

Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul Lakes Improvement District

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2015

PACC

Board Members Present: Roger Neitzke, Jim Nigg, Glenn Schreier, Bill Putnam, Les Konley, Dan Gleason. Absent: Joe Esser, Ardell Wiegandt, Mark Plencner.

Guests: Darrel Nordick, Bob and Sue Meyhuber. All residents of Little McDonald Lake. Mike Opat and Pat Downs from Moore Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Chairperson Roger Neitzke

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Minutes from August 14.

- Motion by Bill Putnam, second by Glenn Schreier. Motion carried. Approval of Minutes from August 28. Motion by Bill Putnam, second by Jim Nigg. Motion carried.

County-State Grant money status

- Pat Downs informed the Board that the agreement between MMB and the County has been signed and the agreement between Otter Tail County and the DNR will be signed at the next Otter Tail County Commission meeting. Grant dollars should be available near the end of September. July 1, 2015 has been established as the date qualifying expenses can be paid with grant dollars. This is three months earlier than expected.

Minutes and posting on website procedure

- Jim Nigg will help secretary Mark Plencner process and post Board minutes to the web page. Sue Meyhuber volunteered her help in the posting process if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

- Bill Putnam reported the venting project is on budget. Roger Neitzke moved with a second from Glenn Schreier to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Bill Putnam submitted the following bills for payment: Moore Engineering \$14,430.00, PACC \$37.00, Focus \$27.80, Web Page (5 year fee, pay for four, fifth year free) \$360.00. Motion by Dan Gleason second by Glenn Schreier. Motion carried.

County Levy for 2016

- The LID is required to inform Otter Tail County on or before September 15, the dollar amount the LID needs to access it members for the tax year 2016. At the LID annual meeting in July, 2015, \$286,700 was presented to the LID members and approved as the 2016 assessment. This total was needed to get us through the pumping phase of the venting project. As pumping is not needed at this time

the assessment amount was lowered to \$180,000.00. Bill Putnam moved, Glenn Schreier seconded and the motion was approved.

Project Coordinator Report

- Pat Downs indicated that the appraisal firm of Tinjum Appraisal Firm is presently doing their background work and the appraisal work should be completed by the end of September. These appraisal numbers are necessary to begin land easements with landowners where the proposed water pipe line will be located. Two guidelines were addressed by Pat. He indicated that appraised values, if paid, will qualify for bonding dollars. If amounts are paid above appraised values, that amount comes from local dollars. A discussion was held of verbal and listed questions from some landowners. The Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul LID agreement with DevilsLake/Little Devils Lake LID regarding the splitting of the ten million bonding dollars has been sent to Otter Tail County and will be acted on at the next September County Commission meeting.

429 procedure and status of Membership meeting on September 26

- An example of the letter to be sent to all Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul Lakes LID members will be published in the Focus on September 10 and 17. Membership letters were posted on September 11.

Project Engineer Report

- Mike Opat reported that Landowner's questions are being addressed. Irrigation questions have surfaced and these may need a DNR response. A meeting is being planned to review a list of forty questions that has been received from a landowner. Design and revisions which represent about thirty percent of engineering are complete. Moore Engineering will apply and submit a Joint Application form for Activities Affecting Water Resources in Minnesota. This process must be completed as it deals with wetlands. A landowner is being worked with regarding archaeology tests that were performed on his property and the results of these tests. The filtration system, that was approved by the DNR, may be tested this fall with a small test section to determine yield. This will help determine the scope of work, cost, and will aid in the final design. More information will be provided at the next LID Board meeting.

Letter to membership

- A monthly LID venting update will be available on the web site. The September update will be posted and will also be e-mailed to LID members who we have e-mail addresses on file.

Next meeting dates:

- October 9, 3:00 P.M. PACC, November 13, 3:00 P.M. PACC, December 11, 3:00 P.M. PACC. Motion to adjourn, Bill Putnam, second by Les Konley, motion passed, meeting closed at 4:30 P.M.