

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2023**

Members Present: Ron Groebner, Ed Hamlin, Kevin Johnson, Bob Hecht, Doug Sabinash, Jeff Suess

Members Absent: Kyle Hams, Kurt Seidel

Guests: LuAnn Johnson, Rachel Hamlin

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Kevin Johnson. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda was presented for review/approval, additions/changes. Ed Hamlin added road spraying to new business. Motion by Ed seconded by Doug Sabinash to approve agenda with addition. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the May 20 meeting were presented for review/approval, additions/changes. Motion by Doug seconded by Ed to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills. Bob Hecht presented the Treasurer's report. Kevin presented the following;

- an invoice from Dan Swanson for \$1250.00 for the delineation survey. Motion by Jeff Suess seconded by Doug to pay invoice. All ayes, motion carried.
- an invoice from Central Minnesota Aquatics for \$36,970.50 for curly leaf treatment that has been completed. Motion by Doug seconded by Ron Groebner to approve. All ayes, motion carried.
- a check received from Kanabec County for \$22,390.00 to be deposited. This is partial payment for the lake property owner assessment.

Old Business:

Weeds – Kevin reported that spraying was done for curly leaf. Post spray inspection showed spraying was 100% effective in areas that were sprayed. Kevin turned in an invoice to the DNR for the grant, which is in the process of being paid. He also submitted an invoice for \$11,463.04 to COLA for payment. This will be presented to Soil & Water on 6/21 and the Kanabec County board on 7/5. KLID should receive payment about 7/7. Nuisance weed will be sprayed the end of next week weather permitting. Buckets need to be out on the docks. Kudos to Central Minnesota Aquatic who noticed about forty people who were sprayed last year but did not respond this year; they attempted to contact the people and were able to reach some. They also do all of the permitting process. They are a great help to us.

Dam inspection—Kyle Hams could not be present today but asked Sue DeGolier to provide the board members with a printed copy of the dam inspection report. He will go in to sign the report next week. The lake is low this year, so would be a good time to get the repair taken care of (there is not a timeline requirement). Kevin and LuAnn will pick up the recommended products for actions that are needed. Several board members will be available to do this the week of July 4th. They will also spray some vegetation.

AIS – Kevin reported there was not a meeting this month. Deanna Pomije requested volunteers to help with contacting bait shops regarding disposal of minnows. Kevin and LuAnn helped with this. They contacted The Crow's Nest, Jerry's, Hwy 65, and the shop on highway 23 near Ogilvie. Shops were provided with disposal bags and information about AIS. It is illegal to dispose of minnows in the lake; it

results in rough fish in the lakes; the DNR will issue tickets. The shops were receptive. They will be contacted again in July with a follow-up at the end of the summer. There will be a form to fill out and return to the DNR. Doug mentioned it would be good to do something about this at the Winter Day of Fun. The group suggested putting out barrels so people can dispose of their bait rather than dumping them into the lake.

Ann Lake will have a meeting this Thursday at the Fire Pit by Ogilvie regarding phosphorous testing that was done. Core samples were collected which will show where the phosphorus came from and how long it has been there. The results will be shared at this meeting. They did not have to pay for the testing.

No updates regarding signs by the boat launch. Kevin did provide pictures of the current location and proposed new location.

EAP— Sue reported that the updates are in progress.

Annual meeting—The annual meeting will be in August. Ed will print the early notice in Lakelines this month (June). An additional announcement will be published in July. Time will be 9:00 a.m. (we switch times with the Sportsmen's Club meeting). Jeff indicated he has done two terms and intends to go off the board, so there will be an opening.

New Business:

Ed reported that road side spraying for Knife Lake Township residents will be done this coming Tuesday.

Discussion:

Doug asked if anyone had any background information about ordinance #21 regarding no wake buoys.

LuAnn asked about the process for having a sign posted for no through traffic. Ed indicated a request would need to be brought to the township board.

Adjournment: Motion by Doug seconded by Ron to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier