

Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes LID  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2014  
Perham Area Community Center

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Roger Neitzke, Jeff Volk, Joe Esser , Mark Plencner, Ardell Weigandt, Glenn Schreier, Les Konley, Wayne Caughey and Sue Meyhuber

ATTENDING: 223 members

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM.
- Roger thanked the following individuals:
  - Ardell Weigandt for lining up the PACC for this meeting.
  - Jeff Volk and Joe Esser for preparing the presentation.
  - Bob and Sue Meyhuber for putting up all of the LID meeting signs.
  - Angela Willenbring for putting together a letter requesting assistance from the County, State and Federal Government.
- This is official notification to all Members that the next LID meeting will be on July 18, 2014 at 4:00pm at the PACC.
- Secretary's Report: Sue Meyhuber gave a special thanks to Jeff Lohman for all his work in redesigning the new website. The website [www.lmkp-lid.com](http://www.lmkp-lid.com) has a wealth of information and we try to post things as quickly as possible.
- Treasurer's Report: Jeff Volk reported we had a 2014 budget of \$125,000 and collected \$69,260.41 tax revenue to date. Attached is the 2014 budget as of 6/27/14 as well as the proposed 2015 budget. Doug Christoffersen motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Blair Anderson, and motioned carried.



2014-06-27  
Proposed 2015 LMKP

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Minutes of July 6, 2013 were distributed to everyone as they registered. Jeff Volk motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dave Wenzel, and motioned carried.
- Water Quality and Testing Report:
  - Bruce Hoekstra reported Paul Lake had water clarity in May was 24' and 27' in June.
  - Jim McLeod reported Little McDonald Lake had water clarity of 27' in June and maintaining from last year but concerned about runoff due to high water.
  - Rob Hendrickson reported the DNR has looked at the boat access on Paul Lake and will not do anything at this time as they feel it is still functional. With that being said, please use extreme caution when driving in that area.
  - Kerbs clarity is similar to Little McDonald's
  - RMB Labs tested the lakes this past week and results will be posted to the website when received. Since we had a positive reading in 2012, we will need to use a filtration system regardless of which venting route we use.
- Water Levels:
  - Erv Tolkinen reported as of 7/11/14, Paul Lake is at its all-time high at 1360.97'.
  - Dave Wenzel reported as of 7/12/14, Little McDonald is 49½" above OHW which is 5" below all-time high.
  - Dave Wenzel reported he recorded the following rain totals:
    - April - 3"
    - May - 2.2"
    - June - 8¾"
    - July - 5¼"
- Aquatic Invasive Species Report:
  - Roger mentioned the County has \$220,000 for 2014 and will receive \$489,000 for 2015 to use for various AIS projects. They will work closely with Land and Resource in determining how these funds will be allocated.
- Ditch 25 Appeal Decision:

- In 2012 the County granted us permission to use Ditch 25. Shortly thereafter, there was a Court Action which stopped our progress on the venting project.
- The Court Action was challenging two points.
  - For Us To Use Ditch 25
  - The Cost to Use Ditch 25
- Judge ordered the County to determine what the cost would be to use the Ditch.
- Ditch Viewers reviewed all properties within Ditch 25
- We now have been granted the right to use Ditch 25 if we should choose the West Route.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Election of New Board Members: The Chair asks three times for any nominations on floor, hearing none, Doug Christoffersen moved to pass unanimously for all nominees listed on the ballot and seconded by Jeff Volk, motioned carried.
  - Elected members include: Dan Gleason, Roger Neitzke and Bill Putnam
- Venting Route Proposals:
  - Attached is the handout of the 'Proposed Venting Plan' which was distributed and reviewed by Jeff Volk and Joe Esser.



Proposed Venting  
Plan Handout 071220

- The three options that were presented were:
  - West to Ditch 25
  - North Direct into Otter Tail River
  - East Direct into Otter Tail River
- Initial feedback from the Pine Lakes LID is very receptive.
- There will be a Project Hearing Meeting in October/November. If you have a preference on when this meeting should be held, please communicate your wishes (day and time) to a Board Member.
- Comments/Questions/Feedback from Members:
  - Has the Board talked to all Land Owners for all proposed options?
    - No land owners going West have been communicated to because we are not sure which ones to talk to until a route is determined.
    - Land owners going East have been talked to and no known issues at this time.
    - Preliminary discussions with land owners going North have started and have been open to the idea.
  - Is it the Board's recommendation to use the North option?
    - We only started putting the data for the North option together Wednesday of this week. Prior to that we were recommending the West option due to the expense; however, the North option would operate longer and has a lot of positive attributes.
  - Would the operating cost be the same for all options?
    - The cost to operate the North option would cost more than any other option because we are moving more water.
    - The Board would explore the possibility of a syphoning vs pumping system should the Members determine this is the option they would like to pursue.
  - Is the \$500,000 for the filtration system included in the estimated costs in the proposal?
    - Yes
  - What would be the target elevation for the lakes once the venting system is in place?
    - This will be included in the next phase of the engineer's study; however, we would want them to be at least at their OHW level.
  - What is the life expectancy of the pumping system? Also, can we stretch the amortization of the payment to 20 years or is this fixed?
    - Both of these items will be discussed when Members determine what route is desired.
  - How will we move water from Paul Lake to Little McDonald Lake?
    - It will be a combination of a ditch and pipe.
  - Does the Board anticipate any legal issues with the North option vs. West option?
    - At this time, no because we are accessing the River and not Ditch 25.
  - A resident on Rusche Lake commented he will not be given a chance to vote because he is not part of the LID; however, feels his property will be affected by venting project.
  - The Board presented two North options, will we be voting on one of those today?

- No, we are looking for Member feedback at this time.
- With the North option, how much water can we expect to reduce the lake levels in one year?
  - The Board's assumption is we will lower the lakes by approximately 1.50 to 3.00 feet depending upon how many cubic feet of water to discharge.
- A Member on Little McDonald strongly suggested the Board not use the Redetermination of Benefits for Ditch 25 in the assessment formula.
- Brian Hagen from Little McDonald Lake moved motion for the Board to move forward with the North option. Seconded by Loree Gauffin.
  - Further Discussions:
    - Has the Board considered the aquifer from surrounding lakes and how can the water go anywhere because we are land locked.
      - The engineer study will take this into account
    - Comment from Little McDonald Member that he has never liked the West option; however, likes the North option and suggests the Board get permission from land owners sooner rather than later.
    - What would our ongoing annual fees be?
      - Not exactly sure at this time; however the West option would be least expensive followed by the North option and East being the most expensive.
  - Bill Norris called for a vote on the motion on the floor. 222 Members voted in favor with one Member opposing, motion carried.
- Proposed 2014-2015 Budget:
  - The Board is proposing a 2015 budget of \$150,000 which \$120,000 would be allocated for the Special Projects:
    - Access Monitoring: \$5,000
    - Venting: \$110,000
    - Alternative Water Reduction Strategies: 0
    - Lake Management Plan Update: \$5,000
    - Invasive Species Emergency Fund: 0
  - In order to move forward with the venting project we will need to extend our Line of Credit for another year. Bill Putnam moved motion to extend the Line of Credit for another year, seconded by Bob Woods, motion carried.
  - Jerry Otterson moved motion to grant the Board permission to move forward with a special project that is over \$5,000. Bob Meyhuber seconded the motion, motion carried.
  - Joe Esser moved motion to accept the proposed 2015 budget as presented. Bob Woods seconded, motion carried.

Roger Neitzke thanked Wayne Caughey and Jeff Volk for their years of service on the Board. In addition, Marcia Weigandt wanted to publically thank Jeff Volk for all of his expertise and out-of-pocket expense he contributed over the years while serving on the Board.

Sue Meyhuber, Secretary