

Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes LID

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2013

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Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Roger Neitzke. Present members were: Roger Neitzke, Jeff Volk, Joe Esser, Wayne Caughey, Mark Plencner, Bryce Anderson, Greg Meyer, and Sue Meyhuber. Absent were: Les Konley. Other attendees included: Ardell Weigandt, Little McDonald.

It was noted the meeting location was changed due to the Golf Course being closed. Noticed was posted on the door of the Golf Course.

Agenda

- Roger added three items to the agenda under New Business (Newsletter, Lake Levels and Testing Veligers).
- Wayne motioned to approve the revised agenda and Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- A few bills and the RFP from Houston Engineering were submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

- Approve November 13, 2012 meeting minutes
 - A few minor corrections were noted. The minutes will be corrected.
 - Joe motioned to accept the minutes as corrected and seconded by Jeff.
- Treasurers Report
 - Jeff presented the checking account ledger as well as the financial statement summary.
 - Total income for 2012 was \$149,381.50.
 - Total expense for 2012 was \$107,274.51.
 - Joe motioned and seconded by Jeff to approve the report. Motion carried.
- Ditch 25 Appeal
 - The next step in the appeal is the oral arguments. This hearing is scheduled for March 25, 2013 at 11:00 in the Fergus Falls Court House.
 - There are two separate issues that are being challenged.
- Lake Management Plan
 - Need to review at a later date.
 - Need to research if there are grants available we could use for updating this plan.
- George Fresonke Land Acquisition Update
 - No new update
- Houston Engineering RFP
 - Received an RFP from HEI (Houston Engineering Inc.) to evaluate a possible method to reduce the high water levels on the lakes via an irrigation system.
 - HEI will partner with Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc (LGB), underground specialists, to perform this evaluation.
 - It was determined this would be considered a new project and not part of the current venting project.
 - The RFP submitted by HEI & LGB was for \$4,468 and the proposed work could be completed within 30 days.
 - The outcome of HEI & LGB work effort would provide the LID Board with an understanding if lowering the lake levels via an irrigation system is worth pursuing.
 - Should we determine this is the route we want to take, we are required by the LIDS Stature to complete this process as well as an engineer cost estimate to build the system. If we do not follow these procedures we will be not be allowed to borrow/levy any funds for the project.
 - Joe moved a motion to accept the proposal from HEI & LGB for this study, it was seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

Discussion:

- Wayne indicated the estimate cost to install an irrigation system on Paul Lake would be approximately \$247,000.
- After much decision, it was noted that if we determined to move forward with this project, we will need to get LID Membership approval due to the total expense being greater than \$5,000. Given this, the LID Board agreed we should be presenting scientific facts rather than just moving forward without any backup for feasibility.

NEW BUSINESS

- Financial Summary
 - Covered under Old Business
- Plan for the Future
 - Follow-up with HEI & LGB study
 - Need to start preparing for the Annual LID Meeting
 - Should have the all the lakes (Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul, Rusche, Berger, McDonald & Big McDonald) tested prior to the meeting
 - Should bring in an expert to address Zebra Mussels
- Website Access
 - Proposed the only individuals who should have access to post documentation to the site would be the President, Secretary and the Web Master
 - Noted that we should try and keep the site as current as possible.
 - Motion moved that the following individuals to post to the site will be the President, Secretary and Web Master. Motion carried.
- Other
 - Newsletter
 - Roger will be sending out a newsletter by the end of January.
 - Lake Levels
 - Lake level charts were distributed and reviewed. These charts were created by Jeff and his firm using DNR surveys. They charted both lake elevation and relative to OHW.
 - It was noted the DNR information on their website may not be accurate for Paul Lake so Jeff used corrected numbers. He also brought this to the DNR's attention.
 - Testing Veligers
 - Next Spring we will want to have RMB Labs conduct another test of our lakes as well as test the downstream lakes (Berger, McDonald and Big McDonald).
 - AIS Meeting is Walker on January 25-26 if anyone is interested in attending.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2013 at 6:00 at the PAAC

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mark and seconded by Joe at 7:30

Sue Meyhuber, Secretary