

BMLID Annual Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Zitzow at 9:00 AM

The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken by all 45 in attendance.

Scott Guadette presented information on Ottertail Tail County Coalition of Lakes.

Board members present:

Ron Zitzow (Bills Beach)

Wayland Bertich (Kozelnic Beach)

Keith Brokke (Engstrom Beach)

Jeff Dostal East McDonald Shore)

Cyndy Wedryk (Engstrom Beach)

Dave Olig (Engstrom Beach)

Justin Carney Engstrom Beach)

Dale Janssen (Engstrom Beach)

The treasure's report was presented by Cyndy Wedryk. Question to all present, what to do with the cash reserve. The board was directed to invest in a CD but keep available cash enough to pay attorney fees.

Motion to accept treasure's report by Lois Bergseth, seconded by Roger Fenstad. Motion passed.

2023 Annual meeting minutes were read by Dale Janssen. Motion to accept by Damon Janssen and seconded by Dave Olig. Motion passed.

June 2024 – May 2025 Budget was presented by Cindy Wedryk.

Increase Ad Valorum to approximately \$14,000. Motion by Roger Fenstad, seconded by Rob Campbell. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the amended budget by Steve Dahl, seconded by Steve Christianson. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Water Quality:

New earliest ice-out March 16, 2024. Refroze then ice-out April 5, 2024.

Previous:

Earliest ice-out was March 24, 2012

Latest ice-out was May 11, 2013.

Succhi Disk readings: Steve & Junelle Christianson. Next Year is Barb and Cory Olson

South 31 Ft

Center 28 Ft

North 25 Ft.

Tent caterpillar spraying is not recommended for 2024. Motion to not spray for tent caterpillars this year by Roger Fenstad, seconded by Dave Olig. Motion passed.

Fish barriers:

First one in place in the spring of 2022 on the North inlet.

The South outlet in place the fall of 2023.
It is believed they are doing the job.

Fish Stocking:

Fish Stocking: BMLID stocked walleyes the fall of 2023. Cost of \$5000.

Comment made about the swans in the area of stocking for several days after. Are they consuming many of the stocking fish? No one knows but that is how the stocking is done.

DNR stocking done on even years.

BMLID stocking done on odd years.

Ditch 25 discussion:

A meeting was organized by Colby Palmersheim (Drainage Inspector) held June 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Vergas Community Center. This was an informational meeting for the county commissioners to hear from any one affected by Ditch 25. Everyone was given an opportunity to voice their opinion about the cleaning out of a portion of Ditch 25.

BMLID voiced a concern of pollution similar to a few years ago that caused Big McDonal lake to turn green in the late summer. E.coli reading exceeded the limit set by DNR. The source thought to be Ditch 25 drainage from pasture and or carp in Wendt lake. Did not want that happening again.

The farmers needed the land ditched to take the excess water. Did not want to pollute the lakes.

The downstream land owner wanted the beaver dams removed as promised by the county last fall but not done. Was told the county was trying to find an excavator with an extension to reach the dams.

During the week following the meeting, Keith Brokke made a few calls and found someone that had an extended boom and would come out to look at the job. Progress not known at this time.

Cost to repair Ditch 25 is \$12K to \$15K.

Next meeting is June 11, 2024 at 11:15 am at the Ottertail County Center in Fergus Falls, Mn.

BMLID board will meet via zoom June 10 to discuss plans for the June 11th meeting. Thought would be to generate a letter pointing the need to meet with the commissioners, the farmers and BMLID board to discuss the best options for all land owners. Maybe abandon Ditch 25 from Wendt Lake to Big McDonald.

New Business:

Carp Control- Dave Olig

Some lakes have a fishing/bow shooting contest to help eliminate the carp. Not sure how it works

University of Minnesota has been studying the problem and has developed a system that attracts the the carp with corn, then at some point poisons the corn that kills the carp. Then we would dispose of the dead carp. Details not know at this time but Dave will look into the program to see if it would fit our needs.

Board Members:

It is desired to have two members from each beach. That is not working very well but will keep on trying.

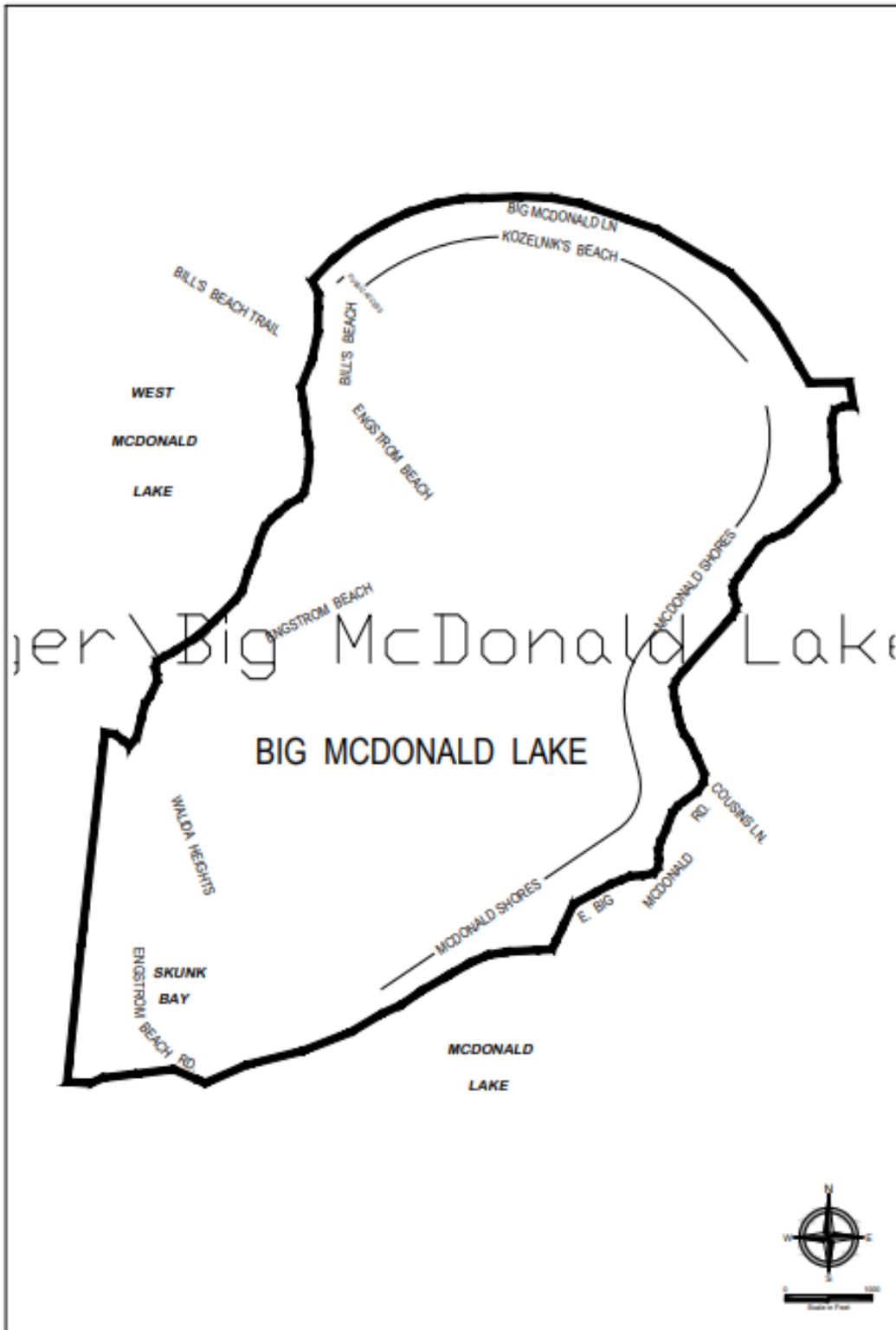
Ron Zitzow and Keith Brokke have been on the board for several years and would like to see new members. Their experience with BMLID and Ditch 25 is critical to the success of both. They have agreed to continue and ask new people to come forward to be on the board. Ron and Keith could stay on as an appointee for Ditch 25 and other projects as needed.

It was suggested we have a noon 4th of July boat parade. Ron is going to ask someone to organize it.

Next annual meeting is scheduled June 7th 2025 at 9am. Same location.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Olig, seconded by Damon Janssen. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Dale Janssen




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