

**CARMAN BAY LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 2022

Place: Good Shepherd Church, 3745 Shoreline Drive, Wayzata, MN 55391

Present: Board members Steve Nielsen, Kevin Kennefick, Mark Kieper, Ted Chalupsky, Mary Tucker, and Dave Owen

Absent: Mark Plewka

Others attending: 8 Carman Bay residents.

Next Meeting: TBD

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Steve Nielsen.

II. Establish Quorum

A quorum was established. 6 of 7 Board Members in attendance.

III. Proof of Notice of Meeting

Proof of Notice of Meeting established by Chairman Nielsen. (Notice posted on Orono website, at City Hall and Orono post offices, published in Laker/Pioneer newspaper, and a post card mailed to all bay residents.)

IV. Approval of Minutes

Kennefick moved to approve the September 6, 2022 Board Meeting minutes, 2nd by Tucker. VOTE by the Board, Ayes 6, Nays 0. MOTION PASSES.

V. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kennefick presented the estimated receipts and expenses for 2022 (see attached "2022 Treasurer's & 2023 Budget Report"). This is an estimate because we have not yet received our tax receipts from the City of Orono or our DNR Grant money to treat Eurasian Water Milfoil (milfoil) and Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP). We know what the expenses are, and are very close on the income. The primary difference between the 2022 Estimate and 2023 Budget is the \$9,000 grant money from the DNR, and an increased expense on treatment with the chemical ProcellaCor. We apply for grants every year they are available, but did not get one this year. However, we were fortunate this year in that a grant recipient could not fulfill its grant obligation, and the DNR gave us an opportunity to apply for it. We responded quickly and were awarded the \$9,000 grant. This gave us the opportunity to use ProcellaCor, which is a more expensive chemical but more effective on milfoil. We had budgeted \$9,000 for milfoil treatment in 2022, but because we received the grant we were able to spend twice as much on milfoil treatment and use more ProcellaCor. There were no unusual costs this year, and we are right on our budget and have met our goal of approximately \$70,000 carryover going into next year.

VI. Old Business

A. CBLID web page on City of Orono website:

Nielsen discussed and displayed on a monitor the CBLID web page that the City of Orono maintains for us. The City has been very cooperative regarding the CBLID presence on their website. The CBLID web address is: <http://www.ci.orono.mn.us/423/Carman-Bay-Lake-Improvement-District-CBL>. Or, simply go to the City of Orono web site, and do a search for “Carman Bay LID”. The site includes information on all documents that established the LID, the purpose of the LID, bylaws, a map of the LID coverage area, board meeting minutes, annual reports, and more. Also on the city site is a nice feature titled “Notify Me” which, if you sign up, the city will send you an email anytime a notice is published regarding an organization or city committee you select. On the site select “notifications” and the organization, in our case Carman Bay LID, and you will receive notifications of meetings, treatments or whenever we publish a notice. The city is very supportive of the LID. The city also includes liability insurance for the LID on their policy, at no cost to us. There are only two LIDs on Lake Minnetonka, St Albans Bay and us. There are 112 properties in our LID. The LID eliminates the problem of raising money every year for aquatic invasive species treatment.

VII. New Business

A. 2022 Carman Bay treatment update

Nielsen described the 2022 CBLID Bay treatment. Each year has different challenges. In 2022 there were a number of challenges including: very low water level that provides more sunlight to the lake bottom and helps the plants grow faster, very windy conditions on scheduled treatment days which dilutes the chemicals, high water clarity providing more sunlight to the lake bottom that helps the plants grow faster, and also a later ice-out date and cool spring causing a later start to plant growth, especially milfoil.

Currently our LID is treating for two identified invasive species in Carman Bay, Eurasian Water Milfoil (milfoil) and Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP). The CLP comes early in the season and milfoil later. Before treating, we must have a delineation survey completed for CLP and later for milfoil to create maps showing where the CLP and milfoil are located. These surveys are done by a separate entity, Fresh Water Scientific Services, not our treatment applicator, PLM. CLP was delineated May 19. Nielsen displayed the CLP location and treatment map on the monitor. CLP was treated with Diquat, a contact and broad-spectrum herbicide that can kill other plants as well. We must be judicious where we use it. The CLP was treated June 1, and was mostly gone by July 1. Milfoil as mentioned had a delayed start this year which dictates when the delineation survey can be done. If the survey is done too early, we can miss some of the milfoil. So that is a balancing act we must consider with our goal of treating the bay by early July to get the benefit of good control for peak summer. The delineation survey for milfoil was done June 17. There was a lot of milfoil in the northwest corner of the Bay, Casco Cove, Kelly Cove, and on the western shore of Carman Bay. All of these areas were treated July 1 using ProcellaCor in combination with Diquat. ProcellaCor is a systemic herbicide that is very specific in killing milfoil but not native plants. The DNR and our applicator, PLM, both like ProcellaCor for this reason. It can sometimes eradicate milfoil in some treatment areas. It is expensive, but with the DNR Grant money covering the additional cost, we chose to use more of it.

Each year after the treatments, in early August, we have a Point Intercept Survey done that maps all existing plants by location and type. This survey has been completed, but the map of the location of

the plants has not been completed yet. The Point Intercept Survey map will be posted on our web page when it is available. Nielsen displayed on the monitor a table of the Summary of Results of the survey. The results show how successful the treatments were, measured by percent of reoccurrence. The goal is 20% or less reoccurrence of the invasive species. Our Bay is 200 acres, with a Littoral zone of 133 acres. The littoral zone is the peripheral area of the Bay where plants can grow, defined as areas of less than 15 feet water depth. The surveyor takes samples from around the Bay and analyzes the results. There are numerous types of plants in our Bay that show up on the survey, and Nielsen explained a few of the nuisance plants and their percentage of littoral zone occurrence on the survey. In descending order of littoral zone occurrence, the top eight species are native plants. Number nine is milfoil, with an occurrence of 12%, beating our goal of less than 20%. This is very good, with very little milfoil left. In 2021 it was 15%. Kennefick stated that CLP is killed back in June, with very little showing up on this survey, but that does not mean we won't see it next year. Nielsen stated that this is our 6th year of treating CLP and we have been told that with 7 consecutive years of treatment it may go away at least temporarily. However, the CLP treatment area (about 25 acres) has stayed about the same for the past 3-4 years, so we will probably have to continue to treat for CLP. Fortunately, we have only had two invasive species to be concerned about, but there will likely be another invasive to deal with someday. Part of our financial planning is to build a reserve to be able to treat for a new invasive species when it arrives.

There was an open discussion with homeowners about their options for nuisance native aquatic weed control.

B. Discussion of Proposed 2023 budget

Treasurer Kennefick presented the budget for 2023 (see attached "2022 Treasurer's & 2023 Budget Report"). We expect to carry over \$72,000 into 2023, so we will meet our goal to carry over about \$70,000. If we keep the tax assessment at \$200 per property, our tax receipts will be the same as 2022. In our budget, we must assume we won't receive any grant money, as we can't count on it. As described in the Treasurer's Report, we did not initially receive a grant. We apply each year in which grants are offered for AIS treatment. These DNR grants are getting more competitive each year with increasing applications statewide for these grants coming from more lakes and Lake Minnetonka bays. The CLP and milfoil Delineation and Point Intercept Survey costs are close to the same every year. The treatment costs are what vary year to year. We expect to see cost increases next year due to inflation.

Nielsen stated that the Board considered the budget for 2023 to be prudent and safe. The Board also recommends the tax assessment remain the same as 2022 at \$200 per property. In the future if we only need to treat for milfoil and CLP, we should be able to keep the treatment costs about the same. However, if we get a new invasive species to treat, the tax assessment may need to rise. The tax assessment in 2019, 2020 and 2021 was \$300 per property, and was lowered for 2022 to \$200 per property.

C. Proposed 2023 Tax Assessment

Nielsen stated that, as indicated previously, the Board feels it is prudent and safe to keep the 2023 CBLID tax assessment at \$200 per property.

Chalupsky moved to keep the 2023 tax assessment at \$200 per property in the CBLID district, 2nd by Kieper.

VOTE by voice vote of Board and those in attendance: All who voted, voted Aye, Nays 0.
MOTION PASSES.

D. Proposed 2023 Budget

Owen moved to approve the 2023 Budget as presented, 2nd by Chalupsky.

VOTE by voice vote of Board and those in attendance: All who voted, voted Aye, Nays 0.
MOTION PASSES.

E. Election of Board Members

Three Board positions for 2-year terms are expiring. There were no nominations from the public. Nominations from the public must be received by the Board by June 1st, as required by the CBLID Bylaws. The three incumbents, Kevin Kennefick, Mary Tucker and Steve Nielsen, have agreed to run again.

Nielsen made a motion to nominate Kevin Kennefick, Mary Tucker and Steve Nielsen to the three open Board positions, and elect them for a two-year term.

VOTE by voice vote of Board and those in attendance: All who voted, voted Aye, Nays 0.
MOTION PASSES.

F. Appointment of Officers

The Officers for next year will be: Chairman Mark Kieper, Vice Chair Mark Plewka, Treasurer Kevin Kennefick and Secretary Dave Owen.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Chalupsky, 2nd by Tucker.

VOTE by the Board, Ayes 6, Nays 0. MOTION PASSES, and meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Attachments:

2022 Treasurer's & 2023 Budget Report

Submitted by Dave Owen, Secretary of the Board.

September 20, 2022

**Carman Bay Lake Improvement District
2022 Treasurer's & 2023 Budget Report**

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Estimate</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
Carryover from prior year	\$22,642.78	\$14,001.78	\$43,242.66	\$68,580.14	\$72,239.54
Tax receipts	\$20,042.67	\$34,096.34	\$33,630.61	\$22,019.20	\$22,019.20
Grants from DNR		\$9,135.00	\$ 5,000.0	\$9,000.00	
Total Available	\$42,685.45	\$57,233.12	\$81,873.27	\$99,599.34	\$94,258.74
<u>Expenses</u>					
PLM: CLP and EWM Delineation	\$2,300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
CLP Treatment Diquat	\$3,007.00	\$3,795.00	\$2,635.16	\$3,841.00	\$5,000.00
EWM Treatment Diquat	\$3,328.00	\$523.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
EWM Treatment ProcellaCor	\$17,592.00	\$4,848.00	\$5,974.00	\$14,668.80	\$15,000.00
Point Intercept Survey	\$2,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
<u>Lake Mgmt Vegetation Plan</u>					
Total PLM	\$28,427.00	\$13,766.00	\$13,109.16	\$27,109.80	\$29,600.00
Misc Exp	\$256.67	\$224.46	\$183.97	\$250.00	\$250.00
Total Expenses	\$28,683.67	\$13,990.46	\$13,293.13	\$27,359.80	\$29,850.00
Remaining Carryover	\$14,001.78	\$43,242.66	\$68,580.14	\$72,239.54	\$64,408.74

Notes:

CLP is Curly Leaf Pondweed

EWM is Eurasian Water Milfoil

Tribune (Diquat) is a less expensive treatment used in narrow bands of Milfoil

ProcellaCor is a new treatment for dense Milfoil control