

Little McDonald Kerbs Paul Lake Improvement District Meeting
August 1, 2018 (not approved)

Perham Area Community Center

Agenda:

1. Introductions, Board Members and Guests—Board members present were Jim Nigg, Mark Plencner, Bill Putnam, Glenn Schreier, Ardell Weigandt, Dan Gleason, Al Bierdeman, Blair Anderson and Denny Davidson. Guests included Mike Opat of Moore Engineering, Ron Bethke of Little McDonald Lake (LM), Linda Nigg (LM), Gary Griffen (LM), Roger Neitzke (LM), Darrell Nordick (LM), Al Dammann (LM), Geo. Kupferschmid of Paul Lake (P) and Angela Willenbring of Kerbs Lake (K). Attending electronically were Pat Downs of Moore Engineering and John Shockley of Ohnsted-Twichell law firm.
2. LMKP 2018-2019 Board Executive Positions: Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary—Mark Plencner was nominated for Vice-Chair. He accepted. Jim Nigg, Bill Putnam and Glenn Schreier each volunteered for another year. The board approved all of the candidates.
3. Ben Underhill—East Otter Tail Water Planner and Watershed Coordinator. Grants are going to be available to be applied toward shoreline improvement. The EOTSWDC (East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District) will be the grant administrator. They will work with individual landowners to plan and execute the project. Shoreline restorations are the main focus of the grants. These projects will involve planting native vegetation immediately adjacent to the lakeshore. Jim Nigg commented that LM has been active in the programs with rain gardens, etc. Native plants are preferred. Blair Anderson questioned as to who makes the application. EOT County will submit the application. The project is 75% reimbursable to the landowner. Tree removal has not been approved. Motion to start the project was made by Al B. Seconded by Blair A. Motion carried. The LID board will be responsible for sending info to its members.

Old Business:

1. Approve Minutes of July 3, 2018 LID Meeting—Ardell W. made motion to approve. Blair A. seconded. Motion carried.
2. General Operations Audit—Bill P. will follow up the review. Brad Helmeke, CPA will be contacted to do the audit.
3. Paul Lake, Zarling property channel— The channel has opened again. An area resident brought this to the LID's attention. A letter was sent to the resident stating this is a DNR, property owner issue.
4. Aquatic Invasive Species Testing-RMB Lab conducted this on July 27, 2018. The results will be coming shortly. Cost was \$1106.00. Bill P. asked about testing frequency after the pumps start operating. This will be determined later.

New Business:

1. Working Group Reports:

- a. Kerbs Lake Channel—Angela Willenbring (K) brought a map showing the potential project. A survey of Kerbs Lake property owners indicates that most parcel owners favor a permanent channel. Jim Nigg formulated a letter to be sent to Julie Aadland, DNR Area Hydrologist, asking her to investigate this possibility. The Kerbs Lake channel committee and our LID board supports this project. Blair A. made motion to support this project and to send this letter to Julie Aadland. Ardell W. seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Construction Working Group—N/A
 - c. Thorpe, resident claim—Blair A. mentioned that a report will be available shortly.
 - d. LMKP-DLD Joint Committee—They met on Aug. 25. A maintenance firm (to be determined) will be available to check on the pumps. There is money set aside for this.
 - e. 429 Working group—Mark Plencner. There is money set aside for any costs that will be incurred. Plans are being considered for an up-to-date property list to be set up. The working group will be conducting visual inspections of approximately 10 properties in the near future. Al B. made motion to proceed with the project of setting up new property lists. Dan G. seconded. Motion carried. John Shockley said that letters should be sent to all property owners during the last half of August. This letter will give a meeting date for all property owners. At this meeting the 429 process will be explained and discussed.
2. Project Coordinator's Report—Pat Downs. Pipe connections are complete. A lock box is projected to be used for the pump house. It will work on a combination. Jim N. questioned the durability of it. Bill P. made motion to change it to a key-pad on the door. Blair A. seconded. Motion carried. Pat passed out a spreadsheet showing all expenses through July 30, 2018. There is \$639,621.90 in state bond money remaining. Total project costs are expected to be \$1,372,617.13. Leaving an actual balance of \$732,995.23.
 3. Project Engineer's Report—Mike Opat. Boring is complete under the railroad track and Hwy. 10. Sellin Bros. has a pay request for \$16,061.79. Geislinger & Sons is completing the pump station. The pumps should be started by mid-August. Geislinger's pay request is \$78,527.00. There is going to be a change order on the fences and gate surrounding the pump house. It will be a gate with a connection to barbed-wire fencing. There will be security lights around the pump house. Kevin Fellbaum of OTC and Mike O. met to decide where to place lake level gauges on the various lakes downstream. They also have to decide what types of gauges to use. These gauges will have to be on public property. Costs for these gauges will be shared between the 2 LIDs.
 4. Treasurer's Report—Bill Putnam. Bills being submitted to OTC this month total \$758,513.80. These are for engineering, construction and legal fees. Al B. made motion to approve this list of payments. Blair A. seconded. Motion carried. Bill gave out a sheet of monthly expenses through 2018. July had an expense of \$20.00. Blair A. made motion to approve the monthly expense. Mark P. seconded. Motion carried. There is currently \$102,490.73 in the checking account. Ardell W. made motion to allow Bill to make payment of the short-term financing. Dan G. seconded. Motion carried. Bills of

\$175.00 and \$62.50 just arrived. Blair A. made motion to pay them. Ardell W. seconded. Motion carried.

5. Other—There will be a public meeting on Aug. 1, 2018 at the PACC. This regards reconstruction of Co. Hwy. 34 and phase 1 of the Perham to Pelican rapids Regional Trail. On Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 there will be an all-day U of MN aquatic invasive lab. Good opportunity to learn about AIS research. Little Mac lake level: July 31, 30.5 inches above OHW. Paul Lake level: July 28, 29.2 inches above OHW.
6. Next Meeting—Wednesday Sept. 5, 2018, 3:00PM at PACC. The following meeting will be on Oct. 3, 2018, 3:00PM at PACC.
7. Ardell W. made motion to adjourn at 4:23. Al B. seconded. Motion carried.