

CLRSD Meeting Notes 1-6-09

About 60 or 70 people attended the meeting. Most were from the Miltona area. Around 15 were from Lobster Lake. A few were from Brandon.

The board re-elected Jerry Haggenmiller as Chairman & elected Bruce Strandskov as Vice Chairman.

Dinham, Folkert & Associates Chtd. of Alexandria was re appointed as Auditor for the CLRSD.

No progress has been made on Grant Funding as congress hasn't been in session. Further action on this matter will start in earnest later this month & in February. The attorney did make a comment in regard to Lobster Lake. He stated, "Lobster Lake is in the best position to get Stimulus Package Funding through USDA as it already is in the federal system". (Re: HR1395 WDRA, where \$2 million dollars were earmarked for La Grande & Moe Townships, to be administered through the Army Corps of Engineers & the \$11.6 Million loan through Rural Development that was part of the last Farm Bill with a 3.625% interest Rate.).

Design Tree Engineering is working on identifying which sewer lines are interceptor (force mains) & which lines are lateral (the lines you hook up to which run in front of your property). The need for identifying the difference relates to whether you can connect to the line. You cannot connect to an Interceptor line. Thus, if an Interceptor line ONLY goes by your property, you are not required to hook up, thus avoiding the assessment.

Miltona Township recently voted to withdraw from the CLRSD & to work with CLEER & the Douglas County Land & Resource Department to inspect & update septic systems around lakes Miltona & Irene. This resolution was presented to the CLRSD board tonight & they voted to accept same. The CLRSD attorney will advise the board the exact date which final tax liability (for Miltona Township) will be achieved. According to state statute, since the resolution was presented after January 1, 2009 the liability period will run through 2012. (Just a side note: Brandon Township, though they opted out of CLRSD in December 2008, they haven't presented CLRSD a resolution to that effect yet. When they do, they will be in nearly the same position tax liability wise, as Miltona Township).

Though a moratorium has been put on spending, certain situations exist which still must go forward. The Wenck & Associate studies on alternative systems for Phase II & Phase III are an example.

The motion for an Injunction relative to the Comprehensive Plan was denied by the presiding judge yesterday. The Public Hearing on the Comprehensive plan will take place @ 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 31, 2009 @ Leaf Valley Township Hall.

An appeal was filed by the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) against the Minnesota Pollution Control Authority (MPCA) requesting the permit the MPCA issued to CLRSD to operate the mechanical plant in Phase III be rescinded. The MPCA attorneys will reply to that filing. CLRSD attorneys will only be involved if they are asked to testify on behalf of CLRSD.

La Grand Township passed a resolution to opt out of CLRSD on March 16, 2009, if Federal Stimulus Funding hasn't been received by that time. (My opinion: The funding may be approved by that date, but not necessarily in hand. I think their intention, when & if we reach that point, will be to stay in the CLRSD).

Item of interest-A member of the audience stated there are 497 parcels (?) on & around Lobster Lake which are part of CLRSD.