

Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes Improvement District
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2014
PACC

Board Members Present: Roger Neitzke, Ardell Wiegandt, Bill Putnam, Mark Plencner, Joe Esser, Dan Gleason, Glenn Schreier, Les Konley and Sue Meyhuber.

Guests Present: Jeff Volk, Little McDonald; Joan Covington, Little McDonald and Mike Opat from Moore Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Roger Neitzke.

Agenda presented and Ardell moved motion to accept with addition, seconded by Joe.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approve Minutes from June 27, 2014: Ardell motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Les.
- Review Annual Meeting Minutes
 - Noted Bill Putnam's last name misspelled.
- Other:
 - Meeting with Governor Dayton
 - Roger, Joe, Dan and Angela Willenbring went to Fergus Falls on Monday, July 14th to meet with Governor Dayton.
 - Roger provided the Governor with an update on the situation our lakes are in and the millions of dollars already spent by residents to protect their property due to the high water. The Governor was very receptive and indicated he would have the Commissioner of Tax Revenue contact Roger. On Tuesday, Roger received a call from Joe Hagen, Director of Property Tax in State of MN; however, Roger had other commitments so Joe called back on Wednesday. Roger provided Joe with an update on our current situation. Roger also called the Governor and thanked both him and Joe for coming and giving him a chance to visit with them. The Governor promised Roger that he will hear back from Joe and if he doesn't Roger is to call the Governor back.
 - Angela Willenbring received an email from the Governor's aide requesting some additional information. Angela then emailed all Little McDonald-Kerbs Beach Captains and Rob Hendrickson, President of Paul Lake Association requesting their assistance in gathering this information. Below is what is requested:
 - Money already invested to save the shoreline.
 - Money invested or loss sustained regarding your home/cabin/property.
 - Money that should be spent in the future to return property to its pre-flood condition.

NEW BUSINESS

- Election of Officers
 - President: Ardell motioned to name Roger Neitzke as President, seconded by Joe, motioned carried.
 - Vice President: Mark motioned to name Joe Esser as Vice President, seconded by Sue, motioned carried.
 - Treasurer: Roger motioned to name Bill Putnam as Treasurer, seconded by Ardell, motioned carried.
 - Secretary: Roger motioned to name Sue Meyhuber as Secretary, seconded by Mark, motioned carried.

Comments: Our By-Laws indicate we should be auditing our books. With this being said, it was suggested we request a local accountant attend our next meeting and determine the level of audit needed.

- Joe motioned to have our books audited as outlined in the By-Laws, seconded by Mark.

- Determined we will bring in someone from Brad Helmeke's firm.
- Budget Letter to County
 - The approved 2014-2015 budget was sent to Otter Tail County. Received acknowledgement from Wayne Stein that he received the budget.
- Meeting with Pine Lakes LID
 - Their LID Board meets the third Wednesday of the month.
 - Roger, Ardell, Joe, Dan, Bill and Jeff met with them on July 16th and outlined our proposed plan and at that meeting there were no major objectives.
 - Joe asked them the question of what level of bounce they would feel comfortable with. They have no clear thoughts on this because the river flows through there and it comes up and goes down so they really do not know what their OHW level is. They typically use a rock located by the Shaskee Bridge to measure their water level.
 - They did have three questions/comments for us:
 - Would like more information about the filtering system.
 - Would like to know the volume of water that would come in and go out and how it compares to today.
 - What affect will this have on the ice during the winter?
 - They want to work with us and referred to us as their neighbors.
- Bank Signatures / Line of Credit Extension:
 - Roger and Joe will go to the bank and sign documents.
 - Bank will need a copy of the Annual LID Meeting Minutes showing that our Members approved the annual budget and line of credit of \$150,000.
 - Bill will need to sign the signature card so he can write checks.
- Land Acquisition:
 - Suggested we use a local attorney when handling all land acquisitions.
 - Board felt that using Dennis Happel's law firm would be a conflict of interest since we are looking to acquire some of his land.
 - Joe motioned to use Terry Karkela Law Firm for all land acquisitions, seconded by Les, motioned carried.
- North Route Study:
 - The Board received two proposals to complete a Feasibility Study for using the North Route.
 - Reviewed both Houston Engineering and Moore Engineering's proposals. After much discussion, Bill motioned we hire Moore Engineering to conduct the feasibility study, seconded by Dan. It was the conscience of the Board to move forward with Moore Engineering for the following reasons:
 - They listened to our requests and incorporated all of them into the proposal.
 - They specialize in water management, especially in Minnesota.
 - Their knowledge and expertise dealing with high water situations.
 - Their knowledge and process of assessment formulas and their willingness to assist with this process.
 - They team up with Barr Engineering who specialize in geology and hydro-geology. Barr also has years of expertise dealing with MN DNR.
 - The Board determined that since Jeff is no longer on the Board it will not be a conflict of interest by using Moore Engineering.
 - Mike Opat will email the Feasibility Study to all Board Members by August 15th.
- RMB Lab Results:
 - Testing on all lakes (Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul, Rusche, Berger, McDonald and Big McDonald) came back negative, indicating no veligers were present.
 - The report did confirm that they found broken zebra mussel shells in Rusche Lake. Roger will get more information from DNR and RMB Labs.
 - Roger will forward the test results so they can be posted to the website.
- North Route and Easements:
 - Roger and Joe will start working on this.
- CFS Discharge Study to Pine Lakes:
 - Will be included in Feasibility Study
- Next Steps / Connecting Paul Lake to Little McDonald Lake:
 - Complete Feasibility Study to provide answers to Pine Lakes

- Confirm North Route
- Tentative agreements for land acquisitions
- Determine how we will connect Paul Lake to Little McDonald
 - Preliminary discussion to go directly from Paul to Little McDonald with a pipe and bypass Rusche Lake.
- Understand permitting process - Moore Engineering was tasked to educate the LID Board on this.
- Committee Assignments:
 - Aquatic Invasive Species: Roger Neitzke
 - By-Laws: Mark Plencner, Glenn Schreier, Dan Gleason
 - Lakes Management Plan: Ardell Wiegandt, Glenn Schreier, Jim McLeod and Rob Hendrickson
 - Lakes Venting / Water Reduction: All Board Members
 - OTC Collation of Lake Reps: Roger Neitzke, Ardell Wiegandt, Jim McLeod, President of Little McDonald Lake Association and Rob Hendrickson, President of Paul Lake Association.
 - Spraying of Tent Caterpillars: Ardell Wiegandt
 - Water Quality & Elevation Testing: Les Konley
 - Website: Sue Meyhuber
- Meeting Dates for 2014-2015
 - At this time only two meetings were scheduled. Both meetings will be at 4:00 at the PACC
 - August 22, 2014
 - September 19, 2014
- Other
 - Glenn indicated that after the Paul Lake Association Meeting, the Board Members and Beach Captains received an email from an individual inquiring how they can be removed from the LID. This is a Paul Lake issue and it's up to their Paul Lake Board to handle this. Glenn will respond back to the individual.

Next Meeting: August 22, 2014 at 4:00 at the PAAC

Adjourn meeting at 6:30 PM

Sue Meyhuber, Secretary