

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 18, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Benzschawel, Doug Van Metre, Kirk Lindholm, Alan Isaacson, Dave Owens, Paul Fliegel, Peter MacMillan. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chris Snowdon, Dan Ventrelli. 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 6:31p.m., at the Southside Township Hall, by Chairman Steve Benzschawel.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the July 21, 2022 meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications –No report.

Finance –Written report. Opening June 1, 2022 checking account balance of \$26,423.97. \$17,115.91 received from Wright County for 1st half 2022 tax collections. \$20,856.35 in expenditures, including the transfer of \$12,117.00 to the savings account established for invasives contingencies,\$7,346.39 to Aquatic Solutions for treatment expense,\$952.00 for liability/directors/officers insurance coverage, and \$440.96 in administrative expenses. Ending July 31, 2022 checking account balance of \$22,683.53 and savings account balance of \$12,117.00.

Resource Management –Freshwater Science has completed the completed the EWM treatment in two locations in the south end of the lake, comprising 2.5 and 3.7 acres, respectively. The folks from Freshwater Science commented on the reduced water clarity in the lake, which other board members have also noticed – the water is brown/green.

Administration –Annual report draft will be available for review and revision at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Erickson farm update – No update. The property sale has apparently not yet closed

EWM, CLP, Starry stonewort treatment/assessment update – SSW assessment is scheduled for later in the fall.

Association Bog Removal - Bog removal was successful. Lake Association was charged \$2,550.00 for the removal services. Much of the anticipated cost was avoided due to significant volunteer involvement for removal and clean-up and the short distance that the bog material had to be transported for disposal. The Association is hoping to complete the removal of additional bogs before winter.

Farm/Lake run-off – Don Bixby property and others –Some attempts to monitor water flow from the drain pipe on Don Bixby’s place have not been fruitful. Hoping to obtain water samples for testing.

Wake boats, water quality and aquatic plants –Water testing has not been completed since May. June, July and August samples have been delivered to the lab. They are behind in their work. Lake clarity has obviously been compromised compared to previous years. The water is not only green this year, but also brown, which is a recent phenomenon. U of M study on wake boats draft effects is anticipated during the 4th quarter.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, September 15, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m.