

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 16, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kirk Lindholm, Adrienne Owens, Peter MacMillan, Steve Benzschawel, Dave Owens, Mark Goessl, Alan Isaacson. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Van Metre, Paul Fliegel. A quorum of the Board was established.

LJID Property owners present: None.

There were no others present.

The meeting of the Lake John Improvement District Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 6:32 p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel at the Southside Township Hall.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications – Website still needs to be updated. Steve will contact Dan Ventrelli about having that done.

Finance – Written report submitted. Current bank balance \$53,994.34, of which \$17,552.61 comprises the new invasive species treatment account. Discussion regarding available savings accounts into which we can transfer funds to earn a better interest rate. The best option appears to be Huntington Bank, paying 4.35% per annum currently on accounts with balance of \$10,000.00 or more. M/S/P to have Adrienne and Doug open a money market savings account with Huntington Bank and transfer \$25,000.00 into that account.

Resource Management – Report deferred to old business items.

Administration – Report deferred to new business items.

OLD BUSINESS:

I-lids equipment installation – Equipment has been installed. Batteries have arrived, are charged and need to be installed into the equipment. Dave and Steve will tend to that.

Cleaning Station at landing – Steve was at the Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations meeting recently and obtained information regarding options for these cleaning stations. Wright County has available a simple station for \$150.00, which includes a notice board and three

cleaning tools - a long grabber, a brush and an extension pole. Some were reporting the theft of some of the tools. Wright County is encouraging the installation of these stations, even with the tool theft, as the notice boards serve as a reminder to boaters of the need to clean their boats going in and coming out of the lake. The DNR has granted Wright County a blanket permit to have these boards installed at DNR lake landings. M/S/P to purchase a \$150.00 cleaning station from Wright County to be installed at the DNR boat landing.

EWM, CLP and Starry Stonewort treatment/assessment update – No curly leaf pondweed treatment is being recommended this year. The Eurasian water milfoil surveys will be completed in the next few weeks. Starry stonewort assessments will be completed in the fall.

Grant application update – Wright County Soil and Water has awarded \$2,500.00 in reimbursement for AIS assessments and treatment. We will have to provide proof of completed work and payment. The reimbursement payment is typically received in the fall.

Bog update – Nothing new from the Lake Association on plans for bog removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liability Insurance Renewal – This will happen in June/July. Anticipating \$1,050.00 premium cost.

Annual meeting - The Administration Committee drafts of the annual meeting documents and property list were reviewed and approved. The letters to the governmental agencies that get notice – DNR, MPCA, Wright County Board, Southside Township Board and Annandale City Council – will be mailed tomorrow. Letters to the LID members will be mailed following our mailing envelope stuffing work session next Monday night @ 6:00 p.m., in Steve's garage.

2025 Annual Budget – A \$30,000.00 annual budget was discussed, reviewed and M/S/P to approve, including expenses for: Insurance - \$1,050.00; CLP Treatment - \$3,265.00; EWM survey - \$2,200.00; CLP survey - \$1,900.00; EWM treatment - \$14,000.00; SSW surveys (2) - \$1,980.00; Administrative costs - \$600.00; and Bog removal/Emergency Fund - \$,5005.00.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, June 20, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.