

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 21, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

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

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the September 21, 2023 regular meeting and the November 9, 2023 special meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Directors. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023 special meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications – Dan Ventrelli has agreed to continue to maintain the LID's website.

Finance – Written report submitted. Current bank balance \$55,424.18, of which \$17,537.95 comprises the new invasive species treatment account.

Resource Management – Report deferred to old and new business items.

Administration – Annual Report was mailed to the required recipients – Wright County Board, DNR, MPCA, Southside Township Board and Annandale City Council. Property list approved by the LID members at the Annual Meeting was submitted to the County for assessment and the county list has been received and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update information on Rachel Development projects on east shore - Lot sales appear to be very slow in the new development. The rumored sale of the property in the North east corner of the lake to a developer has apparently not closed.

EWM, CLP and Starry Stonewort treatment/assessment update – Received quote for Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed delineations and surveys - \$4,100.00 for the four

investigations and reports. Those will be completed as weather permits and plant growth justifies the work. As the expenditures for the EWM and CLP delineations and surveys have been specifically approved by the LID members at the 2023 annual meeting, no motion was considered. We will proceed with the recommended delineations and surveys. It is anticipated that we will again have 2 Starry Stonewort surveys additionally completed in the late summer and fall. Those have been at a cost of \$900.00 each in the past.

Audit report review - Audit report received from Randy Austin. Bank balance and approved expenditures are accurate and equal the current bank balance. Randy made some suggestions for additional financial reports and for transferring some of the contingent expense funds (new invasive species treatment account and reserve portion of ordinary expense account) into a higher yielding savings account. Adrienne has done some investigation and recommends opening a savings account at Ally Bank, which would currently earn over 3% per annum interest, three time what the account at Lake Central Bank is earning. M/S/P to open the Ally Bank account and to transfer \$30,000.00 into the new account.

Board Replacement for Chris Snowden – Mark Goessl has agreed to serve to in the open board seat vacated by the resignation of Chris Snowden. That seat will be up for election at the 2024 annual meeting. M/S/P to appoint Mark Goessl to the open board seat.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLP Delineation – EWM Assessment schedule – See report above.

Grant application update – Grant applications have been timely submitted. Steve commented that the Wright County Soil and Water board Seemed to be more focused on the cost of surveys and assessments for aquatic invasive species than treatment costs. No results known at this time.

Official newspaper designation – M/S/P to appoint the Delano Herald Journal as the official newspaper for required publication of public notices.

Schedule I-lids equipment installation – New batteries are required for the I-lids equipment at a cost of \$400.00. M/S/P to approve that expenditure. Dave will see to the battery purchase and installation of the I-lids equipment, weather permitting.

Cleaning Station at landing – A discussion was held as to the usefulness and effectiveness of a boat and trailer cleaning station at the DNR landing on the south end of the lake. Other lakes have some equipment available for that purpose. Some facilities are as simple as a reminder sign and some tools for manual removal of weeds. Some are more elaborate, with pressured water hoses for removal. Referred to the Resource Management committee for further investigation and recommendations.

Bog update – Large bogs were observed last fall that settled and froze into the southeast corner of the lake. There has been no word from the Lake John Association as to whether there are any plans for a removal project. Inquiries to be made to the lake association board.

Carp results – The lake association’s carp inventory has been completed. The netting project showed that the carp population in Lake John is within normal limits for a lake of our size and make-up.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, April 16, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.