

Skogman LID Board Meeting 10-21-2024 hosted by Shari and Gene VanAlstine

Members Bill Berg, Jerry Miller, Theresa Dolezal, Jan Hasler, Jen Hunt, Shari VanAlstine, Myron Lindstrom, and Mark Funfar. The members present were Bill, Jen, Jan, Shari, and Mark. Guests included Gene VanAlstine.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM

1. Approval of October 21, 2024 LID agenda. Jan motioned and Shari 2nd. Approved.
2. Bill motioned for the minutes from the June 29, 2024 annual meeting and LID board meeting to be approved, and Jen seconded. Approved.
3. Invoices and cash in the bank. All invoices have been paid, and Mark has verified with the vendors that they are paid up. Cash in the bank is \$15,420.48 as of 10/01/2024. Property taxes have not been applied to the Skogman LID account yet, which should be around \$15,000.00. Plus, we have yet to receive our DNR grant of \$3000.00. Jan will file for our grant award in the next few weeks.
4. Results of Aquatic Conservation Services Landowner shorelines. All have agreed that ACS did a good job with shoreline treatment. He is especially responsive if there is a problem or concern. Mark mentioned that Fanny Lake is using ACS again in 2025 for their whole lake treatment as they were pleased with his treatment in 2024. Hopefully, there will be more signups using ACS for Skogman individual shorelines in 2025.
5. Lake water monitoring report. Shari and Mark will go out on the lake the last time on October 22. Matt Remer from Isanti SWCD will join us for additional readings. The water clarity has been very good this year between four and six feet. The clarity on October 22 was nine feet. We should see a report from Isanti SWCD early 2025.
6. Invasive cattails report and ICCOLA report. Mark attended the U of M presentation at the last ICCOLA meeting. Amy Schrank from the University of Minnesota Sea Grant gave a presentation on cattails for 42 attendees from Isanti County area lakes. Amy along with Daniel Larkin and others from Sea Grant are studying nine different lakes in Minnesota. Their emphasis is to see if removing invasive cattails can benefit lakes. They started their research in 2021. So far they have determined that by removing invasive cattails, they get more oxygen in the water, more native plants and possibly more minnows. Phase II of their research will occur in 2024, 2025 and 2026 to monitor cattail growth, study fish and compare. Then they will publish their study and report it to the MN DNR. Currently, a resident can only clear 15 feet of cattails with a special permit.
7. Water levels. Some attendees said the water level is higher than normal, some said it

was lower.

8. Jan agreed to take over the Treasurer position from Jen going forward.
9. Kathy Becklin is interested in joining the board and if she wants the secretary position, Mark is willing to give it to her. Mark is in his 5th year of a 3-year term. This can be a long transition process if need be. Mark will continue to stay on the board going forward doing other activities like Lake Steward, the website, and being in contact with the vendors and DNR.
10. Summer activities: We will continue to do the Float Your Boat concert series, Tie-up-Tuesdays, Skooogfest and possibly other events to generate interest in our lake resources and ways to keep the lake clean and off the impaired list.
11. Lake website and Facebook. Communication to Skogman residents will continue with these types of platforms along with email.

Meeting closed at 8:22 PM