

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 17, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kirk Lindholm, Alan Isaacson, Adrienne Owens, Peter MacMillan, Steve Benzschawel, Paul Fliegel. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dave Owens, Chris Snowdon, Doug Van Metre. 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 6:34 p.m., by Chairman Steve Benzschawel at the Southside Township Hall.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications – No report.

Finance – No report

Resource Management – EWM treatment is pending the lily pads thinning out in the west end of the lake. James Johnson, Fresh Water Science, is monitoring this. Water flowage is good from Goose into John and out through the culverts to Sylvia. Alan reported that the 6.8"+ of rain that we received last week lifted the lake water level to 1,054.35 feet. It has receded now to 1,054.15 feet as of yesterday. Awaiting new batteries for the I-Lids equipment. The DNR called Steve to inquire as to the current use of that equipment. They are trying to keep tabs on what is in service and where.

Administration – Annual Report preparation has commenced. We will need 2022 and YTD 2023 financials for the report submission in early October. A draft will be circulated before our next meeting for review so we can finalize it at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

New development project proposed for northeast corner of Lake John – There are many conflicting reports regarding whether and if this property has been/will be sold. We are told alternatively that the sale has been completed to a developer, that a sale is pending to a private

party and the property will not be developed, and that it won't be sold now, but maybe later. Waiting for the smoke to clear on this deal.

Proposed audit – Adrienne has spoken with Randy Austin. She has not obtained the records from Dan Ventrelli, as Dan has been travelling. She will follow-up with him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Starry stonewort assessment schedule – Steve McComas and Blue Water Science are contracted to do this twice this fall, September and October, as conditions permit.

Grant application update – Wright County Soil and Water has advised Steve that there is money available. The amount that we may receive has not been determined. They are awaiting expense information and notifications from grantees as to whether there are excess funds.

By-Law revision - Doug Van Metre had proposed an amendment to the By-laws setting a term that any director that is not in attendance at some number of meetings in any year be removed from as a director by action of the Board. Discussion was had on the proposal. It was pointed out that Article Seven of the By-laws provides the following:

Section 6. Board Procedures. Questions requiring Board approval in between Board meetings may be submitted at the Chairman's discretion through email to all Directors with confirmed receipt. Directors will have seven (7) business days to respond via email to the decision, unless a shorter period is stated in the notice sent. If no response is received from any Director, the Director's vote will be counted as in favor of the motion or action contemplated, provided a quorum of the Board has actually responded.

Directors are expected to attend all Board meetings.

The Board, by simple majority vote, may declare vacant the seat of any Director who has been absent from two (2) or more meetings without excuse. A Director may request, and therefore receive, an excused absence by notifying any Officer prior to the meetings of the Board.

Directors shall, by appointment of the Chairman, serve on such committees as may be established by the Board, and shall function as a liaison between the Board of Directors and such committees.

All documents, electronic files and other property belonging to the LJID must be returned to the Secretary of the Board at the end of a Director's term, upon resignation or removal.

Section 7. Vacancies. The Board of Directors may, by majority vote of the remaining Directors, elect members to temporarily fill vacancies until the next Annual Meeting. If the vacated Board seat has a remaining unexpired term, the remaining unexpired term must be filled by election at the Annual Meeting in accordance with Article 11, below.

Section 8. Removal of Directors. A Director may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. Reasons for removal include sale or transfer of all Lake John property of the Director, neglect of duties, death, or conduct detrimental to the good of the LJID.

Section 9. Director Resignation. Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to one of the Board's officers. The resignation shall be presented at the next board meeting and entered in the minutes.

After further discussion, it was determined that the existing By-laws address the issue of director attendance at board meetings adequately.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:06p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, September 21, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.