

**CIRCLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**  
**DRAFT**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 12th, 2020 at 7pm**  
**Forest Town Hall**

**Board members present (5):** Dean Sunderlin, Jeff Jirik, Cheryl Bahnsen, Brian Panettiere, \*Keith Kluzak

**Board members absent (2):** Carl Bahnsen, Mandi Morrissey

**Also present:** Mark Origer from ISG

**BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

| <b>BOARD MEMBER</b> | <b>2020</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |
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|                     | Jan         | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Annual | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Bahnsen, Cheryl     | ✓           | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |
| Bahnsen, Carl       |             | ✓   |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |
| Jirik, Jeff         | ✓           | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |
| Kluzak, Keith       | ✓           |     | ✓   |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |
| Morrissey, Mandi    | ✓           | ✓   |     |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |
| Panettiere, Brian   | ✓           | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |
| Sunderlin, Dean     | ✓           | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |     |     |     |        |     |     |     |     |

**CALL TO ORDER** – Dean opened the meeting at 7:07pm.

**ATTENDANCE** – Roll call for attendance

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – (Jeff/Brian approved unanimously) with the correction to the spelling of Bahnsen from Bohnsen

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Motion to approve the February 2020 minutes  
 (Cheryl/Keith approved unanimously)

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Reviewed Treasurers packet (Appendix B)

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**Mark Origer ISG** Mark Origer from ISG gave his opinion on what would be necessary for the LID to compete for grant money for lake improvement projects.

Items discussed were:

1. for the Board to develop the District's vision, goals, and objectives.
2. Determine what we currently have.
  1. We have a lake management plan from 2011. It is about ten years old, with no metrics.
3. Develop a long list of partners (most important). These could include:
  1. Rice County SWCD
  2. Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP)
  3. DNR
  4. Drainage Authority (in Rice County it is our County Board and is managed through the SWCD)
  5. Landowners within the watershed that are willing to work with the District on projects.
4. To develop a list of landowners that might be interested in cooperating on projects, a list of projects/hot spots could be displayed on a map of our watershed. That map could be used at an informational meeting to see which landowners with possible projects might be interested in cooperating on that project.

The Board agreed that step one should be outreach and developing a plan.

Mark will send examples of what a high-level view of a watershed with potential project opportunities would look like. A cost estimate for the different examples will be included.

Jeff said that soil and water might help pay for the 10,000 overview and also help to prioritize projects.

Mark offered to speak at our Annual Meeting and would talk to the membership about project practices and past experiences. The Board appreciates the offer.

There was a discussion on how matching funds would be managed over the years.

Jeff will get Keith, and Dean added to the soil and water mailing list.

\*Keith left the meeting at this point (8:10 PM)\*

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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES –**

#### **Administration (Dean) –**

**-319 Grant Program:** The Board decided that we would not pursue a 319 grant for 2020/2021. This is due to our need to firm up our vision, goals, and objectives along with creating a list of partners we will be working with. Dean will send a letter to the MPCA telling them that we will not be continuing the application process at this time .

#### **Lake Management Committee –**

**-Weeds:** Cheryl gave Carl's weed update. We will not be receiving money from the DNR for weed harvesting this year. Due to complications that delayed the submission of our application the money available had been exhausted prior to the DNR getting to our application.

J&N Weeds will be the contractor for weed harvesting. Pricing will be the same as last year. The contractor is willing to delay payment if that becomes necessary. J&N Weeds requests signage to show him which shoreline properties get their weeds cut Carl will coordinate this.

Carl looked into finding a company that operates a weed puller instead of a weed cutter and found that there is no one currently operating a weed puller in our area.

He also looked at using a chemical application and found that due to the depth of the lake and the water temperature that this would not have as great an effect as mechanical cutting.

Water depth will be part of what Carl uses when coordinating harvesting with the contractor.

Dean spoke to the Environmental Specialist in Rice County, Brad Behrens to see if the County would have any grant money available to go toward Invasive Aquatic Weed harvesting. He said that they do and will coordinate with Julie Runkle the Rice County Environmental Services Director to see what we might expect as a dollar amount for this work. It is Brad's option that it will be between \$5000 and \$7500. There would be a 25% match on whatever money we would receive. The Board wishes to thank Jeff for calling this possible funding source to its attention.

**-Culver Trail Waterway Project:** Cheryl reported that she had relayed to Julie Farrell that the Board's position is not to make recommendation for contractors for their project. They were also told that when they get the final bid they can submit it to the Board and the Board will determine how much the LID can help.

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**Rip Rap Project:** No update.

**-Cormorants:** No update.

**Finance Committee –** No update.

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## **Publications and Communications Committee – Technology Committee –**

Dean reported that the basics of the CLID website is up and running. Items associated with collecting email addresses from members were discussed. The Board wishes to thank Mandi for her great work on this project.

## **Unfinished BUSINESS -**

Brian will get to the State Bank of Faribault to sign the checking account signature card.

Beavers removal is no longer an issue. If they become one in the future the Board knows what would be required permit wise to deal with them.

Mandi will reach out to local schools for research or capstone partnerships (opened)

## **New Business**

Jeff had a question about who controls the dam. The answer is the DNR.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – None**

**ADJOURN –** Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm (Cheryl/Jeff approved unanimously)