

Big Swan Lake Improvement District, Todd County

Annual Meeting August 28, 2010 Hub Supper Club

The meeting was called to order @ 9 a.m. by the board chairman. Present were all board members and approximately 30 property owners. All present were invited to participate in a discussion about shoreland improvement projects and available grant dollars at the end of this meeting.

The August 29, 2009 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Mark Brauch second by Pat Brauch. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Sue Krippner, second by Sheila Milner. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Bogs -- There haven't been any large floating bogs thus far this year. DNR is encouraging staking versus removal of bogs. There are stakes and drivers at George Brezinkas and Jim Macys for bog staking.

Grants & Donations -- The LID received a donation of \$XXXX from the BSLA in 2009. The LID will continue to solicit grants and donations for various projects listed in our Establishment Order. Any funds will be used in addition to and not in place of assessed funds. A donation request for 2010 was submitted to the BSLA.

Water Monitoring -- When we learned that the TMDL we anticipated for 2011 was rescheduled for 2015, the inlet monitoring approved for 2010 was canceled.

New Business:

CLP -- Dennis Harder gave an update on the CLP control program. A total of 46 acres were treated. DNR and Lake Management worked together to identify areas for treatment in the May survey. There was discussion concerning treatment of other non-native vegetation but DNR and Lake Management have not identified any other species. The DNR and Lake Management will continue the spring survey to determine areas of CLP and other non-natives. The homeowner is responsible for treatment from the shoreline extending out 150 feet from shore. The rest is considered the common area. A motion was made by Sue Krippner, second by Mark Brauch to approve the treatment of up to 60 acres if CLP is present. Motion passed. A suggestion was made to see if Lake Management would check and notify homeowners of what type of vegetation they may have in their 150 foot area. Dennis Harder will continue to coordinate this program.

Water Monitoring -- Highlights of inlet monitoring from 2008 & 2009 were provided

by the Brainerd office of the MPCA. Each of the 4 inlets was monitored an average of 25 times in the 2 year period. The west inlets had the highest total phosphorous levels. Schwanke Creek 3 times and Van Heel 6 times higher than 20 in-lake samples from 2008. The south inlet levels were 1.6 times higher and the east side 2.5 times higher. The east inlet (from Long Lake) had DO levels below 5% in 50% of the samples. The reason for the elevated phosphorous levels is unknown. TCSWCD is in the process of completing an on-site review of all feedlots in the shoreland district of both west side creeks. We have asked ELMR to include the shoreland areas of all inlets in the review & inspection of lakeshore SSTs scheduled for 2011 - 2012. This is the first step in identifying or eliminating nutrient sources entering our lake.

Budget Review -- The current budget was reviewed and discussed. This review will result in a reduction in projected expenses for operating and insurance costs in our next budget. A 5 year budget was suggested. Three proposed budgets were reviewed with some changes in item amounts and assessments. The budget issue was presented to stimulate thinking for the 2011 budget discussion and approval.

Website -- Pat Masloski discussed the BSLA website. LID information (board members, meeting dates, agendas, meeting minutes, etc.) will be posted on this site. Pat Masloski will post the information.

Shoreland Projects -- Ed Uhlenkamp and Amy Piekarski from TCSWCD and Jason Weinerman from MBSWR provided information about shoreland improvement and a cost share program for approved projects. Approximately 20 property owners attended and participated in this discussion.

There was no other business. A motion was made by Mark Brauch, second by Sue Krippner to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

All agencies that require a report of our LID activities will receive a copy of our minutes and Treasurer's report.

cc Todd County Commissioners
Todd County SWCD
DNR Kent Lokkesmoe
MPCA

Submitted by Kathy Brezinka, Sec/Treas.

Update: As of 9/1/10, sixteen property owners took the first step in applying for grant dollars to improve 1904 feet of shoreland.