

Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul Lakes Improvement District

Venting Update September, 2015

Since the annual meeting in July, a lot of progress has been made on our venting project. Much of the progress is not noticeable as it involves details not visible but vital to move the project forward. On July 22 the public appeal process necessary to complete the Environmental Assessment Worksheet ended without any appeals being filed.

A funding split of the ten million bonding dollars between our LID and the Devils Lake-Little Devils LID has been agreed upon which was necessary for the release of bonding funds. Agreements with Ottertail County and the State of Minnesota have been approved which states that we will complete the project. Otter-Tail County Officials have been one hundred percent behind our project and are working with the Minnesota Management and Budget Bureau (State Agency that administers bonding funds) so the approved bonding dollars for our project can be released. An article in the Perham Enterprise recently stated that Otter Tail County would guarantee additional money over the grant amount to see that the project was completed. This helped to answer a question the MN Monetary Board had about any dollar amounts over the allocated grant total. Otter Tail County is not providing our project an extra two million dollars but has assured the State that each LID has the ability to manage any expenses that may occur over the total of the grant. This is the reason for the 429 assessment procedure which is mandated by state statute.

In order to keep the project moving we had to do engineering at the thirty percent level, which is completed. This provided maximum costs to drive the 429 assessment process which will provide property owners a dollar number and will represent the most that can be assessed to property owners. Your dollar numbers will be available at the 429 meeting held on September 26, 2015, 9:00 A.M. at the Perham PAAC. You will be receiving official notice of this meeting shortly.

We will continue to work with landowners on right-of-way easements. This process has been slowed as we do not want to accrue expenses that are not reimbursable until grant dollars are released.

All LMKP Lakes were tested for zebra mussels in July and no zebra mussels were found. Great News! This however does not eliminate the need to filter our venting water. As you remove your docks, lifts and water structures please inspect them for any attached zebra mussels. This is just another way of checking our LID lakes.

The Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes Lake Improvement Board of Directors will post a monthly Venting Project update on the LID web page (lmkp-lid.com) or the Little McDonald-Kerbs Lakes Association web page (mcdonaldkerbs.org) Many LID residents will receive this update as an e-mail if we have your e-mail address. The October update will only be posted on the web sites.

Sincerely,

Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul Lakes Improvement District

Board of Directors