

**THREE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
PALMER TOWNSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016
10: 00 A.M.**

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance by Scott Ruiter at 10:00am

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt by Walt M

2nd by Jim A

Discussion – None, motion passed.

Introduction of Board of Directors appointed by Sherburne County Commissioners

Present directors

Scott Ruiter

Walt Munsterman

Steve Demeules

Paul Hans

Harry Ernzer

Jim Arbeiter

Advisor

Kenzie Phelps

Absent

Rich Crothers

Officer Reports

Chairperson – Scott R discussed the Purpose of meeting- (Proposed Projects and Budget for 2017)

Vice Chairperson – Walt M went over the Rules for meeting as a governmental unit.

Secretary – Steve D No Report

Treasurer – Harry E stated the official bank will be Sherburne State Bank in Becker and the account will open soon.

Advisor – Kenzie P went over the History of how TLID came into being and purpose

Kenzie Phelps / advisor: 2014 January requested a resolution to form a 4 lake LID

Between 2014-2015 petition drive of 4 Lake LID occurred

Big Elk Lake had very low participation. Commissioners would not act without majority on all 4 lakes.

March 2015 a request for a three lake LID reset received 52% acceptance

May 2016 Petition signatures validated

May 16, 2016 Public hearing was held

June 14, 2016 Order to Establish TLID was submitted

The Order to Establish the Three Lake Improvement District (TLID) was approved on July 12, 2016

Boundaries of the TLID: Rush, Julia, Briggs & Bayou

Programs and services possible:

- Comprehensive plan to monitor and improve water quality

- Grants; study and treatment
- Research
- Program development
- Cooperative agreements regarding water quality programs
- Other; as approved by County Commissioners

Authority:

Acquisition of property, equipment, facilities

Research to determine condition and development of water treatment plans

Comprehensive plans

Conduct program, for water improvement and conservation

Receive financial assistance

Financing:

Private and public donations and grants

The TLID requests are submitted to the county board to make assessment

Board of Directors:

7 members: they are all property owners and the majority resides in TLID boundaries

Initial directors were appointed by the County Commissioners

Alternating terms

- May serve no more than 2 consecutive terms
- Can be removed by majority of members
- Vacancy can happen due to missing 2 consecutive meetings or by selling their property

Director Duties

Authority to direct activities and TLID programs

Adopt rules and procedures for meeting

Maintain records and reports

Annual meeting and agenda notification

Annual report

Old Business: None

New Business: Proposed Projects and Budget for 2017

Paul H discussed the proposed projects for 2017 and went over the history of the EWM that is present in Rush Lake since 2014.

EWM surveys have been conducted since 2014

This year a survey was conducted July 26-28 of 2016

Freshwater Scientific Services has done 3 surveys now.

Purpose was to track location and spread of EWM

This year's results: no EWM in Briggs, Julia or Elk but it has spread in Rush

6 suggested treatment areas with more aggressive management needed to prevent further spread

The initial area is no longer there since the chemical treatment methods employed were successful.

Discussion:

Char Langowski: Whose house is located at area 5? Property owner name is unknown at this time.

Doug: He would prefer that the areas closest to channel to Briggs be treated 1st

Walt M went over the proposed budget for 2017.

Expenses

Organization/start up

Newsletter	600
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Web set up and maintenance	300
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Board training	400
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Annual meeting rent, refreshments, mailings	900
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Director mileage 500

Insurance 1200

Project: AIS Management

Lake surveys 3650

AIS herbicide treatments 21540

Hand pulling 5000

Lake vegetation management plan 5000

Estimated Total \$39090

Income

BLCA 1000

DNR grant -0-

Individual weed donations -0-

LID assessment 38090

Estimated Total 39090

Estimated assessment: \$38090 over 435 parcels = \$88/parcel 2017 assessment

Motion to approve budget for 2017: by Nancy Hahne

2nd: by Dan Merchant

Discussion:

Carolyn Carringer: Does the LID cancel the BLCA? No

How was the assessment determined? The cost is equally shared per resident

Terry Polsfuss: Has the LID checked with insurance from the county? The County does not deal with insurance; we have 2 bids and waiting for a third, all TLID members and board directors will be covered with the insurance.

Question from audience: If we get a DNR Grant will it deduct 2017 costs? Answer: No it would be banked and used in 2018
Suggestion was made to continue to collect funds through BLCA weed collection into the future. It will be continue to be collected.

George Kydd: Any further treatment this year?

There will be some treatment done yet this year in the fall of 2016 funded by the BLCA when the EWM is more actively growing

Doug Solem: Will individual weed spraying be eliminated?

No, still needs to be purchased individually because not everyone wants it

Bob Sass: Regarding the funds allocated by the BLCA for weeds; clarifying that that money will be shared with TLID
TLID won't have any money from the assessments until July 2017, so the TLID will be relying on the BLCA
Grant application process starts at the 1st of the year

Equal share question: 2 parcels with one dwelling = 1 share

The resident house will assessed one time no matter how many parcels owned.

Karen Jones: Is the parcel owned verified every year. Yes

Nancy Hahne: Is there 98k in the BLCA account? Karen Jones replied that the 2016 budgeted amount and funds collected have been used. We do have funds available to bridge the gap until the TLID assessment money comes in.

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John Schnell: Will the BLCA be reimbursed by the TLID? No, the TLID will not reimburse BLCA for money provided.

George Kydd: Have we worked out a rental agreement with the Township for this facility? Not yet, but no problems are anticipated.

Wayne Augustine: Is there a cap on the assessed amount?

The TLID committee will make whatever recommendation the members request.

Bob Sass: Regarding the 2017 annual meeting, how do we provide input to the TLID board?

The TLID board will meet the 1st Monday of every month; members are invited.

Laura Schnell: How many other LIDs are operating in our state? Approx. 40; not all are successful mostly due to poor management or because the problem was resolved.

Is there a plan for addressing the quality of the water also? Projects are set for 2017. New projects will be discussed for 2018

Lyf Titcomb: Is there funding available for studies? Yes, although there are contingencies we have not budgeted for.

General comment: Lake Koronis is expecting to incur expenses of \$850k to deal with Starry stonewart.

George Kydd: Will the TLID have any jurisdiction about property development.

Land use issues would be addressed by County Zoning

Carolyn Carringer: \$88 per parcel likely to change?

2018 assessment may change due to grants received, or unexpected expenses.

Carolyn Carringer: Are those variables described? Yes, the Order to Establish includes variables.

Call for vote: Motion passed by voice count. Budget for 2017 is approved

Annual meeting date will be changed to August 19 @ 10 am at Palmer Town Hall

Motion by Dayle Meyer

2nd by Harry Ernzer

Motion passed

Member comments and questions: limit of 2 minutes

Bob Sass motioned to have the agenda and budget distributed by email one week prior to the annual meetings.

Motion was moved and seconded.

Bob Sass motioned that members be notified of any working meetings outside of monthly board meetings by email.

Motion was moved and seconded

How did the board members get chosen?

There were only 7 members that volunteered. There will be two positions open in 2017

Carolyn Carringer: Fiscal year July or January? Bylaws are not yet been established.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Demeules

2nd by Scott Ruiter

Motion passed at 11:00

County Commissioner Rachel Leonard was in attendance and congratulated the TLID for its start up and gave a \$100.00 donation to the TLID

Meeting dates - Annual Meeting Saturday, August 19, 2017

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Monthly Board meetings, first Monday of the month

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