

LMKP-LID Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Dec 13, 2023, 3:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting via Call In

1. Board members participating: Steve Nelson, Tim Bertschi, Angela Willenbring, Marc Winjum, Mark Plencner, Ken Farnham, Jeff Volk, Patricia Spang, and Joe Esser.
2. Tanner Schultz, Precision Locating is a guest at the meeting to participate in a discussion of Locating issues related to the LID Board.
3. Motion by Angela Willenbring, second by Steve Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Patricia Spang, second by Marc Winjum to approve the August 30 minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Jeff Volk, second by Joe Esser to approve the October 19 minutes. Motion carried.
5. Discussion held regarding past and future locating services, how they were billed and how they will be in the future for the entire length of the venting project. A review of past charges will be completed by Precision Locating, a determination on differences between billings for LMKP LID and Devils Lake LID will be completed, and a proposal for marking all reaches of the project will be prepared and provided to the LID in the future.
6. Finance Committee Report. Steve Nelson summarized the Finance Committee report. Funds were moved from existing accounts to interest earning accounts at an approximately 5% annual rate recently. Received the payment from Otter Tail County and payment was made on the bond held by the LID financing the project. Because of refinancing of the bond obligations, and what interest is being realized by the board on member payments, the term of the bond payoff will be shortened by 3-4 years; subject to change. Motion by Jeff Volk, second by Ken Farnham to approve the report. Motion carried.
7. Outlet Committee Report. MN Pump Works on site Nov 15 to complete parts installation and reassembly of filter #2. They did not have all the parts needed to complete the reassembly so they will reschedule once they secure the parts and consult with an Amiad technician for some procedural questions. MN Pump Works is also working on the Devils Lake filter and will use lessons learned from that process since the filters are similar (however not exactly the same) before they return to complete the work on the LMKP LID filter. We are researching whether it is advisable to test run pump/filter #1 at this time prior to getting system #2 back in operating condition.
8. Kerbs Channel Committee Report. Nothing to report. This is the time when the thin ice issue related to the channel is revisited. No action required to address it.
9. Joint LID Report. Joe Esser spoke with Bill Roerich who is back on the Devils Lake LKID Board. They discussed whether a joint board was necessary and thought it may be advisable for the Joint Board to transition to a joint "outlet/operations committee". This since virtually all issues that would impact the boards jointly are related to our operations, and maintenance of the common portions of the system. This will be discussed again in person in late spring 2024 when all individuals are in the area.
10. Lake Levels. Dave Wenzel reported on 5 Dec that Little McDonald was 10.5" below OHWM. Dave updated his reading this morning to 10 ¾" below OHWM. Pumphouse gauge at 10.6. Last year on this date the lake had bottomed out at 12 ¾" below OHWM per Dave Wenzel and had risen almost 3" already due to approx. 18" of wet snow on the ice. Lake ice over in 2022 on Dec 6. Paul Lake 4.5" below OHWM on 1 Dec per Glenn Schrier.

11. Other Business. Met with New Horizons Realty reps regarding the activity on the pipeline easement area immediately SE of the pumphouse location on a lot recently sold. Reinforced the existing easement the LID holds which restricts certain types of activity. Good discussion, no expectation by the private party to complete any actions that would violate the easement, and little potential for sale or activity on the remaining three lots that could impact the pipeline easement.

12. 2024 Meeting Dates. Tentatively Mar 27, Jun 19, Aug 28, Dec 11.

13. Motion by Angela Willenbring, second by Joe Esser to adjourn the meeting at 3:50pm.