

MINUTES
LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING

June 22, 2024

Call to Order. The Annual Meeting of the Lake John Improvement District was called to order at 9:05 a.m., by Board of Directors Chairman Steve Benzschawel. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda. M/S/P to approve Agenda as presented

Roll Call of Board. **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Adrienne Owens, Alan Isaacson, Steve Benzschawel, Mark Goessl, Peter MacMillan, Dave Owens, Doug Van Metre. **ABSENT:** Paul Fliegel, Kirk Linderholm.

Approval of Secretary's Minutes. M/S/P to approve minutes of the June 24, 2023 Annual Meeting as distributed to the members via e-mail.

Open floor for Member Comments/Questions. – Steve Benzschawel asked if there were any general comments from the members present. Bob Fleskes asked about bog removal. The members were advised that the LID has set aside \$5,005.00 in the 2024 budget to help fund bog removal and the starry stonewort emergency fund. But the LID cannot remove bogs from the lake. The Lake John Association has the bog removal permit from the DNR. And the Association membership has been active in moving bogs to removal access points and the Association has obtained required permits and contracted removal of large bogs. Individual property owners may remove small bogs from their lakeshore having an area smaller than ten square feet under the bog removal permit held by the Association. No other questions/comments.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

Chairman. Steve Benzschawel - Deferred to items to be covered in New Business.

Vice-Chairman. David Owens – Reported that the I-lids equipment has again been installed at the DNR landing. New batteries have been obtained and will be installed.

Secretary. Peter MacMillan – Notices of the Annual Meeting have been published in the Wright County legal newspaper and mailed to the Wright County Board, the Southside Township Board, the Annandale City Council, DNR, MPCA, and all LID members and are posted on the door at the Southside Township Hall, where the LID board usually meets, as required.

Treasurer. Adrienne Owens – reviewed detail of financial transactions for 2023 and through May 31, 2024. Beginning balance in checking account on 01/01/2023 - \$41,990.73.

Ending balances on 05/31/2024- \$36,234.25 in checking account and \$17,560.06 in Emergency Reserve Fund, total \$53,794.31. Written report attached to minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grant Funding. Wright County Soil & Water has provided the LID with a \$2,500.00 grant for 2023 and will provide \$2,500 grant for 2024 for AIS control efforts.

AIS management efforts and schedule. Eurasian milfoil treatment efforts in the west bay of the lake last year using a new chemical, ProcettaCOR, were effective in controlling the EWM and not impacting the lily pads in the area. That treatment is expected to be effective for two years. This year there are two areas of EWM that will be treated in the south end of the lake. Probably with 2,4-D, as the lily pad concern is not present in those areas. The Curly-leaf pondweed assessment has been completed. No treatment is recommended at this point. The starry stonewort assessments will occur late summer and fall. We have not had SSW discovered in Lake John yet. It is already in Lake Sylvia and Pleasant Lake. It seems that it is only a matter of when that it will be observed here. And we are watching developments of an invasive water plant known as Hydrilla, which is migrating across the country and has been discovered now in Michigan.

Budget proposed for 2024. Individual projected 2024 expenditures of \$5,000.00 or more were reviewed for approval.

M/S/P to approve the budgeted funding for the curly leaf pondweed eradication of \$5,165.00.

M/S/P to approve the budgeted funding for the Eurasian milfoil eradication of \$16,200.00.

M/S/P to approve the budgeted funding for bog removal/Emergency Reserve Fund of \$5,005.00.

The proposed list of properties to be included in the LID assessment in 2025 was included in the packet mailed to all members and distributed at the meeting.

M/S/P to approve the proposed list of properties to be included in the LID assessment in 2025.

The proposed total assessment of the 161 properties included in the LID assessment for 2025 of \$30,000.00 was included in the proposed budget.

M/S/P to approve the proposed budget of \$30,000.00 - total assessment of the 161 LID properties for 2025. 2025 budget as approved attached to minutes.

Election of Directors – Election for 3 Board of Director seats – all three year terms - ending at the Annual Meeting in 2027. Absentee ballots were mailed to all members in the pre-meeting information packet. The ballots returned to the Board of Directors prior to the start of the Annual Meeting were been counted. Ballots were also distributed to the members personally

attending and were counted at the meeting. 5 absentee ballots returned via mail and 9 ballots cast at the meeting were counted. There were 64 people in attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Seat G: 14 votes for Mark Goessl. No other votes cast

Seat H: 14 votes for Doug Van Metre. No other votes cast.

Seat I: 14 votes for Peter MacMillan. No other votes cast.

NOTE: With this election the Board is comprised of 7 full-time Lake John Residents and 2 part-time Lake John Residents. We are required to have a majority of full-time Lake John residents as members of the Board.

Meeting date for next year's annual meeting. M/S/P to hold the 2025 Annual Meeting of the members of the Lake John Improvement District on June 28, 2025, beginning at 9:00, at the South Haven City Hall.

LID Board of Director Meetings. Bob Fleskes asked about the timing and location of LID Board meetings. The LID Board meets the third Thursday of each month March-October at 6:30 p.m. at the Southside Township Hall.

Adjourn. There being no further business to come before the membership, M/S/P to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Secretary
Lake John Improvement District Board of Directors

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP: Is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2025, beginning at 9:00, at the South Haven City Hall.