

# 3 Lakes Improvement District

## TLID

Minutes from meeting of:

March 4, 2024

<b>Barb A</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Bob S</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Diane S</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Doug S</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Nancy H</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Barb K</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Todd L</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Scott R</b>	<b>Present</b>

**Guests:** Tom Hahne, Shelly Alger-Peyton, Kenzie Phelps

**Call to Order at:** 6:00 PM

**Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane pass  
Changes - none

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb K pass  
Changes - change Stacy to present, change research to researching under harvesting.

### Financial Report:

Bills paid: none

Added revenue: none

Account Balance: \$94,446.61

Motion by Nancy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob pass

## **Officer Reports:**

**Chair:** Barb A. reported that she signed and returned the Water Guard contract last month. She also sent an email to James Johnson and David Hillstrom inquiring what the timeframe looks like for surveying and spraying since we have such an early ice out and mild winter. James stated he will be randomly checking lakes starting next week and it looks like surveying will most likely be earlier this year. David (PLM) said that spraying will also most likely be earlier. He will wait to see what our spring surveys look like and also watch the water temperature. Spraying in April this year could be a possibility.

**Vice-Chair:** Bob reported that he called Sue at Waterfront Restoration to let her know that he will be the TLID contact person regarding purple loosestrife. Scott is going to start "raising" beetles that eat purple loosestrife. This is a proven way to control this invasive weed. He will keep us up to date as this process moves forward.

**Secretary:** nothing

**Treasurer:** nothing

**Advisor:** Scott mentioned ice out this year on all three lakes was last Sunday (March 3). This has been reported to the DNR for their records.

## **Old Business:**

**Watershed Plan 2024:** Scott reported nothing new - they are on a holding pattern until May.

**Alum Feasibility Study:** Bob questioned what will happen if we get the data from the carp survey and it shows a high concentration of carp. Scott believes that anything over 100 lbs. per acre would be considered high. He also stated that Eagle Lake recently did a carp survey and they showed higher than 100 lbs. per acre. Eagle Lake is also doing an Alum Feasibility Study, we will have to keep in touch with them to see how they proceed forward.

**Grants:** Stacy applied for several grants before resigning. Bob has agree to follow through and continue monitoring any grants that we've applied and to also search for other grants that may become available. It looks like we've been awarded a \$3,600 DNR grant which can be used for surveys or spraying. We know that Stacy applied for other grants. Bob plans on contacting Stacy and making sure he has the information he needs to move forward. Thanks Bob for taking on this important job.

**Weed Harvesting:** Doug has been researching (along with Shelly A.) skimming companies. Doug handed out a summary of their findings. It shows four different companies and how they would tackle our floating algae problem and the estimated costs. We had a long discussion regarding how we could pay for this and also how we would determine where on the lakes we would use their services. We thanked Doug and Shelly and asked Doug to continue with his research looking at this year as a pilot program (if needed). We may have to ask the BLCA to pay this year. If it goes well, we can add it to our budget for next year that we present to our members in August.

## **New Business:**

**Water Logger:** Barb talked with Mike Flanery last week. He told her that the SWCD will not use any of the data we've collected. Barb will follow up on this to see if we should continue with the water loggers or discontinue them.

**Need for a TLID email address:** Bob mentioned he was looking at some links on the website and noticed that we don't have a dedicated TLID email address. Historically we've used a board members personal account when we've asked for member feedback. We discussed the need for a TLID email account and all agree it would be the way to go forward. We would need to have a dedicated board member (or two) to monitor this account. Bob will check into setting up an account (either a .com or .org) and report back at our next meeting.

**Annual public notice posting:** Bob brought forward last year's public notice regarding spraying that is publish in the Patriot News. This is where he noticed the use of a board members personal email for residents to respond to. Scott said that this notice is taken care of by PLM. This is a good example of why we need a dedicated TLID email account.

**We adjourned at 7:00 PM**