

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

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

**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.** Motion by Ray Ludowese seconded by Ed Hamlin to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

**The minutes from the January 20 meeting were presented for review.** Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ed Hamlin seconded by Tom Zych. All ayes, motion carried.

**Payment of Bills:** There were no bills to pay. A check was received from Kanabec County for final payment of assessment fees. This is included in the financial report provided by Ray. The checkbook balance and interest payments have been updated.

**Old Business:**

Weeds – Kevin Johnson reported that KLID will NOT receive a grant this year. Our application was complete and submitted on time, but funds were exhausted before our application was considered; lakes that did not receive funds last year were considered first.

As of today 182 applications have been received for nuisance weed spraying, eight No responses for curly leaf spraying, and six letters returned undeliverable. Sue will check the mailbox one more time today before finalizing the spreadsheet and mailing responses to Ron Duy.

AIS – Kevin indicated that there has not been a COLA meeting for two months. The next meeting will be March 14. Kevin cannot attend. The group is going to work with a lobby group to see if funds for AIS could be increased for the whole state.

Aerators – Doug Sabinash received an email from Audrey at the DNR. Our permit is invalid until we submit the documentation of announcement being published. Kyle told Doug to go ahead and have the same announcement from last year published with corrected dates for this year. Ed suggested being sure it indicates the determination is made by the DNR based on oxygen levels. The announcement will be published two times; Kanabec Publications will bill KLID after they are both printed. Then Doug will get a copy to Audrey

Banking – Ray needs to be listed as a signer and have access to electronic banking and statements. He needs to be the authorized agent. All previous signers need to be removed. Motion by Ray seconded by Ed to remove all previous signers. Only Kyle Hams and Ray Ludowese will be signers. Ray is to be the authorized agent. All Ayes; motion carried. A second motion was made by Ray seconded by Ed that if Ray is not made the authorized agent in a timely manner, so he can perform the duties of the treasurer, he is authorized to pursue different banking options. All ayes; motion carried. Kyle will deposit the check that was received. Sue DeGolier will provide a signed copy of the minutes from this meeting to Ray and Shelley at the bank.

Ray indicated a copy of our budget needs to be submitted to the State of Minnesota; apparently this has not been done for the last two years. Ray will take care of getting it done. MCIT also requires annual reports. Ray let Tim know we are no longer doing it.

1099 Form – Kyle reported that this process was done pro bono, and the person will continue to do it for KLID. Sue will continue to submit time and expenses as separate items.

**New Business:**

With sunshine, thin ice, and very little snow cover, it is likely to be a challenging year with weeds.

Doug asked if we will be discussing whether we will continue to spray nuisance weeds prior to the annual meeting. We will always spray for invasive species. There was discussion if Ron can calculate what percent of the lake is actually sprayed. Perhaps the responses from the weed spray mailing spreadsheet could be plotted on the map to compare with the weeds treated. We will discuss this further at the March meeting.

Kyle will set up the dam inspection for a Tuesday in June (June 4 or 11) before it gets too hot.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Tom seconded by Doug to adjourn the meeting. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue DeGolier