

Minutes ELID Board Meeting 2/13/2024 Orrock Town Hall

Meeting was called to order by Ken Andreen at 3:04 p.m.

Attendance: Ken Andreen, Joe Ryan, Brian Moriarity, Mike Donnelly, Sandy McClurg

Approval of Minutes: Jan 22, 2024 Motion made by Joe Seconded by Mike Motion approved

Old Business: Board member insurance Westbend insurance backed out of offer
Insural Insurance offer stands at \$576/year
Motion made by Mike to secure insurance with Insural, seconded by Brian Motion approved

Bylaws: Discussion of changes to bylaws

Address: ELID PO Box 703 Big Lake MN 55309 (Key holder Ken Andreen) This key was given to ELID by BELIA as they no longer need the PO Box. Ken will check to see if there is a second key. Discussion followed regarding minor changes needed to the bylaws. All board members will review the final copy of bylaws and send any changes to Ken within a week. Final approval of bylaws will be at the next meeting.

Letter to members: Discussion of changes to the letter. A motion was made by Brian to approve the letter with changes, seconded by Mike. Motion approved.

New Business: Ken suggested that board members submit photos to be published on our Website. Discussion followed and all agreed. Board members will send a photo to Ken. All agreed that we will not publish our personal phone numbers on the website.

Update on Required Loan: Sherburne County Is working on getting documentation stating their commitment to providing a loan to ELID for our lake treatment plan. Dan Weber told Ken that we will have a commitment letter by March 5, 2024 Ken is working with Dan Weber to determine the terms of the loan. Brian will become involved with the process as needed as Board Treasurer. Board members agreed that a longer payback timeline would be the best if at all possible.

Update on Required Dosage Study: This must be done to calculate actual rates required for treatments. Stantec (recommended by Dan Chibulka) will be used to do the study. Cost to be determined, Dan Chibulka will check out County or state grants to help pay for this. After this study is complete we can use the study to get firm bids for the Alum Treatments and Carp elimination. (We will need to treat approximately 183 acres.)

Timetable to apply for BSWR grant: Dan Weber recommends that we apply in early 2025. He suggested that we request enough money to do both the alum treatment and carp removal. He

recommends that we do the carp treatment first. Board members agreed that starting in early 2025 with the carp treatment would be ideal if possible, and then follow up with the 1st Alum treatment in summer 2025. Common practice is to do an Alum treatment every other year for 2-3 years.

Annual Meeting discussion: Tentatively set for Saturday, August 3 2024 Location to be determined.

Review Website: Ken showed us the proposed ELID dropdown on the BELIA website. Board members reviewed the website - some minor changes were suggested. Ken will make the changes. Board members will further review in the coming week and send any additional changes to Ken.

Parking Lot items for discussion at future meeting:

- *Continued discussion of treatment plan, timeline expected life of treatments
- *Who will write the proposal/application for the BWSR grant? Timeline?
- *Communication to ELID members regarding Sherburne County loan
- *Loan payback timetable
- *Process for requesting/securing funds from BELIA
- *Expected timeline for ELID to assume weed/carp control responsibility
- *Additional ELID projects

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe, Seconded by Mike Motion approved

Next board meeting March 12, 2:30 p.m. Orrock Town Hall