

**MINUTES FOR THE BEAVER LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 27, 2004
TASK FORCE MEETING #5**

Members Present:

Max Pecht
Carrol Evans
Doris Evans
Larry Flugum
Machelle Flugum
Harold Jensen
Bruce Paulson
Andy Lerberg
Jim Srsen
Marilyn Srsen
Laurie Johnson
Vince Kahnke
Clair Jenson
Charlene Jenson
Ken Howe
Darwin Johnson
Daryl Johnson
Paul Groth
Julie Meyer
Sterling Meyer
Merle Derby

Steele County Representative:

Laurie Johnson

Southern Minnesota Watersources Board:

Nick Haig

Task Force Committee Members Present:

Bruce Paulson
Carrol Evans
Max Pecht
Larry Flugum
Machelle Flugum

Task Force Committee Members Absent:

Pete Plunkett
Tom Buckingham
Rick Firme
Bruce Riemer
Tom Buckingham

Nick Haig called the meeting to order. Nick read the minutes from the previous Beaver Lake Committee Meeting held on April 27, 2004. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously by the committee members present.

The first topic of discussion was a report from the south side about a meeting they had one Sunday. There was very little representation from the south side at this meeting; but one of their concerns is: a) how to pay for the system. If the cabin owners pay for the system and then the landowners sell the property, would there be any type of reimbursement. There was no word on whether anyone from the south side had met with the landowners or their attorney. b) Are they (south side cabin owners) under a time table?

Nick encouraged the south side cabin owners to pursue a meeting with the owners and their attorney and volunteered his time to be there.

It was again mentioned that every site is different so the cost of the system for each property will be different. The cost was again brought up and how to pay for it. Nick mentioned pursuing funding through Midwest Assistance Program. They are a 9-state non-profit corporation that helps communities with water and wastewater issues. They offer a low interest loan package with minimal strings attached. They help with things starting at the planning stage and going through construction.

The petition is going to the township board on June 8th. Once the Township board passes the resolution there will be a public hearing in either late June or early July. After the public hearing there is a 60 day period for a reverse referendum.

Other discussion involved the township's involvement into the forming of the District's by-laws and deciding what an offense is and how it would be monitored and corrected. Who will have a voice in how the District is formed? The cabin owners will have a voice in the committee. The south side cabin owners will be able to be a part of the District and have a voice. Can the county tell everyone to put in the same system? No. Every site is different.

It was again suggested that the south side sub committee meet. They should try and meet in June with the owners and their attorney.

Our next meeting in June will be to discuss what happened at the Township meeting and to start drafting By-laws. There may also be more information on funding.

Everyone present was encouraged to talk to your neighbors and see what your options are. There is a list of approved contractors on the beaver lake website. Some can give you ball park figures, others will want to come out to see the site.

Next meeting was scheduled for June 21. This will be a work session to start forming by-laws for the District to take to the Beaver Lake Association annual meeting in July.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.