

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010

LMCD Office, 23505 Smithtown Road, Suite 120, Shorewood, MN 55331

Present: Bill Olson- LMCD Board- Victoria; Chris Jewett- Minnetonka; Dennis Klohs- Minnetonka Beach; Lili McMillan; Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director.

2010 Public Access Inspection Program

Olson stated that a special meeting has been scheduled due to some recent feedback from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) on the 2010 public access inspection program. He turned the meeting over to Nybeck to provide background on this.

Nybeck stated that the LMCD had submitted a 2010 Prevention Grant Application to the MN DNR this past January for 4,096 inspection hours (cost of \$45,612). Two situations at the MN DNR have occurred that have increased the costs for these inspection hours to \$68,472. First, the LMCD's Prevention Grant has been reduced from \$10,000 to \$6,720. Second, the hourly rate for public access inspections has increased from \$17.50 to \$20.75. Current funding for this project includes: 1) \$30,000 in the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Budget, and 2) \$6,238 contingency Save the Lake funds specifically for this project. The primary question for the committee at this meeting was whether additional Save the Lake Funds should be invested in this 2010 project.

Two possible alternative public access inspection programs were briefly discussed by the committee. First, a program similar to the 2009 project was discussed (3,552 hours for \$57,184). Second, a program with reduced hours compared to 2009 (3,176 hours for \$49,382). The consensus of the committee was the following:

- To use the 3,176 inspection hours as the baseline for 2010. Anticipated funding sources within Save the Lake to make up the funding needs included: 1) \$5,000 from the three-bay herbicide treatment project (a total of \$30,000 has been budgeted), and 2) anticipated coverage by the MN DNR of contracted hours at 85% (a \$7,407 savings).
- A similar assessment was conducted for the 2009 project and the originally proposed 2010 project. Revenue shortfalls for these projects were \$7,369 for the 2009 project and \$16,964 for the originally proposed 2010 project.
- The consensus of the committee was to invest no additional Save the Lake Funds for this project in 2010. If the Board would like to proceed with public access inspections beyond the baseline, alternative funding sources need to be secured.

What's Next

An update was planned for the March 10th LMCD Board Meeting to summarize the committee's discussion and recommendations.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director