

**KNIFE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 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 by Kyle Hams. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was presented for Review/Approval, Additions/Changes. Motion by Doug Sabinash seconded by Tom Zych to approve agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

The minutes from the February meeting were presented for review. Motion by Ed Hamlin seconded by Ron Groebner to approve the minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

Payment of Bills. Ray Ludowese provided the Treasurer's Report including the following bills that need to be paid:

Sue DeGolier - \$12.15 for postage (mailing weed spray responses to Ron Duy)

Central MN Aquatics - \$2500 for permit

Central MN Aquatics - \$14,000 downpayment for spraying

CMIT - \$1796.00 for liability insurance

Kanabec Publications - \$18.70 for aerator announcement

Motion by Tom seconded by Doug to pay bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Kyle will pay the bills on Monday in Ray's absence.

Old Business:

Weeds – Kevin Johnson reported the permit for weed spraying has been transmitted to the DNR. It includes 260 property owners who requested to be sprayed. The deadline to respond was February 15. When Michelle Duy received the responses, she noted a number of people who wanted to be sprayed last year but did not respond this year and proceeded to contact them. Ed indicated there were people who told him the sprayer would probably reach out to them as they did in the past. This is frustrating because we had set a firm deadline. Even if people did not receive the letter that was mailed, they receive information in Lakelines and can download the forms from the Sportsmen's Club website. Kevin will work with Ron and Michelle to ensure this does not happen again. A motion was made by Ed, seconded by Tom that the date in the mailing be considered the hard deadline, with no exceptions. All ayes, motion carried. Going forward the deadline to respond will always be February 15. This topic needs to be included in the Annual Meeting.

Kevin indicated Dan Swanson will do the delineation survey for curly leaf the first part of April. The cost is \$1500.00. When complete, Ron Duy will submit the permit request to the DNR. This year, due to the early ice out, spraying must be done by May 1 (earlier than usual). We will receive a map showing where there is an infestation. We want to ensure the number is correct even though less acres may be sprayed (one year 70 acres were indicated but only 50 were sprayed). There was discussion about the percentage of the lake sprayed. Ed indicated there are people who say the lake is green because the whole lake is being sprayed. The DNR determines the standard for what can be sprayed: twenty-five feet of shoreline and fifteen-foot channel width if needed. A quick calculation indicated this is 375 square feet, 97,500 square feet maximum. 43,560 square feet per acre.

260 properties will be sprayed (as needed) this year. We are spending more than the income each year. There will not be a grant this year, and there is never a guarantee of receiving a grant. If KLID did not assist with this, it would be uncoordinated. This all pertains to nuisance weed; we will always need to spray for curly leaf. Algae is a different issue. It is fed by phosphorus coming into the lake and cannot be treated.

Aerators – The permit was received on March 5, but aerators will not be needed because the ice is already off the lake.

AIS – neither Kyle nor Kevin attended the last meeting. They will see if Doug can be added as another alternate to attend the meetings which are usually held at 4:30 p.m. the Thursday before the KLID board meeting. They are usually every other month but may be more frequent in the summer when there are activities taking place. Kevin will be back for an April meeting.

Yearly budget to the State of Minnesota – Ray is working on this.

Dam Inspection – this is scheduled for June 11 at 10:00 a.m. on the west side. All are welcome to participate.

New Business: (none)

Adjournment: Motion by Ed seconded by Tom to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue DeGolier