ann Lake did a feasibility study; they have been working on this process for several years. Their lake is 653 acres. To treat 60 acres (about 10%) would cost millions of dollars, plus \$29,000 annually to run an aeration system. Knife Lake is 1259 acres, so costs would be double.

**Discussion:** none

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jeff seconded by Kurt to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue DeGolier