

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LMCD)
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

7:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2016
LMCD Office, 5341 Maywood Road, Suite 200, Mound, MN 55364

Present: Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Bret Niccum, LMCD Board- Minnetrista; Gregg Thomas, LMCD Board- Tonka Bay; and Jay Soule. Also present: Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director and Dan Gustafson.

Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes

The draft minutes from the November 4th Save the Lake Committee Meeting was approved as submitted.

Topic Discussed:

A summary of the topics discussed at this meeting include:

- Review of the approved 2016 Save the Lake Committee meeting schedule (noting that special meetings could be scheduled on an as needed basis).
- Review of nine 2016 Save the Lake Grant Proposals.
- Discussion of 2016 LMCD Save the Lake projects (boater safety education courses, littering-winter and summer, and solar lights- in particular replacement).
- After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the committee was to recommend the following to the LMCD Board of Directors for approval on January 27th:

2016 Grant Proposals (\$36,793)

1. Excelsior Fire District- \$2,500 (\$2,000 for the purchase of two cold water rescue suits and \$500 for the purchase of equipment specific to ice water rescues).
2. Hennepin County Sheriff's Office #2- \$29,000 for added law enforcement assigned to Lake Minnetonka (subject to meeting with Major Jeff Storms to discuss on-going dependence of the LMCD's funding and approval of an agreement for 2016).
3. Long Lake Fire Department- \$3,053 (\$1,603 for seven inflatable life jackets and 50% of requested (\$1,450) for Waterous Floto Pump).
4. Mound Fire Department- \$2,240 (\$1,840 for the purchase of four ice and cold water rescue suits and \$400 for ice and cold water training).

2016 LMCD Save the Lake Projects (\$9,000)

1. \$6,000 for two Boater Safety Education courses.
 2. \$3,000 for replacement of existing solar lights.
- Although the committee was not recommending approval of the remaining five Proposals, they had the following comments:

1. The LMCD's mechanical harvesting equipment cannot access Libbs Lake due to bridge clearance. Should Eurasian Watermilfoil become problematic in 2016, the committee believed that a request should be made to the LMCD Board, in which funding considerations should be used from levied funds from the LMCD member cities.
2. There was interest in the life jacket loaner program; however, the committee believed it could be better served outside of Save the Lake Funding. Interest was expressed to schedule a meeting with the contact for this Proposal to further explore this.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th (7:30 a.m. in the LMCD office).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director