

Minutes of GLID Meeting on 4/10/2021 at 9:00am

A WORKING/PLANNING MEETING

Objectives:

- 1- Prep for June 26 2021 GLID Annual Meeting
- 2- Review current GLID project State of Affairs with GLID Communication Mechanisms to **Inform, Interest, Invite, Involvement, Invest**
- 3- GREEN Lake AIS weed activities
- 4- Green Lake / SWCD MPCA Section 319 Grant Status and Sign MOU
- 5- Lake Shoreline Restoration Projects PLUS Lake Stewardship Awareness
- 5- Plan for proposed 2022 Budget

Attendees' names, emails, phone numbers, addresses were logged (note that Todd Kulaf from Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District attended)

Miscellaneous comments made prior to start of the official meeting:

- Will need to decide of next year's (2022) annual meeting date (note: 6/26/2021 is this year's annual meeting)
- Requestion input on how to encourage member participation (maybe photos of members, etc)
- Think about what else should be on the website (Brad Nelson suggested making it easier to look at and more exciting)

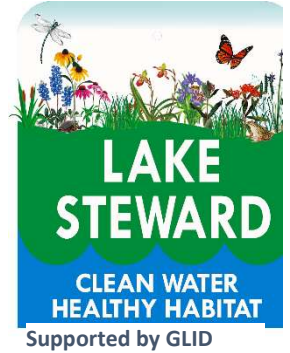
Meeting started with Pledge of Allegiance

Gordon reviewed his list of items/notes

Barbara covered proposed 2022 budget for the purpose of deciding what to include and what not to include when 2022 budget is presented at 6/26/21 annual meeting.

- **Currently it looks like \$17.3K will be levied in 2022 (down from 2021 levy of \$24.3, which is about 28% reduction).**
- Barbara has what she needs to present the preliminary 2022 budget at the 6/26/21 annual meeting.
- Mailings are expensive (anticipated mailing to 187 property owners but actually 250, at a cost of about \$400 which was covered by the 319 \$284,000 grant).
 - Inclusion in Wyanett Township mailing cost us \$0.
 - Using some of \$284K grant for mailings to promote GLID awareness.
- Membership in MN Lakes and Rivers and ICCOLA (\$100 and \$50 respectively) included.
- Signs for lake (\$600) included, with \$150 spent plus "No Wake" signs to do yet. Other signs to promote GLID activities discussed under Lakeshore Restoration item.
- Lake testing required for 319 grant, 3 years starting in 2022, (\$2,789) included.
- AIS Weed Control (\$18,000) included for coverage of 55 acres, note that GLID did not get grant for 2021 as had happened in 2020.
- Annual AIS Weed Survey map (\$1,200) included and kept in per Todd's input since ISWCD will not be covering it
- Milfoil treatment (\$6,000) included, note that no milfoil found in 2020 so no treatment for milfoil in 2020, Gordon's input is to include both the \$18,000 and \$6,000 expenses in the budget so we can treat if found in lake,
- **2021 CLP lake treatment set for 5/10/2021 (55.5 acres) using diquat 2.0 ppm, can do until June 30th (diquat will kill both milfoil and coontail). Funds can be used for AIS weed harvesting.**
 - Push to encourage homeowners to sign up to have their property treated has brought good results with over 30 ! . **Treatment scheduled for June 7**
 - NOTE: cannot use the \$284,000 grant to cover dock treatments
 - Question asked about what weed creates the muck floating on lake surface, response was all weeds will create muck. Need to get weeds out of the lake as much as possible.
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- Lakeshore Restoration (\$5,000) included, Dan Howard reported that for 2020 due to the pandemic not all allocated funds were used so there are **two buckets of money available for 2021 projects (\$5300 left over from 2020 held by SWCD and \$5000 from GLID budget), good response to yellow interest form included in mailing with 12 returned so far**, discussions occurring with homeowners who are willing and excited (some need engineering and not within scope of GLID but 319 Project funding will tackle some), Dan has met with Todd and Shelly with two properties selected for 2021 to date and more to be chosen, asking property owners for 25% contribution toward their project as well as labor to help with restoration, Dan would like to see Lake Steward signage on properties that have participated in Lakeshore Restoration projects to advertise so Dan will get bid for semi-permanent waterproof signs (about 20 to date) and Mel will create mock-up of what they will look like.
- Lake Access AIS Inspection (\$10,000) included in budget. Isanti County Zoning to add inspection support of 44 hours/week for 20 weeks..



Todd Kulaf from Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District covered the 319 Lake Restoration Program, with purpose of improving health of the lake, working with the county in 2021 on ditches and with farmers (to prevent more nutrients reaching the lake).

- Larry asked Todd if we have holding ponds and he answered “no” but there is money available if they are needed.
- Jim asked how Blue Lake is working with its holding pond and Todd said it looks good.

Gordon reviewed MOU (\$284,000 four-year grant from MN Pollution Control Agency and EPA, received because of all the studies previously done by GLID), which at the end of 4 years GLID must show receipts of \$59,342 for weed removal activities and \$333 per year in kind services (volunteer hours at \$26/hour) representing work to reduce introduction of nutrients into the lake, thus meeting the intent of getting Green Lake off the impaired lakes list. Dan made a motion that the MOU be signed and Dave seconded it. **Gordon and Barbara signed the MOU (two copies) for GLID and Todd initialed it for Tiffany at ISWCD.** GLID will supply necessary matching grant paperwork and receipts needed for grant that will probably surpass minimum requirement

Dave Dansik, who will keep official records, and Clint/Mel Christianson will perform water clarity monitoring weekly at the deepest level of the lake (24-foot to 28-foot depth), also recording the lake gauge (by the outlet) so there is an indication if the lake is up or down. Both have the SECCHI disks. Pam Mortensen family also volunteered to help too.



By-laws say the Board must consist of 9 members. Currently we are at 9, but we are always looking for interested lakeshore owners who would want to serve on the Board.

The attendees agreed that **the 2022 annual meeting would tentatively be held** the week before 4th of July, which will be Saturday 9AM **June 25, 2022**, keeping it to no more than 1.5 hours in length. This will be reassessed based on the results of attendance at the 2021 annual meeting on June 26, 2021.

A reminder mailing for the annual meeting including homeowner tips of actions everyone can take to improve their lakeshore will be sent out in early June.

Zoom sessions were suggested as ways to promote the work that GLID is doing and get more involvement from homeowners. Brad and Diane Nelson will help with topics for these extra Zoom sessions which will aim to be kept at about 45 minutes in length. Loren Wigdahl also is interested in helping.

In addition to the in-person annual meeting on June 26th, Mel agreed she can set up a Zoom session for that meeting.

Larry asked that we do something to set up an audio system for the annual meeting. Brad offered to help with that and bring two microphones plus the necessary wiring for them. He will need 45 minutes prep time before the meeting to get everything set up.

Everyone agreed that the meeting was productive and the meeting was adjourned.