

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 16, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Benzschawel, Dave Owens, Dan Ventrelli, Peter MacMillan, Doug Van Metre, Paul Fliegel. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kirk Lindholm, Alan Isaacson, Chris Snowdon. 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 6:32p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications –Website was recently updated. Board minutes and reports to date are available.

Finance –Written reports submitted. 2022 year-end balances: operating account: \$29,856.21; starry stonewort savings account: \$12,130.40. All bills have been paid.

Resource Management –Permits for EWM and CLP treatments are in place for 2023. A quote for Curly-leafed pondweed treatment of \$7,786.81 received from Aquatic Solutions. In line with past experience. Chemical costs increase each year. Awaiting quote for Eurasian water milfoil treatment. Grant applications are completed and are due April 5. EWM growth in the west end bay remains problematic. Impact of extensive lake snow cover this winter on weed growth will be interesting to watch. Boat landing equipment providing weed reminders will be installed as weather permits. No update on the University of Minnesota wake boat study.

Administration –State-required annual report was submitted after our last meeting. Our issues calendar should be updated to reflect the revised meeting schedule where practical.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Erickson farm update – The property sale has closed Work will commence with ground thaw.

EWM, CLP treatment/assessment update – Covered in Resource Management report.

Grant application update – Covered in Resource Management report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Official Newspaper Designation – The board has followed the Wright County Board in its designation of its official newspaper. The Wright County Board has designated the Delano Herald Journal as its official newspaper for the next three years. M/S/P to name the Delano Herald Journal as the official newspaper of the Lake John Improvement District for the years 2023-2025.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:56p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, April 20, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.