

# LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 20, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Benzschawel, Kirk Lindholm, Alan Isaacson Chris Snowdon, Peter MacMillan, Doug Van Metre, Paul Fliegel. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dave Owens, 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 6:30p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES:** The minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

**Communications** –No report.

**Finance** – No report. Dan Ventrelli has provided notice that he will not be running for re-election as treasurer of the District. Chris Snowden expressed an interest in running for election to that position.

**Resource Management** –Report covered in new business.

**Administration** – Updated annual calendar of board tasks prepared by Paul Fleigel was distributed for review. Drafts of annual meeting documents will be distributed prior to the next Board meeting for review, comments and corrections. We should begin recruiting for candidates for the next board election.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Bob Erickson farm update – The property has apparently been staked for lot corners. Trees are being marked for removal. Concerns re: heavy construction equipment on the existing Nevens Ave. low-capacity road discussed.

EWM, CLP treatment/assessment update – Permitting is in place for treatments. Water temperature must be at 50 degrees F to permit chemical to work adequately. Chemicals have been acquired.

Proposed treatment chemical change - Steve has spoken with James Johnson regarding beginning to use a different chemical, ProcellCOR, in place of 2,4D for EWM treatment. James expressed concerns that the 2,4D is not particularly effective in the west bay when applied to treat the EWM. The DNR-imposed limitation of no treatment near lily pads while the lily pads are still growing hinders the ability to properly apply the chemical. And we may have a variant strain of EWM in that area that is resistant to 2,4D. ProcellCOR is not harmful to the lily pads and is more effective against certain variant strains of EWM. The ProcellCOR is more expensive than 2,4D, but we treat small areas in the west bay, so the quantity of chemical used would not be relatively great. And the additional cost can be covered by our current budget. The 2,4D is effective in other parts of the lake and we would continue to use that in areas other than the west bay. The plan is to try ProcellCOR in the west bay in the fall treatment. Supplemental permitting will be required from the DNR to allow that chemical change.

Grant application update – Grants were timely submitted. Awaiting word on any grants received. Increased competition again this year for the always dwindling grant pools.

Wake Boat Study – There has been no more word from the University of Minnesota regarding the wake boat study they were conducting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting – the Annual Meeting of the LID is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the South Haven City Hall.

Bog Removal – Unclear as to whether the Lake John Association has obtained permitting for bog removal this year. Some bogs have already been noticed floating in the high water. Removal will be complicated by the loss of the unofficial boat access on the east shore of the lake when the development there commences.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:53p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter MacMillan  
Board Secretary

**NEXT MEETING:** At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, May 18, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.