

Official Notice of Annual Meeting
Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes Lake Improvement District
9 AM Saturday July 8, 2023
Perham High School, Perham, Minnesota

LMKPLID Members:

Enclosed in this mailing is the information relevant to the 2023 Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes Lake Improvement District (LMKPLID) annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled for **9 AM July 8, 2023**, at the ***Perham High School Studio Room***. The Perham High School address is ***800 Coney Street West Perham, Minnesota***.

The LMKPLID Board of Directors looks forward to seeing you in attendance at this year's meeting.

David Dunning
LMKPLID Board Chairman

**Little McDonald, Kerbs and Paul Lakes Lake Improvement District
Annual Meeting Saturday, July 8, 2023 - 9AM CDT
Perham High School, Perham, Minnesota**

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order/Introduction of Board Members & Special Guests
2. Approval of Agenda/Appointment of Parliamentarian
3. Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. Operations Review
5. Treasurer's Report
6. 2024 Budget and Assessment Review/Approval
7. 2023 Director Election
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

**Minutes of Little McDonald, Kerbs, and Paul Lakes Improvement District
Annual Meeting - Saturday, July 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Perham High School Studio Room
800 Coney Street West
Perham, Minnesota 56573**

Agenda:

Old Business

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. CDT by Board Chair Dunning. Introductions, Board Members present: David Dunning, Blair Anderson, Boone Caughey, Joe Esser, Steve Kulick, Mark Plencner, Steve Nelson, Tim Bertschi and Angela Willenbring.
Guest(s): John Shockley, Ohnstad Twichell Law Firm
2. The meeting agenda and meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Blair Anderson and a second from Roger Neitzke. Motion carried. The agenda is attached.
3. The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were approved, which included correcting the minutes to reflect that the bottom of the navigation channel does not have rip-rap, with a motion made by Brenda Heidman and seconded by David Wenzel. Motion carried. The amended minutes are attached.

New Business

4. An overview of the navigation channel construction was provided. The Board indicated that the total cost for the construction was \$53,687 and the LMKP LID had collected a total of \$60,800 in donations for the Outlet Project and the remaining amount would be used for long term maintenance of the Outlet. The lower cost of the channel was due to a donation of land by the Myers family and the Schemp family granting a temporary easement, which made it more cost effective to remove/dispose of the soil from the channel and allowed for better access. Chair Dunning noted that people have been boating/jet skiing too fast through the channel and people need to slow down when using the outlet.
5. A review of the 2021 operations of the Outlet Project was presented and it was noted that the lake is at or close to ordinary high water and the pumps are not running as much. The LMKP LID is shifting its focus to maintaining the pumps and system, and updating the operating plan to reflect the need to run the pumps for periods of time in order to verify operational capacity and for maintenance reasons.
6. Treasurer Esser presented the Treasurer's report and noted that the LMKP LID did not spend as much as it had budgeted for electrical use by the pumps because of last year's dry weather. The Assessment for 2021 was \$85,000 and the LMKP LID had taken \$15,000 from the general fund reserve as part of the 2021 Budget. The Assessment for 2023 will be \$70,000. The Board is proposing a budget of \$90,000 for 2023, with a reduction of \$20,000 from the general fund reserve as the costs for the project have been less than expected and the board is trying to be good stewards of the funds and felt that a reduction in the amount of the general fund reserve was justified. A report was given as to the status of the 429 account, which is being used to pay the debt service on the bonds issued for the pumping project.

7. Treasurer Esser presented the 2022-2023 General Operating Budget. \$230,000 will be held in reserve and will have the following dedicated portions of that reserve: \$5,000 will be used for spare parts, \$16,000 for common leg pipe repairs, \$75,000 for pump house repairs, and \$20,000 for Invasive Species treatment. A motion was made to approve this budget and allow the Board of Directors to use dedicated reserve funds for spare parts, common leg pipe repairs, pump house repairs, or AIS treatment in excess of \$5,000. This motion was made by Ardell Wiegandt and seconded by Roger Neitzke. This motion carried.
8. There were no competitive elections this year. The three candidates for the open Board of Director positions were Steve Kulik, Steve Nelson, and Mark Winjum. A motion to elect the three by unanimous ballot was made by Roger Neitzke and seconded by Angela Willenbring. Motion carried unanimously.
9. There was no other new business.
10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Roger Neitzke, and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. CDT.

The LMKP-LID Board of Directors held a meeting following the annual meeting to establish the Board of Directors executive committee. The meeting opened at 9:47 a.m. A motion was made by Angela Willenbring to have Dave Dunning be the Chairperson, seconded by Joe Esser. Motion carried unanimously. A motion from Steve Kulik was made to have Blair Anderson be the Vice Chair, seconded by Joe Esser. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made to have Joe Esser be the treasurer, seconded by Kulik. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 9:54 a.m.

Kerbs Channel Account -2022
LMKPLID Annual Meeting
July 8, 2023

Balance 3-31-22	\$ 7,123.47
Disbursements	\$ (750.00)
Interest Earned	\$ 2.56
Balance -12-31-2022	<u><u>\$ 6,376.03</u></u>

Summary:

- The funds for this project were placed in a separate bank account and are not co-mingled with other LMKPLID Funds.
- The remaining funds will be use for the future maintenance of the channel

Little McDonald Kerbs & Paul Lake Improvement District		
	Approved 2023	Proposed 2024
Income/Expenses		
INCOME		
LID Assessments from County	\$70,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Existing LID Funds	\$20,000.00	\$ 50,470.00
Total Income	\$90,000.00	\$90,470.00
OPERATING EXPENSES		
LID General Operating Expenses		
Member Mailings	\$400.00	\$ 800.00
Meetings Expense (facility & publishing)	\$1,061.00	\$ 400.00
PO Box	\$70.00	\$ 70.00
Office Expense/Web Site Management	\$400.00	\$ 400.00
Postage/ Misc	\$40.00	\$ 100.00
COLA (water testing)	\$1,300.00	\$ 1,600.00
Board of Directors Directors & Officer Liability Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Environment (spraying insects)	\$4,800.00	\$ 5,000.00
Legal Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Engineering Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
LID General Operating Expenses - Total	\$19,071.00	\$ 11,870.00
LID General Operating Special Projects		
Audit/Audit review	\$6,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
MN DNR Permits/MNDOT		\$ 500.00
LID Special Projects Expenses - Total	\$6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
LID General & Special Operating Expenses - Total	\$25,071.00	\$ 19,870.00
Outlet Expenses & Operations		
Electricity (Pumping) / Heat	\$30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Phone Line Arvig	\$640.00	\$ 600.00
Maintenance & Pumping Observations	\$15,339.00	\$ 20,000.00
Property Maintenance (snow removal mowing)	\$1,200.00	\$ 1,000.00
RMB Labs Testing	\$4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Liability Insurance - Pipeline/Pumphouse Common Leg	\$9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Locating Services	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Otter Tail County	\$2,750.00	\$ 1,500.00
Outlet Operational Expenses - Total	\$64,929.00	\$ 70,600.00
Total General, Special Project & Outlet Operational Expenses	\$90,000.00	\$ 90,470.00
General Operating Fund Reduction	(\$20,000.00)	\$(50,470.00)
Annual Assessment	\$70,000.00	\$40,000.00

LMKPLID- 2023 Board of Directors Board Member Nominations

Ken Farnham - Raised in Fargo, attended MSUM graduating with a B.S in Accounting, minors in Computer Science and Business Management. I have spent the majority of my career in the accounting and technology fields, most recently on the administration side of technology with High Point Networks, Inc. at their headquarters in West Fargo. I also own two businesses and have quite a bit of business experience.

My board experience includes various positions with Quadra Four Seasons Resort National Ski Patrol, Christian Adoption Services, as well as Bethel E Free and Faith United Methodist churches.

Joe Esser – Life-long resident of Perham and Paul Lake area. Owner of Esser Heating and Plumbing, served on numerous community boards and organization.

Currently serving his third term on the LMKPLID board, Board Treasurer and member of the Outlet Committee.

Election Note – There are no competitive elections this year. As a result, the LMKPLID Chairman will be calling for a motion from the membership to accept the slate of candidates as presented.

STEWARDING OUR LEGACY

EACH OF US CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

LITTLE Mc DONALD, KERBS, And PAUL LAKE

Most all of us are concerned about maintaining the clarity and purity of our lakes for future generations. Collaboratively, we can work together to guarantee our children and grandchildren will also be able to enjoy our pristine waters—free of pollutants and algae growth.

Years ago, when there were relatively few residents on the lake, what any homeowner did seemed to make minimal impact on lake water quality. Now, there are hundreds of residents, and the cumulative impact each of us makes is substantial.

It's important for us to realize that whatever we do on land impacts water quality. The most sensitive strata surrounding a lake is the 25'-50' belt contiguous to the shoreline. Think of that beltline as a giant percolator. Most chemicals and contaminants reaching that beltline eventually find their way into the water. We have minimal agriculture run-off into our lakes. And we have no rivers flowing through and depositing pollutants. Thus, we (collectively) are the cause of most of the water quality deterioration.

Following are several practical, proactive suggestions for stewarding the legacy of our pristine Little McDonald, Kerbs, and Paul Lakes:

1. Consider working with the DNR or county to do some "lakescaping." (Utilizing native prairie grasses and prairie flowers as a partial alternative to cultivated lawns. Natives, once established, are very self-sufficient and require little water and no fertilizer.)
2. Consider having your septic system pumped and checked regularly.
3. Consider planting one young tree per year. And think twice before cutting down mature trees.
4. Consider alternatives to hauling in additional black soil close to the sensitive lakeshore strata.
5. Refrain from bathing and shampooing in the lake. Refrain from using chemicals to clean boats or docks when in proximity of the lakes.

6. Consider minimizing (or eliminating entirely) the application of lawn fertilizers and pesticides. Any amount of these chemicals finding their way into the water will support substantial algae growth. Every pound of phosphorus finding its way into our lakes may produce as much as 500 pounds of aquatic plants and algae which eventually die and give off additional nutrients, supporting a never-ending cycle of algae/aquatic growth. This perpetual process of nutrient build-up is often called eutrophication—the gradual deterioration of water quality and eventually, the death of a lake/river/stream.
7. Consider minimizing human-made and manipulated shores.
8. Consider serving as an advocate for preserving wetlands.
9. Help protect indigenous aquatic plants including bulrushes.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT.

EACH OF US CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PREVENTING FURTHER WATER POLLUTION

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.cleanlakesalliance.org>

<https://www.healthylakes.org>

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us>

www.freshwater.org

<https://www.eotswcd.org>