

## Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Minutes for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

at Paul Ellinger's Home 23253 188th St. NW, Big Lake

Present: Troy Olsen, JR McGuire, Sarah Phillips, Katherine Nerison, Paul Ellinger, Jeff Johnson, Lori Andreen

Absent: Mike Donnelly, Dan Boyle.

BELIA Board meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Paul Ellinger

1. Motion to approve the agenda made by Troy, seconded by Katherine. Motion approved.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the June 12<sup>th</sup> BELIA Board meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Troy. Motion approved.
3. Treasurer's Report for June 2025

Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of June. 2025	\$55,298.69
Deposits – \$1,048.55	
Checks – \$-14,764.00	
Checking Account Balance as of the end of June. 2025	\$41,583.24
Uncleared Transactions – \$80.00	
Uncleared Deposits \$0.00	
Balance as of 7/9/25 -	\$41,954.93

There were 53 *paid-up* members at the end of June 2025

There were 91 *paid-up* members at the end of June 2024

There were \$5,068.85 in "extra" contributions collected through June 2025

There were \$7,266.21 in "extra" contributions made through June 2024

The 2024 Minnesota Attorney General annual report filed May 2025

The 2024 990 Federal Tax return was filed on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The 2024 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

The 2024 Minnesota Sales Tax Return submitted Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeff Johnson

Treasurer

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Lori, seconded by Katherine. Motion approved.

4. Lake Quality Committee/ELID Committee
  - a. ELID Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 2nd at 10:00 AM at Orrock Town Hall. All Board members are encouraged to be there.

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- b. Stantec Engineering completed the Big Eagle Lake survey on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, with Ken Andreen participating, collecting fourteen core samples and additional test samples. The test results will remain valid for five years.
- c. The BWSR grants, totaling \$6 million, will now be awarded biennially beginning in 2026. Consequently, applications for the alum grant will not be accepted until August of 2026.

### 5. Expenditure Approvals

### 6. COLA: Committee Report submitted by Mike Donnelly:

- **SC COLA** - I have communicated with Patrick Plant a couple of times regarding the GEO Fencing project. We paid \$250 for half of the fee; SC COLA paid the other half of the \$500 fee. I received another \$250 invoice for GEO Fencing but confirmed we are paid in full. Patrick Plant would like to continue the GEO Fencing Project, but won't recommend re-contracting if we can't have clearer communications on results. Will update us in the fall.
- I let Patrick know that the Grant for Alum funding has been moved to a bi-annual award. That is, there will not be a grant awarded in 2025.
- **ELID** - The Eagle Lake Improvement District worked hard in 2025 to position us to secure a grant to complete an Alum treatment in 2026. Unfortunately, we will have to wait at least another year. We did decide to proceed with the dosage study, a prerequisite to securing an Alum treatment grant. We are currently in the middle of the dosage study process. Ken Andreen recently participated with contracted vendor (Stantec) to secure soil core samples from the bottom of the lake.
- We are considering an expansion of the ELID Board for 2026. Currently, we have 5 Board members.
- We encourage all BELIA members to participate in our upcoming annual ELID meeting (Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 AM).

### 7. Chamber: Recently held their Golf fundraiser

### 8. Events

- Pours for a Purpose: Lupulin Brewing Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 4-9 PM
- Smokin' Pulled Pork Cook-Off
  - Viking Tickets are available in blocks of 10. See Lori
    - \$10 per ticket
  - Set up:
    - Friday night:
      - 6:00 PM Stave Room – Wine Wall and Silent Auction
      - Pitmasters start arriving at 6 PM

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- Hand out meat (Cook's meeting) 7 PM
  - Boat Race Set-Up (Squares)
- Saturday Set-Up: 11:30 AM
  - Tables, Chairs
  - May need to reset Boat Race Squares
  - JR offers to assist Dan in setting up boat race squares as well as help make new boats as needed.

9. Other Business

10. Member Open Forum

11. Next BELIA Board meeting date: Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at Paul Ellinger's.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8 PM made by Troy, seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourned.