

3 Lakes Improvement District

TLID

Minutes from meeting of:

February 5, 2024

Barb A	Present
Bob S	Present
Diane S	Present
Doug S	Absent
Nancy H	Present
Stacy S	Present
Todd L	Present
Scott R	Present

Guests: Tom Hahne, Shelly Alger-Peyton, Barb Keenan

Call to Order at: 6:00 PM

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Nancy 2nd by Todd pass
Changes - add Misc to new business

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Diane 2nd by Stacy pass
Changes - none

Financial Report:

Bills paid: none

Added revenue: \$1,718.92

Account Balance: \$94,446.61

Motion by Bob 2nd by Todd pass

Officer Reports:

Chair: nothing

Vice-Chair: Stacy announced that this will be her last meeting. She is stepping down due to a move out of the area.

Secretary: Nancy received an email from the county verifying the parcels to be taxed. The total is 430 properties.

Treasurer: Diane sent a 1099 to James Johnson for 2023 services. Expenses over \$600 should be looked at to determine rather a 1099 needs to be created. Todd mentioned that Diane could request a W-9 from vendors to help with this determination. A discussion followed wondering if the BLCA should also be sending 1099, Shelly Alger-Peyton will check into this

Advisor: Scott mentioned the upcoming open house on Feb. 24 from 2-4 PM at the new regional park on Elk Lake. Diane's been walking the new 1 mile trail there and said it's pretty muddy.

Old Business:

Watershed Plan 2024: Scott attended a meeting last week. His advisory group is winding down. The decision makers who will implement the plan is a group comprised of SWCD members from Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties along with County Commissioners. The plan is now in place which includes exploration into Alum treatments and flooding plans for our lakes, which is very exciting. Scott mentioned the only drawback is that there is no timeline set.

Alum Feasibility Study: Scott reported that a preliminary report on the core samples has been received by the BLCA. There is a lot of data to digest we are still waiting for water sample analysis's which are due in March and also the carp study to be done.

Board Position Vacancy: Stacy Strang will be stepping down effective immediately. This opens up her position which runs through August 2025. Barb Keenan who ran for the board in August 2023 was asked to fill this position and she agreed.

Nancy made a motion to elect Barb Keenan as Stacy's replacement, Todd seconded the motion - the motion passed. Welcome Barb!!

This leaves a vacancy in the vice chair position.

Barb made a motion to elect Bob Sass as vice chair, Todd seconded the motion - the motion passes.

We all would like to thank Stacy for her hard work on the TLID board and wish her and her family the best as they start this new chapter in their lives "up north".

Weed Harvesting: Shelly Alger-Peyton has been researching (along with Doug) skimming companies. They will report back with costs and/or ideas as their research progresses. Shelly mentioned that the BLCA has a speaker coming to their April 13th meeting at 10 AM. The speaker is Steve McComas, the "lake detective". She's also working on having a rep from PLM at their March meeting.

Other:

Bob signed up for the AIS identification online course sponsored by the U of M which started today. This course cost \$75, started on February 5th and runs for six weeks. Dan Cibulka gave us permission for three people to be compensated through an education grant program for this class. Bob Sass and Ruth Thom have signed up, Bob said it's not too late to add another person. Barb Keenan said she would like to do this online course. Bob will contact Barb with the link to sign up and attend.

New Business:

Survey Contracts: Barb A. has signed the survey contracts with James Johnson for 2024. We contracted to do a spring CLP survey on all three lakes, a Summer EWM survey and a point intercept survey for Julia.

We discussed the surveys that may be needed on Elk Lake. Nancy raised a concern that the BLCA may be funding surveys and possibly spraying on Elk Lake with money collected throughout the years from all four lakes. She felt that if the BLCA is using any of their monies to survey or spray Elk Lake they should also be paying the same for the other three lakes. We should not have to collect taxes from the upper three lakes when there is money in the BLCA account that is being used for surveys and/or spraying. Shelly mentioned that they are aware of this concern. We will keep an eye on how Elk is funded this year. Our understanding is that they have used grant money the last two previous years.

Water Inspection Hours: TLID will be paying for an additional 200 hours @ \$27.75 per hour. The BLCA usually pays for an additional 100 hours.

We adjourned at 7:00 PM