

CENTRAL LAKES REGION SANITARY DISTRICT (CLRSD)

On July 31st a public hearing was held to explain the details of the sewer project with more than 300 people in attendance. Following the public meeting all six townships in the CLRSD sewer district (Moe, LaGrande, Miltona, Leaf Valley, Carlos and Brandon) needed to review the effect of the sewer district on their respective township based on the information presented at the public hearing.

The Boards of all six townships approved the project proposal. Carlos, Leaf Valley, Miltona and approved the project with no changes. Brandon Township approved the project as proposed for the property owners on Chippewa Lake, but excluded Whiskey and Devils Lakes and the connecting areas which were part of the original proposal. Moe Township added the back lots to the sewer district. The project engineers are assessing what impact the changes will have on the cost of the project. At the CLRSD monthly meeting on December 1, the Board voted to proceed with the project.

Quoting from an article in the December 14, 2005 edition of the *Echo Press*: “Construction on the project could begin in 2007- the ‘best-case scenario,’ Haggemiller said – and be completed in 2010. Connections to the system could begin as early as 2008.” (Jerry Haggemiller is the chairperson of CLRSD.)

The new system will be funded using a three pronged approach: special assessments, user fees and property tax increases. The CLRSD has signed a letter of intent to connect with the Alexandria Lakes Area Sanitary District (ALASD). A formal request is expected to be made late winter or early spring. At the present time the Board is reviewing project costs, meeting with other potential participants and looking at various means of obtaining grants, low interest loans etc. The board encourages all potential users to contact members of the State and Federal governments to encourage them to help provide funding for the project. In addition, the Board is working with Land and Resource Management to determine what can be done to assist property owners that are planning to build before hookup or those that may need a septic system updated. Anyone with questions should contact Land and Resource Management for details. Any questions regarding CLRSD should be directed to your township representatives: Moe Township Board Clerk, Wayne Becker—320-834-2693 or LaGrande Township Director, Gerald Thoennes-320-763-4811.