

Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes Improvement District
Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2015
PACC

Board Members Present: Roger Neitzke, Joe Esser, Bill Putnam, Dan Gleason and Sue Meyhuber

Absent Members: Ardell Wiegandt, Glenn Schreier, Les Konley and Mark Plencner

Guests Present: Mike Opat from Moore Engineering, Bob Meyhuber from Little McDonald Lake.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Roger Neitzke.

Agenda presented and Joe added to New Business - Pine Lakes LID Meeting. Joe made motion to accept amended agenda, seconded by Bill.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approve Minutes from January 16, 2015: Joe motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Bill.
- Correspondence:
 - Received email from Angela Willenbring with will be discussed under New Business - Funding Committee.
 - Received several bills which will be discussed under New Business - Treasurers report.
- Informational Meeting Report:
 - Minutes were taken and will be distributed once handouts are available in electronic format.
 - Both Roger and Joe have visited with Glenn Anderson about his concerns; however, Roger will visit with him again.
 - There were a lot of comments from the Devils Lake members as they were not aware of what was going on.
 - The amount of people that have volunteered is extraordinary.
- EAW Status Update:
 - OTC (Otter Tail County) will be the sponsor.
 - OTC authorized the EAW to be submitted.
 - At this time there are no major issues. Mike has addressed Bill Kalar's comments and will be meeting with Bill on Tuesday.
 - A final copy of the EAW will be forwarded to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) after Tuesday's meeting.
 - OTC Board has authorized Bill Kalar to submit to EQB.
 - EQB will post in register which launches a 30-day comment period. Timeframe will be roughly the end of March.
- Filtration System Status:
 - Mike has not received any word back from DNR on whether or not proposed filtration system will be acceptable.
 - When Mike hears from DNR, he will let Roger know and we will hold a special Board meeting to discuss feedback.
 - We will need to address what happens when Kerbs Lake drops to OHW and isthmus is not accessible?
 - We will need to analysis and understand OHW levels and when the accessibility is open or not.
 - There was discussion on the possibility of keeping the channel open between Little McDonald and Kerbs lakes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Treasurers Report:
 - Bill mentioned he received one bill in January for \$71.70.
 - Bill will need to advance on the Line of Credit to pay the following bills that have come in for in February:
 - Ohnstad Twichell - \$1,698.24
 - Moore Engineering - \$34,573.96, \$7,328.00 and \$5,536.25

- Focus - \$34.75
 - Joe moved motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Dan.
- Funding Committee Report:
 - Reviewed Angela's email:
 - Sent the talking points and pictures to OTC Commissioner Wayne Johnson on Thursday, 2/12.
 - We will get a copy of the statistics from the OTC Assessor's office.
 - Received good response from the Informational Meeting.
 - Downstream lakes are concerned about extra water that may be coming their way.
 - We need to get out and have meetings to calm the concerns.
 - Bob suggested we get historical data from when Cormorant Lake got an outlet and drained into Pelican Lake as well as Turtle Lakes stats. Pelican Lake was concerned they would be inundated with water and believe it only raised 2".
 - We have already done a downstream lake analysis of the water levels at the weirs on the Pine Lakes and Rush Lake.
 - We will have an operating plan and we will not be able to flow and cause hardship downstream.
 - We will want to get input from downstream lakes and address their concerns.
 - We need to be proactive!
 - We will be meeting with the Pine Lakes LID on February 25th and address their concerns.
 - We will schedule a meeting with the Rush Lake Association.
 - We will have a Public Meeting for the downstream lakes and LMKP membership in mid-late March. This will provide us an opportunity to address concerns. We will have this meeting within the 30-day EAW comment period.
- Assessment (429) Sub-Committee Update:
 - The sub-committee is meeting with the attorney to work on the 429 process and procedures.
 - There will be two public hearings:
 - Project hearing
 - Assessment hearing
 - Joe made a motion to have accept Task Order 4 for \$14,400 which authorizes Moore Engineering to assist with the Assessment Benefit Analysis, seconded by Bill.
 - The 429 Assessment process is in review. The real focus needs to be for the entire LMKP LID membership to submit letters and attend the hearings to secure State funding.
- Minnesota Fisherman Website:
 - We need to keep a close pulse on this fisherman's blog site.
 - www.fishingminnesota.com
- Other:
 - Pine Lakes LID
 - Roger and Joe will be meeting with the Pine Lakes LID on February 25th to address any concerns they have.
 - Rush Lake Association
 - We need to schedule a meeting with them to address any concerns.
- PROPOSED Future LID Board Meetings:
 - April 10th at 3:30
 - May 8th at 3:30

Next Meeting: March 20, 2015 at 3:30 at the PACC

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Sue Meyhuber, Secretary