

Big Swan Lake Improvement District, Todd County
Annual Meeting August 25, 2012 Hub Supper Club

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by the Board Chairman. Present were 4 Board Members and 25 property owners.

The August 27, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Mark Brauch, second by Sue Krippner. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Sue Krippner, second by Mark Brauch. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Tom Kepper's project update:

The project plan was reviewed. Construction on this project is in progress. A motion was made by Pat Brauch to contribute up to \$10,000 toward the landowner's share of the cost upon completion. Second by Sue Krippner. Motion passed.

This feedlot is located in the shoreland district of the Van Heel Creek. This project will substantially reduce the nutrient load into Big Swan Lake. The contribution will come from non-assessment funds.

A motion was made by Pat Brauch to have the LID Board work with the County Feedlot Officer to determine if there are other projects in our lakeshed that would provide high benefit to improving our lake water quality. Second by Don Larson. Motion passed.

Any projects will be presented at the 2013 LID meeting for discussion and consideration for making contributions to the landowner's cost share.

ISTS Update:

The inspection of all ISTS in the Swan River Headwaters that was to have been completed in 2011 did not happen due to some problems within Planning & Zoning. The inspections are now scheduled to start in April 2012. The inspection will consist of a soil boring done at a point that is the farthest from the inlet into your mound, pressure bed or trench system. Each homeowner will be required to have their tanks pumped and inspected by a certified pumper. This will be done at the owner's convenience. The County will reimburse the owner up to \$125 for pumping & inspection costs.

There was a discussion about the proposed changes to the Todd County Planning & Zoning ordinance regarding ISTS. All in attendance were encouraged to review the proposed changes and direct any comments to Planning & Zoning by September 7, 2012.

New Business:

CLP Control Program:

Dennis Harder gave an update. The off-shore CLP assessment and permitting has been moved to a different DNR department. Due to this recent change, the acreage of CLP treated in 2012 remained the same as in 2011. Since the May treatment, Christine Jurek, DNR contact responsible for off-shore permitting, has visited with Dennis and was taken on a tour of our lake to assess the CLP. The treated areas looked good but many untreated areas had CLP. Chris agreed to expand the treatment area. She will work with Lake Management in the spring of 2013 to determine the treatment areas and acreage.

A motion was made by Dennis Harder to apply for a variance if the affected area exceeds 60 acres which would allow for treatment of as much as permitted. Second by Jeanette Macy. Motion passed.

Boat Inspections at the public landing:

Boats are not being inspected because there is no evidence of zebra mussels or Eurasian Milfoil in our surrounding lakes.

Secchi readings:

The secchi readings for the last 6 years and YTD were reviewed. There was marked improvement in 2011 with May readings of 24 feet. The May 2012 readings were substantially lower due to heavy May rainfall.

Cost Share:

The TCSWD cost share projects were reviewed. There are 15 projects in various stages of completion for 2012. Two major feedlot projects were completed and several others are pending in our lakeshed. All of these projects will reduce phosphorus and sediment in our surface water.

Waste Water Treatment Facilities:

We reviewed an article from the Alexandria Echo Press dated 6/8/12 titled "Water Fight on Winona." A local sewage treatment plant discharges waste water into Lake Winona. This shallow lake feeds into other area lakes and has created a controversy between the MPCA and area Lake Associations.

Big Swan Lake (BSL) has a similar situation with the Grey Eagle facility discharging into Trace Lake and flowing into Lady Lake and BSL. Trace and BSL are both listed on the Federal Impaired Waters List for excess phosphorous.

In October of 2011, the MPCA reduced the allowable phosphorous discharge for the Grey Eagle facility by 66% - 284 pounds to 112 pounds annually. We expect to hear more about the impact of this discharge when we begin the TMDL for Swan River Headwaters in 2015.

The Grey Eagle facility does not reach or exceed allowable limits and the MPCA considers it one of the most efficient and best operated of this type.

Elections:

Three board members, 3 year terms, two must be full time residents.

Nancy Hillman (full time resident) was nominated by Mark Brauch, second by Sue Krippner.
Lee Daly (seasonal resident) was nominated by Jim Macy, second by Mark Brauch.
George Brezinka (full time resident) was nominated by Mark Brauch, second by Nancy Hillman.

Secretary/Treasurer

Kathy Brezinka was nominated by Mark Brauch, second by Nancy Hillman.

All nominations were approved.

There was no other business. A motion was made by Jim Macy, second by Ed Hennek 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 Commissions
TCSWCD
DNR Commissioner
MPCA

Submitted by Kathy Brezinka, Secretary/Treasurer