

Presentation: Lake Improvement District: LID: Jeff Johnson and the LID Committee created a Power Point presentation regarding the creation of an ELID, Eagle Lake Improvement District. Why the need? Due to high levels of nutrients (total phosphorous), which in turn has elevated (algae) concentration in Eagle Lake and reduced water clarity, Eagle Lake has been classified by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as an impaired lake. The purpose of an ELID is to raise funds through assessments (i.e., taxes) on lakeshore homeowners to treat excess phosphorus and improve water clarity. Please see attached Power Point Presentation. Here are a few high points:

- Poor lake quality can diminish home values by hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Algae 'blooms' cause unpleasant odors and have diminished the quality of life on Big Eagle Lake.
- The cost of the treatment of excess phosphorus with alum, a tried-and-true scientific method of binding phosphorus, could be \$800,000 or higher. Whole lake treatment can last anywhere from 10 to 30 years.
- 75% of these funds could come from State Grants, but BELIA would be responsible for 25% or \$200,000. AND, we need to address excess carp as a phosphorus source due to rooting/stirring before we can apply for an alum treatment grant.
- How to come up with these funds? We recommend formation of an ELID.
- A recent survey of Big Eagle Lake owners showed support for improving water clarity.
- 46% of Big Eagle Lake lakeshore properties contribute \$0.00 towards BELIA water quality efforts.
- Briggs Lake Chain and Orono Lake have both formed LIDs.
- The formation of an ELID Board and annual meetings would be established for assessment parameters.

- To form an ELID, we will need approval by 50% +1 votes of DNR lakeshore parcel-owners; Sherburne County will have final approval.
- 100% of ELID monies would go to Big Eagle Lake for operational expenses.
 - Anonymous ballots were collected with the question: 'Would you support the Eagle Lake Improvement District (ELID). Yes or No'.
- Yes votes – 45. No votes - 1.
- The ELID committee will meet within the next month to plan more meetings for public input.
- Please reach out: elidquestions@gmail.com. The LID Committee will do their best to answer your questions. Some questions that were raised and need investigation...
 - Could there be a hardship clause?
 - Could a loan be given which could speed up the funding and treatment?
 - Can the ELID fund the raising of the DNR dam? 6.) Open Forum:
 - What can be done about the low water level on the lake