

Pump Station Outlet to Otter Tail River-North Route Alternate

429 Assessment-Project hearing

Little McDonald, Kerbs & Paul Lake Improvement District

September 26, 2015, minutes

Perham Area Community Center, Perham, Minnesota

The Project Public Hearing for the Little McDonald-Kerbs and Paul Lakes Improvement District was opened at 9:00 A.M. by LID chairperson Roger Neitzke. Introductions of Board Members, Consultants and 429 committee members were made. Mike Opat, project engineer, presented lake water levels, explained the project route, the filtration system concept and design, the water transfer, pump station including the electrical cost estimates. The Paul Lake connection was also explained. Estimated project costs, regulatory and permitting process, operating costs, general maintenance, and the effect on downstream water levels was also covered by Mike.

Board member and 429 committee member Mark Plencner presented information on the State Bonding funding and how the funds will be managed in Otter Tail County. State Bond dollars can be applied to the project with eligible expenses starting on July 1, 2015.

Attorney, John Shockley of Ohnstad Twichell, P.C., explained about the Project Hearing today, the LID authorizing the project, and an Assessment Hearing to be held at a later date that will afford an opportunity for property owners to discuss final individual assessments.

The Special Assessment Committee, Mark Plencner, reviewed the Chapter 429 Minnesota Statutes and the establishment methodology to assess the LID parcels. The three tiers of assessment were reviewed along with project costs estimates. The initial assessment number of \$2,500,000 will be used. Assessments cannot exceed this amount but can be lowered when all construction costs etc. and finalized. Annual assessments which could include electricity to run the pumps, insurance, maintenance and maintenance reserve and replacements funds, INS testing and monitoring would be part of the yearly operating budget of the LID.

Questions from the LID residents included: downstream damage to lakes and river, Costs for access and right of way, terms of agreements, and yearly LID budget as it relates to outlet operation. Mike Opat answered all questions and how his team developed the project in relation to these issues. Roger Neitzke addressed the yearly LID budget and how it is established. LID residents were instructed to connect with a LID board member, after the meeting, to obtain their proposed assessment.

Darrel Nordick made a motion to close the Project Public Hearing with a second from Jerry Otteson. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

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

A motion was made by Ardell with a second from Mark to adopt a Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.