

Minutes ELID Board Meeting 3/12/2024

Location Ken Andreen's Home Eagle Lake (Orrock Town Hall unavailable)

Meeting was called to order by Ken Andreen at 2:46 p.m.

Attendance: Ken Andreen, Joe Ryan, Brian Moriarity, Mike Donnelly via Zoom, Sandy McClurg
Guests: Jacquelyn Moores Larry Moores, Debbie Sievert, Lisa Freeburg

Insurance: Ken confirmed that he has secured insurance for the ELID board.

Approval of Minutes: February 11, , 2024 Motion made by Joe to approve February minutes, seconded by Brian. Motion approved.

Approval of By-Laws: Brief review and discussion of by-laws. Motion made by Joe to approve by-laws, seconded by Brian. Motion approved.

Initial Letter to all ELID members: This was sent out in February. Ken will post this letter on the website. Discussion followed regarding how to handle incorrect addresses, returned letters , etc.

ELID Expenses: Discussion regarding expenses of the ELID prior to assessments which will not begin until 2025. Ken indicated that he has spent about \$1000.00 and will forward all receipts to Brian. Brian stated that he will be tracking the money that is given to the ELID by BELIA for startup expenses such as mailings. Discussion followed regarding the need for BELIA to continue collection of membership fees and events/fundraisers for treatment of weeds. This need must be clearly communicated to the membership, especially this year.

New Business:

County Commitment Letter -Ken provided a brief review of our process so far regarding funding for ELID Alum treatment and carp removal plans. We reviewed the status of the County commitment letter (pending County approval at their meeting on March 20th.) Discussion followed regarding the 4 options listed in the document provided by Dan. They may choose one of these options or possibly some combination or other option as they explore our request for funding.

Guests had questions regarding the lake level and fishing limits. Ken redirected this discussion to another time and clarified the primary role of the ELID at this time is to address the algae problem.

Required Dosage Study: Ken provided a brief explanation of the history and review of this requirement. Dan Chibulka has recommended Stantec to complete this study at a cost of \$30,000. Sandy asked about the possibility of getting other bids for this study. Discussion followed. Due to the timeline and urgency of this project, the extremely stable and trusted

relationship we have with Dan Chibulka, the fact that SWCD uses Stantec without obtaining bids for many projects, and the need to have very project specific knowledge to be able to develop a bid package, it was agreed that we will forgo the bidding process on this study. All agreed that going forward we will seek multiple bids on carp removal and alum treatment. There is a meeting scheduled with Stantec on March 21st at 1:00 at SWCD, 425 Jackson Ave. NW Elk River. It is the ELID goal that the dosage study will take place in August 2024.

Timetable to apply for BSWR grant: Dan Weber recommends that we apply in early-mid 2025 due to the updated grant process and procedure that will go into effect in 2025. It is the goal of the ELID board to apply for the grant and begin the first alum treatment in the fall of 2025. It is also the goal of the ELID board to accomplish the carp removal prior to the first treatment if possible, if funding can be secured.

ELID money from the assessments will be approximately \$38,000 per year assuming the \$250 per member passes at the annual meeting. If so, the first year funds would be distributed to the ELID by the county as follows: July 6, 2025, November 30, 2025, and a final payment in January 2026. There was some discussion regarding the need to ensure a 5 or 10 year commitment to this assessment at the annual meeting.

Member List Updating: Discussion regarding how to locate the current owners of property that has been sold, deceased owners, owners who have new off-site addresses. Brian will look into updating the member list with assistance from Jeff Johnson and county records.

Annual Meeting discussion: This meeting will be held Saturday, August 3 2024. 10:00 a.m. at Orrock Town Hall. There is seating available for 75 people. Board members will bring additional chairs and there will be standing room if needed. More discussion at the next meeting regarding topics and speakers for the meeting. By-laws, Budget, and Board vacancy policy should be on the agenda for this meeting. We should also address the continuing need for BELIA membership dues and fundraising to continue annual weed treatments.

Parking Lot items for discussion at future meeting:

- *Continued research and discussion of alum 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 removal
- *Additional ELID projects

Motion to adjourn was made by Brian, Seconded by Joe. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.

Next board meeting April 9, 2:30 p.m. Orrock Town Hall