

Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes LID

Annual Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2013

Perham Area Community Center

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roger Neitzke, Jeff Volk, Wayne Caughey, Joe Esser, Bryce Anderson, Greg Meyer, Sue Meyhuber, and Les Konley

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mark Plencner

ATTENDING: 98 members

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM. Roger Neitzke appointed Jim Nigg as parliamentarian
- The agenda was approved by Bob Meyhuber and seconded by Darrell Nordick
- Secretary's Report: Sue Meyhuber thanked Les Konley for his work on getting the website setup. Minutes will be posted once they are approved which isn't until the next meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Volk reported we had a 2013 budget of \$100,000 and collected \$55,823.49 tax revenue to date. We have been making payments on the Line of Credit and expenses for 2013 were \$60,302.09. Doug Christoffersen made motion to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Harold Lundgren motioned carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of July 7, 2012 was summarized by Roger and approved after motion by Dave Wenzel and seconded by Jim Nigg, motioned carried.
- Water Quality and Testing Report:
 - Bonita Haider reported that Little McDonald water clarity was not as good as last year. In May, 2013 it was 17' whereas it was 30' in May, 2012. In June, 2013 it was 28' and it was 18' in June, 2012.
 - Rob Hendrickson reported that Paul Lake has resurrected the Lake Association. He also reported the clarity was 25' in May, 2013 and 32' in June, 2013.
 - Kerbs clarity is similar to Little McDonald's
- Water Levels:
 - Dave Wenzel reported that Little McDonald is 38¼' OHW as of today which is 10" lower than 2012. The highest level of the water to date in 2013 was 40¼' OHW. It appears we are losing about ¼" per day due to evaporation.
 - Paul Lake - no data was reported
 - Jeff Volk reported that it appears the lakes are in a decline mode right now. It also appears that Paul Lake runs about 1' higher than Little McDonald.
- Aquatic Invasive Species Report:
 - Roger mentioned there are several programs in place to make people aware of the aquatic invasive species.
 - Signage in place at area lakes
 - Radio spots
 - Boat inspectors
 - Teaching in schools
- Ditch 25 Appeal Status:
 - Lakes were tested the last couple of weeks and currently there is no report of veligers. One test is not enough so we will be testing again in August.
 - Roger asked members to make sure they inspect their lifts and docks as they pull them out this Fall.
 - There was a hearing on March 25th for the appeal and the Judge took all information from both attorneys' into consideration and the official notification was posted on June 24th which indicated we have permission to use Ditch 25.
 - The Judge did direct the County Commissioners to go back and explain how they arrived at the 'tap in fee' to access Ditch 25.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of New Board Members: No nominations on floor. Bob Meyhuber moved to pass unanimously for all listed on the ballot to include absentee ballots. Seconded by Don Opgrande, motioned carried.
- Speaker on Zebra Mussels:
 - Speaker from DNR cancelled two days ago. This is what Roger knows about zebra mussels.
 - Found in about 12-14 bodies of water to date.
 - Feed on plankton, like rocky bottoms and tend to clean the water.
 - Mature adult can produce 50,000 to 1 million offspring per year.
 - Treatment done on Rose Lake was unsuccessful.
 - Jim Nigg reported on the boat inspector for our lakes
 - Little McDonald Kerbs Lake Association has contracted 400 hours with Claire Willenbring to inspect our lakes.
 - She has been educating people
 - She has been trained by the DNR
 - She spends 2/3 of her time on Little McDonald and 1/3 on Paul Lake. As of July 2, 2013 she has logged 119.5 hours on Little McDonald and 33 hours on Paul Lake.
 - 32 people were trained last year to help with the inspecting.
 - Peter Sorenson from the U of M has indicated they will find a way to control zebra mussels.
- Direction of Water Level Reduction & Proposed 2013-2014 Budget:
 - The Board is proposing a 2014 budget of \$125,000 which \$25,000 would be allocated for Alternative Water Reduction Strategies.
 - The Special Projects will be broken out as follows:
 - Access Monitoring: \$6,000
 - Venting: \$28,500
 - Irrigation Feasibility: 0
 - Alternative Water Reduction Strategies: \$25,000
 - Lake Management Plan Update: \$5,000
 - Invasive Species Emergency Fund: 0
 - The Board did hire a Hydro-Geologist to start evaluating options to move water out of our watershed.
 - After much discussion, Bob Meyhuber moved a motion to accept the 2014 budget as presented. Garry Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - Jim Nigg moved a motion to start a new project "Alternative Water Reduction Strategies". Ron Bethke seconded and motion carried.

Roger Neitzke thanked Bryce Anderson and Greg Meyers for their years of service on the Board.

The By-Laws indicate that the Annual Meeting is to be the first Saturday after July 4th; however, next year the 4th falls on a Friday. Penny Andersen moved a motion to move the meeting next year to July 12, 2014, Carl Andersen seconded and motion carried.

Sue Meyhuber, Secretary