

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 15, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Benzschawel, Kirk Lindholm, Alan Isaacson, Chris Snowdon, Dave Owens, Peter MacMillan, Doug Van Metre, Paul Fliegel. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** 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 6:33 p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel at the Southside Township Hall.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications – No report.

Finance – Written report. May ending balance of the checking account was \$28,126.87. Current balance of the reserve fund is \$17,466.08.

Resource Management – Report covered in new business.

Administration – Report covered under new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

EWM, CLP, SSW treatment/assessment update – All of the observed lake plants are growing slowly this year. CLP treatment will not be pursued this summer. EWM treatment will be in the south and and the west bay. SSW assessments will be scheduled late summer and in the fall.

Grant application update – Grants were timely submitted. Wright County Soil & Water told Steve that they may have some money available for our EWM assessment/treatment expense.

Annual Meeting. A revised Agenda for the meeting has been prepared. M/S/P to approve the Agenda proposed for the annual meeting. The list of properties to be approved by the membership has been prepared and the information regarding the new littoral properties in the Preserve on Lake John development have been obtained from Wright County. It appears that

there are 13 properties that will be included in the revised property list to be submitted to the LID membership and the County for approval. Government and Member mailings were timely completed.

Bog Removal – Several members of the Lake John Association participated in moving some large bogs out of the south east corner of the lake and staking them down along the shoreline of the Rachel development. Rachel did dispose of the bogs.

Liability Insurance Renewal – The LID liability policy has been renewed for one year. The premium cost was \$934.00.

Wake Boat Study – Paul Fliegel reported on a remote conference that Minnesota Lake & Rivers put on recently regarding the on-going investigations into the effect of boat operations on lake bottoms and shores. . He described that the studies have been looking at the effects that various boat and engine configurations have on surface waves and lakeshore bottom churn. It is reported that the studies are in early stages and that more will be known in the next few years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Post Office Box Renewal – The lease for the LID post office box at the Annandale post office has been renewed.

New Development Project – We are advised that Rachel Development has purchased a property in the northeast corner of Lake John for additional development.

Voters at the Annual Meeting – A question was raised regarding who may vote at the Annual Meeting. Each property listed in the approved property list has one vote to be cast.

New water in-flows – Water is being pumped into the lake from the development property on the east shore of the lake. Contact has been made with the County and the DNR. The developer has obtained permits from the DNR, County and City for the wells that were drilled and for the water pumping into the lake. The water levels are being watched and if the water levels rise beyond the permitted parameters, the pumping will be stopped for the level to reduce. The water draining is so the developer can run sewer/water connections through the wet land at the east of the development property to connect to City of Annandale services. There is also a new culvert that has been installed on the south end of the lake, running under the road with water running through it a draining into the lake

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, June 15, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.