

# CIRCLE LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Annual Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm  
Forest Town Hall

Board members present: Dean Sunderlin, Denise Klokow, Stefanie Johnson, Bill Houston, Jeff Jirik, Cheryl Bahnsen, and Carl Bahnsen

	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Annu al 2025
Bahnsen, Cheryl			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bahnsen, Carl			x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Houston, William				x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Jirik, Jeff	x		x	x		x			x	x	x	x
Klokow, Denise	x		x	x		x		x	x	x	x	x
Sunderlin, Dean	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Johnson, Stefanie	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x

## Call to Order

Dean called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

## Attendance

Dean conducted roll call. Dean, Carl, Cheryl, Bill, Denise, Stefanie, and Jeff were present.

## Approval of Agenda

The agenda was provided ahead of the meeting. Dean motioned to approve the agenda. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

## Introduction and Financials

Dean shared an overview of the activities over the past few years, leading up to where we are today. He also shared the 2025 income and expenses.

## Projects

### Weeds

Carl explained the process of weed permitting and walked through our weed mitigation activities in 2025. Carl also shared the grants that we applied for in 2025 and some of the funding we have received for weed mitigation this year.

### Lake Management Projects: Aeration

Jeff explained the reasoning behind the pursuit of the aeration project and a general overview of the project, including the results of the aeration so far and future plans for additional aerators if we see continued good results from the first aerator.

## Proposed 2026 Budget

Dean explained the CLID budgeting and assessment process. He walked through the proposed budget, including what we expect to receive in 2026 and the proposed 2026 expenses.

## Membership Vote

Members voted on the budget for 2026 that will be submitted to Rice County, including the specific projects in the budget greater than \$5000.

Members also voted for Board of Directors to fill the open seats and one additional seat.

There were 42 member votes. Results are tallied below.

Item voted on	Votes to Approve	Votes to Reject
2026 Annual Budget at \$400/parcel	36	6
Weed Management (\$38,000)	40	2
Lake Restoration Pilot project (\$105,000)	38	4
Election of Dean Sunderlin (incumbent)	41	n/a
Election of Carl Bahnsen (incumbent)	41	n/a
Election of Stefanie Johnson (incumbent)	40	n/a
Election of Ryan Nugent	40	n/a

Therefore, based on the results of the voting, the 2026 CLID budget, including all projects in the budget above \$5000 were approved. Also Dean Sunderlin, Carl Bahnsen, and Stefanie Johnson were reelected to the board, and Ryan Nugent was newly elected to the board.

## Resolution 2025-01 - 2026 Funding of the Circle Lake Improvement District

Dean motioned to approve resolution 2025-01. Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.

## Additional Items to Review

Dean reviewed the process for timely placing the District on the tax rolls.

Dean reviewed the signatures for signing checks.

## Announcements

2026 Annual Meeting date and time. Tentatively August 10th, 2026 at 7 PM

Regular Meeting dates and times for 2025 - 2026: Second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Township Hall

Public Notices will be posted on the CLID website, [www.clidmn.com](http://www.clidmn.com), the Township Hall Bulletin Board, and the Faribault Daily News.

## Other District Business:

None

## Miscellaneous Announcements

The Circle Lake Island has been sold and will ultimately be given to the DNR.

## Adjournment

Dean motioned to adjourn. Bill 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously. Motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM