

Big Swan Lake Improvement District, Todd County

Annual Meeting August 27, 2011 Hub Supper Club

The meeting was called to order @ 9 a.m. by the board chairman. Present were 4 board members and approximately 25 property owners.

The August 28, 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Mark Brauch, second by Dennis Harder. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Pat Brauch, second by Betty Richter. Motion passed.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Water Monitoring:

Bonnie Finnerty, from MPCA, Brainerd Office, suggests:

1. We continue our seechi disc readings
2. Implement and continue shoreland BMP's
3. Revisit our stream and lake monitoring plan in 2013 prior to the TMDL scheduled to begin in 2014.

The seechi disc mean for each of the past 6 years was reviewed and with the exception of 2007, they have remained consistent.

CLP:

Dennis Harder gave an update on the CLP control program. A total of 37.5 acres were treated in May 2011. DNR and Lake Management worked together to identify areas for treatment in the May 13th survey. Due to the heavy snow cover and late ice-out this year, many questioned if the inspection may have been too early and the CLP was not growing yet. There were reports of CLP growth and small mats later in the spring. The question of an extension for the DNR May 20th deadline for CLP control was discussed. Dennis Harder will work with Lake Management and DNR regarding this issue.

Some property owners didn't receive notification from Lake Management for individual permits for vegetation control in 2011. If you haven't received notification by mid-February to March of 2012 and are interested in a permit, contact Dennis Harder.

A motion to approve up to 60 acres of CLP treatment for 2012 was made by Mark Brauch, second by Sue Krippner. Motion passed.

Boat Inspections at Public Landings:

DNR has a grant program for inspecting boats before launching and leaving a lake for AIS (aquatic invasive species). Sue Krippner gave a brief description of the program. There will be further discussion of this at the Big Swan Lake Association meeting.

Cost Share Programs:

The cost share programs published in the TCSWCD summer newsletter were discussed.

In 2010, our LID requested help from Ed Uhlenkamp, TCSWCD, and Garry Johanson, ELRM, to identify possible sources for the high nutrient levels entering Big Swan Lake from the west inlets. While no gross violations were identified, there is a runoff problem from a dairy farm feedlot near Van Heel Creek. TCSW is working on a solution that would include a manure storage area and catch basin to prevent this runoff from reaching the creek. After viewing an ariel picture of the site and discussion, a motion was made by Dennis Harder, second by Bonnie Alsleben to have the Lid Board members monitor the project and contribute up to \$10,000 if it is judged to be effective. If the project is not completed by August 2012, a new authorization will be required. Motion passed.

Budget:

The previous 5 year (2007 - 2011) Budget & Work Plan was reviewed. When comparing expenditures of funds from all sources, they are within 2.5% of the assessed dollar amount for the 5 year period.

The proposed 5 year (2012 - 2016) Budget & Work Plan maintains the same \$95 annual assessment / property owner with a slight reallocation of dollars by budget item. The CLP control was expanded to include all AIS (aquatic invasive species) and was increased by 10%.

A motion to accept the proposed 5 year Budget & Work Plan was made by Mark Brauch, second by Pat Masloski. Motion passed. This member approved budget will be presented to the County Board for approval on September 6, 2011.

Elections:

Two board members, 3 year terms, one must be full time resident.

Bob Johnson (full time resident) was nominated by Pat Brauch, second by Sue Krippner.

Jim Macy (seasonal resident) was nominated by Pat Masloski, second by

Dennis Harder.

Secretary/Treasurer

Kathy Brezinka was nominated for a 1 year term by Pat Brauch, second by Sue Krippner.

All nominations were approved.

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 these minutes and the Treasurer's report.

cc Todd County Commissioners
TCSWCD
DNR Commissioner
MPCA

Submitted by Kathy Brezinka, Sec/Treas.

Update: The proposed 5 year budget, 2012-2016, was approved by the Todd County Commissioners on September 6, 2011. Resolution # 2011096-04

Copies of the Treasurer's report were available at the annual meeting. Property owners may request a copy by contacting the LID Treasurer.