

Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes Improvement District
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2014
PACC

Board Members Present: Roger Neitzke, Jeff Volk, Ardell Wiegandt, Glenn Schreier, Les Konley, Joe Esser, Wayne Caughey and Mark Plencner.

Absent were: Sue Meyhuber

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Roger Neitzke.

Agenda presented and Ardell moved motion to accept as presented, seconded by Les.

Correspondence: Received statement from Focus and Liability Insurance Policy.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approve Minutes from April 8, 2014.
- Treasures Report
 - Jeff passed out summary of expenses and revenues.
 - Check book balance is kept low to pay off credit loan.
 - First half of 2014-15 tax levy due middle of May.
 - Joe motioned to accept Treasures Report as presented and seconded by Les, motion carried.
- Ad hoc committee meeting on operating plan met in Fergus Falls at 3 PM May 6, 2014. LID Board members attending were Ardell, Roger, Joe, Jeff and Mark. All attending contributed these comments on the meeting.
 - Discussion on how the redetermination of benefits affects us.
 - Discussion on how usage affects us.
 - Our cost for venting doesn't factor into the ditch benefits.
 - Hearing on Ditch 25 redetermination of benefits for LMKP-LID area on May 19th in Fergus Falls. Will further explain information sent out to all affected residents.
 - We reviewed current operating plan and discussed changes if route changed.
 - Circumventing Berger and McDonald lakes being considered.
 - Procedure needed to change operating plan is spelled out in plan.
 - County willing to work with us on possible changes.
 - Reviewed other options for venting.
 - Lakes continue to rise.
 - Filtration system for Zebra Mussels would be in all routes.
 - County looking at Ditch 23

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on what to present and how to the membership at the Annual LID Meeting on July 12th
 - Do we present alternate routes?
 - How do we present alternate route to Big McDonald residents?
 - Jeff presented cost estimates of various options. Noting cost went up to \$5,000,000.00 because of Zebra Mussels.
 - Berger Lake with Sand Filter
 - Pumping to Big McDonald
 - Gravity to Otter Tail River
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 - We have to make sure membership is aware of increased cost and why. They approved \$1,800,000.00 last year.
 - Changes to operating plan were discussed, ice out, route, length of operation, volume discharge and water levels.
 - Jeff proposed we present an East and West option.

- Mark made a motion that the west option to Big McDonald be our first choice and East to the Otter Tail River be the second option. Les Konley seconded, motion carried. Joe and Wayne voted against due to downstream lake levels.
 - Joe mentioned we should state possible changes and problems the east option would not have.
- Discussion on redetermination of benefit study sent out by County Auditor.
 - We will post a clarification on the website.
 - Roger will draft a newsletter to review at the May 20th meeting.
- The budget for 2014-15 will need to be available for the annual meeting.
 - We need to bring in an attorney from the Ohnstad and Twichell Law firm to guide us through the legal avenues. Jeff will follow up.
 - Discussion on how to word the project cost in newsletter and website. Roger will draft.
 - Jeff will bring a draft of budget to the May 20th meeting

OTHER

- Wayne recommended we get a letter of approval from the Big McDonald association.
- Board Members Terms Up:
 - Jeff has served 2 terms and can't run this year.
 - Roger agreed to run again.
 - Wayne stated he will not run for another term.
 - We need one candidate from Little McDonald and one from Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Next Meeting: May 20, 2014 @ 6:00 at the PAAC

Glenn Schreier, Secretary