

Minutes ELID Board Meeting 4/9/2024

The meeting was called to order at 2:37 p.m.

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

Approval of Agenda One addition was requested by Mike - Discussion of proposed timeline

Approval of March Minutes - Motion was made by Mike to approve the minutes seconded by Joe. Motion approved.

Old Business:

Update on Feasibility (dosage) study

New Stantec quote broken down into tasks:

Task 1 \$1100 meetings etc.

Task 2 Study \$14,180 labor, \$4415 expenses Total \$18,595 TOTAL Phase 1 \$19,695

Discussion followed. There is a meeting Thursday for BELIA - they will make a decision on spending money for the Phase 1 Stantec bid. ELID board members are invited to attend at Orrock Town Hall 6:30 p.m. Brian stated that the BELIA check to Stantec must be made directly to Stantec as the ELID board cannot spend more than \$5000 without ELID member approval. Ken said this has been discussed and presented to Gordy This will be discussed at the BELIA board meeting.

Update on County Commitment Letter: Sherburne County has requested a Commitment letter from ELID for up to \$3000 for their expenses incurred while they work through the legal process of providing a loan to ELID. Discussion followed. Ken and Brian will draft a letter and send it to all board members for approval.

Timeline - Mike and Brian Brian presented Timeline documents - Discussion of our desired timeline followed. It was agreed that this is an aggressive schedule and it is highly dependent on many external factors outside of our control. We are hoping to get grant approval in August 2025 and begin Alum treatment fall of 2025. It was agreed that we must keep an open timeline August-December depending on the grant schedule if/when we receive the grant. Discussion followed on when and how to do carp removal. Brian will add this to the timeline

Discussion of the process needed to help increase our chance of receiving the grant. Ken will continue to monitor this with Dan to see if there are any other things we need to do to prepare for a grant application to be high on the priority list for the grant.

NEW Business

Meeting with Stantec - no further discussion

Member list updating - Brian Brian asked Joe to take on this task. Joe will follow up with updating this list with help from County staff.

Treasurer's update: Brian met with Jeff Johnson. BELIA uses Quickbooks for accounting. Brian will use excel spreadsheets for now. Sandy recommended using Techsoup to purchase Quickbooks at a highly reduced rate (\$80 per year for online version) Brian and Ken discussed the purchase of supplies for the mailing regarding the August Member meeting, and we will also need to purchase an ad in the paper.

Ken has completed the application for non-profit status. He will send this paperwork to all board members. Ken is unsure if he did this correctly - he will follow up with this.

Open Bank Account: Brian will open a bank account, possibly at Old National in Big Lake. Sandy recommended requiring 2 signatures on all checks. Ken recommended getting an account that pays interest.

Blue Lake BLID meeting - Brian provided a brief update.

Annual Meeting Discussion- Ken handed out a list of suggestions that he had prepared. Board members will review and make additions/changes. Brian will make sure to include 5 bullet points that are required for this meeting. Some discussion followed. All agree that we must include information stating that this is a minimum of a 6 year commitment. We also need to reiterate to all members that BELIA will still need funds from dues and fundraisers for weed control.

Next meeting: May 14 2:30 p.m. at Orrock Town Hall Ken asked for feedback about the meetings running late. It was suggested that we plan on 2 hour meetings and Ken will be responsible for sticking to this schedule.

Brian made a motion to adjourn Joe Seconded. Meeting adjourned 4:41 p.m.