

**MINUTES FOR THE BEAVER LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2004
TASK FORCE MEETING #1**

Members Present:

Larry Flugum
Machelle Flugum
Richard Swenson
Robert Hanson
Pete Plunkett
Dean VanHall
Carrol Evans
James Dalton
Richard Davies (attorney for south side)
Jim Srsen
Marilyn Srsen
Max Pecht
Bruce Riemer
Bill Kotke

Steele County Representative:

Laurie Johnson

Southern Minnesota Water Resources Board:

Nick Haag

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed petition for a subordinate service district and to discuss south side resident questions and concerns.

Members present from the committee included Carrol Evans, Pete Plunkett, Larry Flugum, Machelle Flugum, and Max Pecht. Members absent were Tom Buckingham, Rick Firme, and Bruce Paulson. Jim and Marilyn Srsen elected not to be on the committee.

Nick Haag distributed the proposed petition and read it to the group. The first question raised was regarding the determination of who is included and who is excluded in the proposed subordinate service district. A map was attached which included the proposed parcels outlined in green and the excluded parcels in red. After a long discussion, Peter Plunkett moved that the proposed subordinate service district include all property owners with property abutting the lake. The motion was seconded by Machelle Flugum and carried unanimously by a vote from all of the members present. Laurie Johnson will now revise the proposed petition and the attached map and it will be available for the next meeting on February 17, 2004.

Also discussed at the meeting was the prospect of future site inspections. Pete Plunkett reported that the Southeast Minnesota Waste Water Initiative had approved a matching grant for up to \$3,000.00 for the future site inspections. Laurie Johnson will review the updated survey information and any other information that she has regarding the status of the lots around Beaver Lake and will make a determination on a preliminary basis regarding which lots need to be inspected and will bring this information to the next meeting. We will then be able to obtain a bid from a contractor. It is hoped that we will be able to do all of our site inspections for \$6,000.00 or less.

Also discussed at the meeting was the prospect of the committee members having a question and answer sheet ready for when they take the petition out to cabin owners to have them sign on the petition. It is anticipated that there will be many of the same types questions asked and Nick Haag will prepare the question and answer sheet. It will then also be placed on the website.

Regarding possible loans or funding available for the subordinate service district, Laurie Johnson indicated that the county is currently applying for a Phase II Section 319 Clean Water Act grant or revolving loan. In response, a letter has been sent back to the county indicating that they understand Beaver Lake's need for the money and how much is needed but they have indicated the money may not be there. There is also funding possibly available from the Public Facilities Authority (PFA). This loan would be made directly to the subordinate service district if it is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ellendale Community Center.