

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Meeting - November 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Isaacson, Kirk Lindholm, Doug Van Metre, Peter MacMillan, Steve Benzschawel, Dave Owens, Paul Fliegel. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Adrienne Owens.

NOTE: Chris Snowdon submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors to the Chairman following our last regular meeting. With eight members currently constituting the Board, the number of members required to be present at a Board meeting to constitute a quorum remains five. A quorum of the Board was established.

LJID Property owners present: None.

There were no others present.

The special meeting of the Lake John Improvement District Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel at the Southside Township Hall specifically for the announced purpose of reviewing a bill from Rachel Contracting for bog removal services.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The review of the minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting as proposed by the Secretary was tabled to the next regular meeting.

ACTION ITEM FOR MEETING: **Rachel Contracting Bill:** Rachel Contracting has sent Topher McKinley, the Lake John Association president, a bill for \$4,500 for their efforts in removing the bogs that had been gathered by Lake John Association members and deposited along the east shoreline of Lake John at the Rachel development site. The issue to be resolved at this meeting is whether that bill is to be paid by the LJID.

Our board did advise the Lake John Association board that we would pay for the cost of bog removal and disposition services. Members of our board had earlier discussed the bog removal issue with representatives of Rachel and were advised that Rachel would remove the bogs if the bogs were brought to the development site and staked at the shore. It was understood that Rachel would do so without cost to the lake residents. Sometime later, someone from the lake association spoke with a representative of Rachel and agreed to pay for the bog removal and disposition. So bog retrieval was completed by lake association members and the bogs were staked at the shore at the development and Rachel disposed of the bogs. And Rachel has now sent this bill.

We have not specifically budgeted bog removal funds. The LJID members did approve the inclusion of bog removal as a goal of the emergency funds that have been set aside for AIS (especially starry stonewort) control and eradication at the 2023 meeting. The AIS treatment that was budgeted for 2023 did not all occur due to there being no need for some of the budgeted efforts. So there are unused funds available. There is now \$27,690.48 in the LJID checking account, in addition to the funds in the emergency fund savings account.

M/S/P to pay Rachel Contracting the \$4,500.00 requested. The Lake John Association board is to be advised that it has no authority to bind the lake improvement district to the payment of any bill for these services and that the lake improvement district will not pay any such bill unless the terms of the service are negotiated by a LJID board member and approved by the LJID board prior to the provision of the services.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, March 21, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m.