

Big Eagle Lake Improvement Association Minutes for September 17, 2024
Orrock Town Hall - 26401 180th St NW, Big Lake, MN 55309

Present: Paul Ellinger, Mike Donnelly, Jeff Johnson, Katherine Nerison, JR McGuire, Lori Andreen

Guest: Ken Andreen

Absent: Troy Olsen, Sarah Philips, CJ Johnson, Dan Boyle, John Smullen

Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM

Motion to approve Agenda made by Jeff, seconded by Katherine. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes of the July 30th, 2024 BELIA Board meeting made by JR, seconded Jeff. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

BELIA Treasurer's Report (Monthly)
August 2024

Checking Account Balance as of the beginning of August 2024	\$52,786.67
Deposits – \$15,215.34	
Checks – \$3,256.30	
Checking Account Balance as of the end of August 2024	\$64,745.71
Uncleared Transactions – \$9,285.16	
Uncleared Deposits \$0.00	
Balance as of 9/3/24 -	\$55,460.55
ELID Expense to Date – \$9,900.00	
ELID Dosage Study - \$10,219.57 (as of today's date: \$11,263)	

There were 97 *paid-up* members at the end of August 2024

There were 91 *paid-up* members at the end of August 2023

There were \$7,070.48 in “extra” contributions collected through August 2024

There were \$6,996.85 in “extra” contributions made through August 2023

The 2023 Minnesota Attorney General Annual Report June 7th, 2024

The 2023 990 Federal Tax return was filed on Feb. 17th 2024

The 2023 renewal with the Secretary of State was filed Feb. 17th, 2024

The 2023 Minnesota Sales Tax Return submitted Jan. 4th, 2024

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeff Johnson

Treasurer

- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Mike, seconded by Katherine. Motion carried.

Audit Committee – will meet after the final income/expenses of Pulled Pork Cook-Off are tallied.

Lake Quality Committee –

- Ken attended an AIS meeting: the MN DNR is establishing a 5-year plan ((W1P1 – One watershed, one plan).
- AIS Inspectors: \$500 Grant – no surveys have been done and we will need to check into returning funds if already collected. To reach out to Francine of SWCD. Paul to reach out to Gordy and Katherine regarding status.
- Zebra Mussel veligers have been found in Ann Lake. No testing has been done on Big Eagle Lake in 2024.
- Starry Stonewort: Thirty-four (34) lakes have found Starry Stonewort in MN but none in Sherburne County.
- Wakeboard boats are affecting the lake bottoms, potentially stirring up phosphorus.

ELID Committee – For more information on ELID status go to

- <https://www.bigeaglelakeimprovementassociation.com/copy-of-board-meetings-1>

Expenditure Approvals

- Motion to approve \$733 for Liability Insurance made by Lori, seconded by Katherine. Motion carried.

COLA - Annual Membership dues have been paid. The next COLA meeting will be in October.

Chamber – Big Lake Community Magazine has old contact information for BELIA. Need to send updated information to Patriot Editor immediately after Annual Meeting Board of Directors information is updated.

Events – The Cook-Off went well, staying within Budget. Early returns show Cook-Off brought in \$12,316.01 in 2024.

Other Business

- Thank you to Jackie Moores for the beautiful painting of the Big Eagle Lake sign at the corner of Cty. Roads 75 and 5. Well done. And a thank you to Paul Ellinger and Ken Andreen for removing and replacing the sign. It looks great!
- Add to the next meeting agenda:
 - Review of BELIA By-Laws
 - Thank you to retired members of the Board for their service: Gordy Westerlind, Bryan Adams, and George Wallin.

Next BELIA Board Meeting: November 7, 2024, 7 PM Orrock Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted

Lori Andreen

BELIA Secretary