

**SLPOA  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Elementary School Dent, MN  
June 8, 2013**

**Call to Order:** President Arlette Preston welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Arlette Preston (President) introduced all of the board members: Noah Riley, Mike Cribb, Carolyn Herron, Tim Lindgren (Secretary), Stu Peterson (Treasurer), Jim Ebert, Duane Salberg and Lee Mindemann. Aubrey Ebanks website director.

Carolyn Herron, Jim Ebert, and Duane Salberg terms are up this year. Stu Peterson who had agreed last year to serve another term has decided to resign his position.

**Guest Speaker:** Anna Ness from the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program Staff in Fergus Falls presented information on AIS programs and status of infested waters in Otter Tail County. A question was asked about cleaning stations at public accesses. Stations cost about \$20-25K to install. Note the orange signs at public accesses indicating AIS infestation. Melody Webb, DNR area supervisor for parks & trails, was identified as the contact for water access areas. Don't expect a warning this year if you don't comply with the Clean, Drain, Dry rules. Fines range from \$100-\$1000.

**Approval of Minutes:** The meeting minutes were handed out during registration. A motion was made to approve the 2012 annual meeting minutes and the motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**Auditor's Report:** Gary and Peggy Grossweiler completed the audit of the books and Gary confirmed that the books are in order. A motion was made to accept the Audit report and the motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Stu Peterson gave a synopsis of the income and expenses of the SLPOA treasury. 191 Members are currently registered. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made and the motion was seconded. The Motion Carried.

**Nominating Committee:** A brief introduction of one new candidate, Dennis Cornelius was presented. A request for interested candidates was given to the audience. Since no other candidates were put forth Carolyn Herron, Jim Ebert, and Duane Salberg (incumbents) volunteered to serve another term.

**Election of Directors:** A motion was made to elect the candidates by a show of hands and motion seconded. The motion carried. The four candidates were elected to the board by a hand vote. Welcome to all and we thank you for donating your time.

**Report on Ditch 25/Ditch 23:** Jim Ebert gave a brief update on the status of Ditch 25 (Star Lake Inlet), and Little MacDonald, Kerbs & Paul Lakes Improvement District (LMKP LID) efforts to use Ditch 25 as the discharge channel for the LMKP Outlet Project. He also gave an update on the possible re-opening of Ditch 23 (Star Lake Outlet).

## **Report on Lake Improvement District (LID):**

Lee Mindemann presented an update on the establishment of a Star Lake LID. A LID information packet was distributed to all of the attendees of the Annual meeting. At the end of the presentation there was a question and answer period. The questions are summarized below:

- 1) Why would the annual assessment be greater than \$25? The assessment will depend upon the budget approved by the members at the annual meeting and the property value of the LID member. The amount may be greater or less than \$25 based upon these factors.
- 2) Can there be additional assessment? Any assessment in excess of the annual budget would require a special vote of the LID membership.
- 3) What percent is needed to approve the budget? The percent needed is a simple majority (greater than 50%)
- 4) It was noted that 100% of the funds are controlled by the LID - OTC does not direct funding.
- 5) It was also noted that an absentee ballot may be obtained for voting on LID ballot issues.
- 6) Currently there is not an approved budget so there is no fee at this time. The annual budget approved in the August timeframe would be the basis for the tax assessment in the following year.
- 7) The cost of inspections at the public accesses was identified as a potential expense that the LID might put in the annual budget. As a LID Star Lake could also apply for grants that might become available for AIS or Shoreland Management programs.
- 8) The LID assessment will most likely be an "ad valorem" tax, based upon the value of the LID members property.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made and seconded, the Motion carried. The annual membership adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tim Lindgren