

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 20, 2024**

**Members Present:** Kyle Hams, Ron Groebner, Ed Hamlin, Doug Sabinash, Tom Zych. Remote: Kevin Johnson, Ray Ludowese

**Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.**

**Agenda presented for review/approval, additions/changes.** Motion by Ed Hamlin seconded by Tom Zych to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**The minutes from the December meeting were presented for review.** Three corrections will be made. Motion by Doug Sabinash seconded by Ron Groebner to approve the minutes with corrections. All ayes, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:**

Ray Ludowese provided the Treasurer's report. There is an invoice for \$ 724.82 from Sue DeGolier for the postage (\$223.08) and printing (\$501.74) of the 2024 weed spray mailing. The invoice does not include her time. Kyle has a corrected invoice for \$325.00 for the lake testing. Motion by Tom seconded by Ed to pay bills. All ayes, motion carried. Ray still does not have access to the on-line banking to check balances to include interest and to see if donations from Ogilvie (\$1,000) and Pokegema (\$2,000) have been received. Kyle will contact the bank.

**Old Business:**

Aerators – Doug reported the proof of insurance has been submitted to the DNR. Once a copy of the press publication is provided (regarding possible use of aerators), we will be all set for a permit. The announcement will run two times the end of February.

Workmen's Compensation – Ray has not canceled the Workmen's Compensation yet. Kyle is in contact with a CPA about what to do. There are two options. If a person earns more than \$600 per year, they need to submit form #1099. The other option is to file a tax return #1120H. Last year Sue submitted two invoices for her time (each for six months). Expenses were submitted separately. Sue is considered a subcontractor. There is not a payroll; Workmen's Comp is based on payroll. Kyle will work with the CPA to set up the correct process. Motion by Kyle seconded by Ray to discontinue carrying Workmen's Compensation coverage. All ayes; motion carried.

Weeds – Kevin reported the weed spray mailing was sent on January 3 to 338 lake property owners. To date about one third have responded (117 forms, 5 return to sender undeliverable). Tom turned in two additional letters. Deadline is February 15. Then Sue will send the spreadsheet and completed forms to the sprayer. Ed will be sure something is published in Lakelines in February; information is posted on the Sportsmen's Club website. Someone asked if the forms can be returned by e-mail. Ray indicated that is not possible due to KLID bylaws and state statutes.

LuAnn Johnson reached out to the Mora traveling baseball association for a donation – they sell pull tabs. They committed to a donation of \$1,000. Check will be mailed. The Crow's Nest declined to donate.

AIS – Kevin indicated there are no meetings in January and February. An e-mail from Deanna Pomije indicated the budget has been set for 2024. There are allocation changes. KLID will receive \$10,000 from COLA for weed spraying – this is an increase of about \$3,000 from the past. The presence of Emerald Ash Bore has been confirmed in Kanabec County. This is very invasive, so wood cannot be transported out of the county.

File Cabinet – Kyle will empty the file and deliver appropriate content to be stored at the Kanabec County courthouse. File cabinet will no longer be needed.

**New Business:** none

**Adjournment:** Motion by Tom seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue DeGolier