

Little McDonald, Kerbs, Paul Lake Improvement District
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes (approved)

Wednesday, November 13, 3:00 P.M., Perham Area Community Center

Agenda item:

1. Introductions: Board Members attending: Jim Nigg, Boone Caughey, Steve Nelson, Denny Davidson, Dan Gleason. Attending electronically, Bill Putnam. Absent, Steve Kulik, Mark Plencner, Blair Anderson. Consultants attending electronically, John Shockley, Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm, Chad Engels and Pat Downs from Moore Engineering.

Guests attending: Doc. Kupferschmid, Glen Schreier, Paul Lake. Angela Willingbring, Kerbs Lake. Dennis Anderson, Little McDonald Lake.

There were no comments from the guests.

Old Business:

2. Approve minutes of the October 2 and recessed minutes of the September 11, 2019 minutes. A motion was made to approve these minutes was made by Boone C. with a second by Denny D. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Steve Johnston wells to be capped. Jim N. reported that two area well drillers were contacted about capping the Johnston property wells and had not received any return information. Contacts will continue. Steve Johnston had sent a picture of an eagle's platform nest that he plans to install on his property with an option to install another at a different location on Little Mac. This information was passed on to the Little McDonald/Kerbs Lake Association.

New Business:

4. Project Engineer's Report, Chad Engels. Chad provided an update on the Otter Tail County Board of Adjustment hearing to be held on Thursday, November 14 concerning the Purchase Agreement with the Raby family and the LMKP-LID. This agreement, if approved, would provide the LMKP-LID with 250 feet of shoreline, next to the channel area going from Little Mac to Kerbs Lake. A condition exists that this agreement would be dependent upon future State Funding of a Kerbs Outlet/Channel. If a variance is approved then additional permits etc. with the DNR and other agencies would continue.
5. Project Coordinator's Report, Pat Downs. Pat stated that he would be attending the Variance Hearing. He stated that things were on hold until after the hearing on Thursday. Lake water gauges have been removed from area lakes and will be stored at the pump house. The Project Outlet to the Otter Tail River was inspected by Mike of Houston Engineering along with Ben from Moore Engineering and Jim N. and Denny D. from the LID Board of Directors on Monday, November 11, 2019. The rip-rap appeared to be in good condition and a few nuts were loose on the outlet lid, that swings shut when water is not being pumped. Crow River Contractors will be contacted to upgrade the system bolts with a lock type nut and make necessary adjustments. This is a minor repair. Pat also reviewed a bill received from Otter Tail County Highway Department for pre-construction work to our Outlet Project. This bill for about nine thousand dollars will need further review with additional support from the County. A like bill was sent to the Devils Lake LID.

6. Treasurer's Report, Bill P. A year to date review was provided by Bill of LID expenses. The check book balance stands at \$87,911.40 and Outlet Operation Reserve at \$248,518.39. A check is on the way for the valve replacement that was needed on pump number 1, for \$3,125.00. This part was covered under warranty. Maintenance person Mike K. did a good work in working with parts representatives to secure this refund.

Bill presented regular monthly bills to be paid: N/S Servies \$800.00, Precision Locating \$166.00, Arvig, \$41.82, Outlet intake cleaning, \$350.00 (diving operation when pumps were off) Forum Communications, (bill had not arrived yet), Photo Magic, \$107.98. LREC, \$259.82. A motion was made by Dan G. with a second from Denny D. to pay these bills. Motion passed 6-0. A Moore Engineering bill for Task Order #11 was discussed. The amount of \$6,046.10 was approved for payment with a motion made by Boone C., second from Denny D., motion carried 6-0.
7. Committee Working Groups:
 - a. Chapter 429, John S. All proper notifications have been sent to LMKP-LID residents regarding their 429 Assessment. Adjustments have been made for some residents with notifications sent. After November 15 the list will be provide to the Otter Tail County Auditor for billing in 2020. John also talked to an attorney for John Saetre regarding the 5/8 of an acre replacement location and potential sale of additional acreage, as Mr Saetre thought was part of the original Purchase Agreement. John will continue discussons.
 - b. Outlet Operations: Denny D. reported that he is communicating with the DNR about warning signs to be placed along open water on LMKP-LID Lakes this winter. DNR has been slow to respond and Denny will continue to try and get a decision if signs will be available. Jim N. had a conversation with Maintenance Person Mike K. and Mike will be making an annual review of the pumps and filters with necessary repairs and adjustments the week of Thanksgiving. The Board discussed the sand build-up in outlet pipes on Paul and Rusche. Mike will blow those out on Saturday, November 16. It appears that it will be a few weeks before lake levels recede on downstream lakes so pumping can begin again. We will be able to pump through the winter if downstream conditions allow.
 - c. Kerbs Outlet/Channel, Angela Willingbring. Angela stated that progress is on hold until after the Variance Hearing on Nov. 14.
8. Lake Water Levels. Present level of Paul Lake is +12 inches above OHW and Little Mac is at +12.25 inches above OHW. It was noted that without the previous lowering of lake levels and the wet fall we have had we would be back in the +30 inches above OHW.
9. Next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 3:00 P.M. at the Perham PAAC.
10. A motion to adjourn was made by Boone C. with a second by Steve N., motion passed 6-0, meeting adjourned at 3:53 P.M.