

Kimble Lake Improvement District (KLID) Board Minutes

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2009

Time: 8:00 – 9:20 a.m.

Meeting Place: Ideal Township Community Center

Board Members Present: Steve Erickson, Nels Johnson, Jane Maas, Larry Knutson, Richard Bredehoft, and Rick Beyer. Ellen Miller, Gary Schwartz, and Ric Rowe were unable to attend.

1. President, Steve Erickson, called the meeting to order at 8:00.

2. Review and approval of May 30, 2009, KLID Board minutes:

The minutes were approved following a motion by Larry and a second by Rick.

3. Treasurer's report:

Treasurer, Ellen Miller's, report was summarized by Steve. The amount of \$9698.00 was collected by Crow Wing County. This is the first half of the KLID assessment for the current year. The second half will be collected in October. Ron Duy was paid \$7592.00 for his surveys and treatments of Eurasian watermilfoil. Other expenses totaled \$1047.00 which included an \$865.00 annual liability premium. Total expenses, therefore, were \$8640.15. Steve indicated that there should be at least \$10,000.00 left over in the KLID account at the end of the year.

4. Liability insurance update:

Nels explained the policy with West Bend Insurance. The annual premium is \$865.00. This insures the KLID Board director and officers at \$1,000,000 and includes a general liability or \$2,000,000 with \$1,000,000 for each occurrence.

5. Review of 2009 Eurasian watermilfoil control efforts:

Ron Duy has done four lake surveys this past summer and found 5 milfoil locations which were treated. The cost of each of the 4 surveys was \$1260.00 with the balance of the \$7592.00 cost being spent on treatments. He is now using "Renovate" instead of "Navigate" as there have been questions about the safety of "Navigate."

6. 2010 LKID budget and property assessment:

At the KLID annual meeting in July, 2009, the amount of \$13,000.00 was approved for milfoil treatment. This amount means an assessment of \$130.00 per property owner will be collected along with the Crow Wing County property taxes.

7. Grants available for control of invasive species:

Steve indicated that Minnesota is making more money available for conservation issues. He also explained that there may be requirements for property owners and/or lake associations included in these grants. Dick will research some of the grants available and the requirements to apply for these.

Nels raised the question as to if Kimble Lake would qualify for grants as the milfoil situation is under control.

Steve expressed that if grant money is available in the future that the KLID Board could reduce the cost of milfoil treatment for the property owners.

8. KLID annual meeting:

The annual meeting will be held along with the KLHA annual meeting at the Ideal Township Community Center on May 29, 2010. Steve explained that advance notice for this meeting must be presented to the public two weeks prior to the meeting. There must also be a written notice to Crow Wing County and the property owners ten days before its occurrence. The agenda for this annual meeting will be prepared at the Saturday, May 8, 2010, KLID meeting. Steve will reserve the room at Ideal Township for this meeting.

9. Eurasian watermilfoil control services for 2010:

Steve shared a proposal he received from Ron Duy which indicated that he would hold his prices at current levels if the KLID Board would agree to a three year contract. Rick expressed his concerns about the wording in the three year contract which he felt would benefit Ron Duy more than the KLID. He stressed that the continuity of Ron's services from year to year was important but that he would prefer a one year contract. Steve will explain to Ron that the board prefers the one year plan at this point unless Ron can prepare a two or three year contract that offers more protection to Kimble Lake property owners.

The motion for Steve to pursue the one year contract and further information from Ron passed after a motion from Dick and a second from Rick.

10. Summary of the Crow Wing County assessment process:

Steve explained that after the KLID was formed that he obtained a computer run list of all properties on the lake. He then identified all properties that should receive LID assessments. He offered to do this for next year. Dick will assist him with this. The county will charge \$107.00 for the computer printout.

11. Other business:

Dick expressed concern the serious zebra mussel situation on Lake Ossawinamakee. Steve indicated that the DNR has renewed its contract to keep the boulders in the creek connecting Kimble to Ossawinamakee for another five years. However, if zebra mussels are found in Kimble Lake, the boulders will be removed.

Larry stressed the importance of educating property owners on the need to watch for zebra mussels on their docks, boats, and lifts.

Steve had attended a legislative meeting in Walker on October 2, 2009, where he learned that training and licensing of those providing dock and lift installation services may occur as volunteer attendance at education seminars concerning invasive species has not been highly successful.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 following a motion from Nels and a second from Larry.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Maas, Secretary