

## **Big Swan Lake Improvement District, Todd County**

**Annual Meeting    August 24, 2013    Long Prairie Country Club**

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by the Board Chairman. Present were 3 Board Members and 34 property owners.

The agenda was reviewed. Due to unexpected time constraints, some items were eliminated.

The August 26, 2012 meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Sue Krippner, second by Steve Richter. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Sue Krippner, second by Betty Richter. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

ISTS Inspection Update:

Todd County will not complete the shoreland drain field inspections this year. If you are due to have your tank pumped, you can proceed with the tank pumping and inspection and submit the bill to the county for reimbursement of up to \$125.

Kepper's Farm Update:

The TCSWCD Nutrient Reduction Report of the Kepper's farm project was reviewed. BOD was reduced by 232 pounds and phosphorous by 20 pounds. These figures do not include milk house waste which is now pumped into a storage tank. The full report can be found on the BSLA website.

### **New Business:**

Grants & Donations:

The Big Swan Lake Association (BSLA) made a donation of \$6,000 to the Big Swan Lake Improvement District (BSLID).

Aquatic Vegetation Survey & Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP) Report:

Dennis Harder gave an update. An Aquatic Vegetation Survey was completed by RMB Environmental Laboratories on

May 23 & 24, 2013. This report can be found on the BSLA website. While CLP was found in many locations, the full development of CLP may have been delayed due to the cold, late spring.

Forty three acres were treated. Dennis and the DNR checked for CLP mid-June and documented the locations where present. Dennis has been authorized by DNR to do a CLP survey in the spring of 2014 and submit the GPS locations to the DNR for review and approval.

Dennis Harder made a motion to approve the treatment of up to 60 acres of CLP in the spring of 2014 if present and DNR approves. Second by Sue Krippner. Motion passed.

Dennis Harder made a motion to authorize himself to research and determine how to obtain approval to treat the first 150 feet out from the shoreline for CLP in conjunction with the off-shore treatment. Payment for this would be made from BSLA and BSLID funds. Second by Sue Krippner. Motion passed.

BSLA received a DNR grant of \$4,300 for 2013 CLP treatment.

There was a discussion about the amount of wild rice growing this year.

### **Pending Lake Shed Improvement Projects:**

TCSWCD is in the process of applying for grants for a number of shoreland district projects. These include closing an unused manure pit next to the Van Heel Creek, the installation of a new manure storage facility and cement storage slab near Schwanke Creek, the relocation of a feedlot on the south end of Big Swan Lake and establishing a filter strip on the west shore of the lake.

TCSWCD was commended for their efforts and accomplishments to improve the Big Swan Lake water quality.

### **Secchi Disc Readings:**

An update was given by Lee Daly. He and Ed Hennek have been doing readings for June, July and August. The readings have been 1 1/2 feet to 2 feet better than previous years. Readings from the north basin have been better than the south basin.

### **Board Appointment:**

Charles Macy (a full time resident) was appointed by the Board to fill the remaining one year of Bob Johnson's term.

### **Open Discussion:**

The problem of migrating bogs was discussed.

Dennis Harder made a motion to authorize a bog committee to use up to \$6,000 to start the process for bog removal (identifying sites for removal and dumping, obtain land owner's permission, identify contractors, determining hourly costs, etc.). Second by Tim Solem. Motion passed.

The bog committee members are -- Don Larson, Tim Solem, Ed Hennek, Robin Robotcek and Jim Macy. Robin Robotcek will call the first meeting. Information and a progress report will be presented at the BSLA spring meeting.

There was no other business. A motion was made by Nancy Hillman, second by Jean Harder to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

All agencies that require a report of the BSLID 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