

**Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Minutes for April 11, 2024**  
**Orrock Town Hall - 26401 180th St NW, Big Lake, MN 55309**

Meeting called to order at 6:37 by President Gordy Westerlind.

Present: Gordy Westerlind, Mike Donnelly, Jeff Johnson, Dan Boyle, Paul Ellinger, JR McGuire, Lori Andreen. Absent: John Smullen, CJ Johnson, Troy Olsen, Sarah Phillips. Guests: Ken Andreen, Bryan Adams.

Motion to approve Agenda made by Paul, seconded by JR. Motion approved

Motion to approve minutes of December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Mike. Motion approved.

Reports:

BELIA Treasurer's Report (Monthly) March 2024	
Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of March 2024	\$50,176.97
Deposits – \$0.00	
Checks – \$120.00 (Ice Out Winner), (ELID Expense)	‘-\$1,049.73
Checking Account Balance as of the end of March 2024	\$49,007.24
Uncleared Transactions – <b>\$0.00</b>	
Uncleared Deposits \$0.00	
Balance as of 4/3/2024 -	\$49,007.24
ELID Expense to Date – \$1049.73	

There were 4 *paid-up* members at the end of March 2024  
There were 39 *paid-up* members at the end of March 2023

There were \$210.00 in “extra” contributions collected through March 2024  
There were \$3,126.39 in “extra” contributions made through March 2023

The 2023 Minnesota Attorney General annual report (Not Filed)  
The 2023 990 Federal Tax return was filed on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2024  
The 2023 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
The 2023 Minnesota Sales Tax Return submitted Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 2024

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jeff Johnson  
Treasurer

- Expenditure Approvals
  - \$1049.73 to Ken Andreen for ELID Start Up Expenses
  - \$95 to MN Dept of Health for Pulled Pork Cook-Off
- Lake Quality Committee
  - Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Survey completed Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> by Eric Fieldseth

- Recommends treat 37.8 acres of CLP and reserve up to 10 acres for potential Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treatment
    - Cost estimate up \$900 over last year.
  - Beavers have dammed the culvert at the inlet on northeast corner of lake and the dam was removed by Orrock Township.
  - BELIA has received five grants from SWCD (Sherburne County Soil and Water)
    1. \$750 for CLP Survey
    2. \$2K for CLP treatment
    3. \$750 for EWM Survey
    4. \$2K for EWM treatment
    5. \$500 for AIS Volunteer Inspectors
- ELID Committee
  - Ken Andreen gave a presentation of current status of ELID recommendations. The committee has made great progress and has hopes of being able to apply for BWSR Grant in June of 2025.
  - Funding:
    - Sherburne County Commissioners have committed to working with ELID to find a way to provide for the 25% matching grant funds which could potentially allow the Alum treatment to begin as early as Fall, 2025.
      - This would entail legal fees on the part of the County (\$3000) which requires being reimbursed.
      - The County would also require the ELID to provide their own attorneys.
    - Stantec Consulting has been retained to do a Feasibility/Dosage Study prior to sending out bid requests to alum contractors. Ken asked if BELIA can provide \$19,695 for this study or part of it? Discussion ensued as to how to go forward.
      - Motion to donate of the balance of the \$10K to fund the ELID (as approved in December 2023) made by Paul and seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.
      - Further funding is tabled until after the EWM Survey.
      - Noted: the treatment of the algae is the lake residents' priority.
- Events:
  - Annual Meeting: Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 10AM at **Orrock Town Hall**
  - Adopt-a-Highway – Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9AM
  - Culver's Fundraisers: May 20, June 17, Sept. 16 – need volunteers
  - Poker Run: July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Smokin' Pulled Pork Cook-Off: August 9-10th

- Motion to approve 2024 Cook-Off Budget to \$3500 made by Jeff, seconded by JR. Motion carried.

Other Business

- Annual Meeting Agenda – Request to make an adjustment to the Bylaws to include reduction of BELIA Board members from thirteen (13) down to nine (9).
- Mailing re Annual Meeting and Annual Membership Dues – to be done ASAP

Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM Orrock Town Hall

Meeting dismissed at 8:22 PM

Lori Andreen  
BELIA Secretary