

CENTRAL LAKE REGION SANITARY DISTRICT MOVES FORWARD

At the regular monthly meeting held on June 1, 2006, the CLRSD took action to move ahead on this project. At the meeting Dan Folsom and Pat Conroy from C&C Consultants, Inc. explained how some rule changes that are being made in state funding has an effect on CLRSD. When the project first started, it was submitted to the state as three different projects. I will refer to them as the Brandon project, Miltona project and Lobster Lake Project. Up to this point none of them qualified for special funding. Now due to some changes being made in the funding process, the Brandon and Miltona projects qualify. They would be eligible for up to four million dollars at a rate of approximately 2 to 3 percent amortized up to 20 years. This would come from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Another four million dollars would be available from the Wastewater Infrastructure Fund at zero interest for up to forty years with payments deferred up to 20 years while CLRSD is repaying its loan from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. In order to qualify for these loans, construction must start in 2007. Mr. Conway has worked with many organizations on this type of funding and gave examples of how it was used in Hudson Township with Maple Lake. The CLRSD board went on record to send letters to Minnesota Public Facility Authority that they are moving ahead with the original plans for Brandon and Miltona and want to be placed on the list of projects to receive the above funding. Discussion was held on the status of the expansion permit for ALASD. It appears that no progress has been made in the past month and it could be months, years before this approved. With the continued growth within the district and presently operating near capacity, ALASD will have some tough decisions to make in the months ahead. Based on the two situations above, the CLRSD authorized WSN to begin surveying in the Brandon and Miltona area immediately and proceed with engineering design. Lobster Lake area will now be at the end of the project rather than first due to the need to get the other projects going to receive this type of funding. Also, the status of ALASD, will determine when and how the Lobster Lake project will proceed. In the months ahead CLRSD will have discussions with the small towns and others in County to determine their interest in being involved with this project as it is moving ahead.