

LAKE JOHN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 21, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Benzschawel, Chris Snowdon, Dan Ventrelli, Alan Isaacson, Dave Owens, Paul Fliegel, Peter MacMillan. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Van Metre and Jim Splinter. 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 6:32p.m., at the Southside Township Hall, by Chairman Steve Benzschawel.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: The minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting as proposed by the Secretary were reviewed. M/S/P to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Communications –New website has launched, but construction continues - lakejohnlid.org.

Finance –Reports submitted. March, 2022 beginning balance of \$25,843.78. March 31, 2022 ending balance of \$25,843.78. No outstanding checks or approved unpaid bills. M/S/P to approve payment of: \$294.00 to Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District for water testing analysis; \$21.06 to Howard Lake newspaper for Annual meeting publication cost; \$54.00 to Annandale Post Office for annual post office box rental fee; and \$1,800.00 to Blue Water Science for two starry stonewort assessments performed in 2021. M/S/P to authorize Treasurer discretion to pay vendor/supplier/service provider bills of amounts less than \$500.00 each, subject to later review by the Board

Resource Management –Grant check for 2021 grants for CLP and EWM treatments from Wright County Soil and Water Conservation received - \$2,965.25. The LID was also awarded 2022 grants by the Wright County SWCD of \$500.00 for CLP survey and treatment and \$2,000.00 for EWM survey and treatment. CLP treatment will occur when the lake water temperature reaches 50°F. CLP and EWM delineation will be performed again this year as periodically required for treatment permitting. EWM treatment will occur after the delineation is complete. Permitting process is underway timely. I-lids equipment is in need to repair prior to installation. Dave Owens will tend to that. Thanks to John and Sue O'Donnell for storing the I-lids equipment over the winter. SSW assessments will be scheduled later in the summer. Alan has not yet been contacted by the DNR to schedule the installation of the water level gauge, nor

has the water quality testing through Wright County SWCD commenced. Alan and Kirk Linderholm will again be performing the water quality sampling and delivery for analysis.

Administration –Drafts of documents to be used for the 2022 Annual Meeting of the LID membership were distributed for discussion. Included were ballots, letters, notices, a proposed Agenda and meeting script. A discussion was held regarding the election of board members. Steve Benzschawel (Seat D) and Alan Isaacson (Seat F) are both up for election, as is the open seat from which Jim Splinter has apparently resigned (Seat E). Those elections will be for three year terms ending with the 2025 Annual Meeting. Steve and Alan both expressed intent to run for re-election and will be included on the absentee and in-meeting ballots. Kirk Linderholm has expressed his intent to run for Seat E. His name will be added as a candidate for Seat E. Recruiting other candidates/members was discussed. We have in the past asked for candidate nominations/volunteers as a part of the mailing to members that occurs a couple of weeks before the meeting. That process did not permit the inclusion of the names of any interested persons on the Absentee Ballots sent in the same mailing. M/S/P to incur the additional cost of an earlier mailing specifically to request candidate volunteers/nominations for the Director seats. The Admin committee will tend to that project before the next Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Grants – covered in committee report.

Water quality, AIS and testing/treatment – covered in Committee report

Calendar of events and updates – Paul distributed an annual calendar of board issues and events as they have arisen and been addressed over the past two years. Members are to review and suggest additions/changes to Paul for updating the calendar

Update – Bob Erickson farm – A lot of behind the scene action is apparently underway, but there has been no official action/meetings. The developer has approached several of the property owners that neighbor Bob Erickson’s property proposing purchase of their properties, including the homeowner’s association of the old Rose Resort. The Lake Association is investigating the advisability of requesting an EIS. One obvious concern expressed by those involved in the meetings/negotiations is the obvious lack of concern on the parts of both the City of Annandale and the developer for the water quality issues attendant to the proposed development. The request for an EIS would bring that issue to the fore.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Adjournment: There being no other business - M/S/P to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter MacMillan
Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: At the Southside Township Hall, Thursday, May 19, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m.