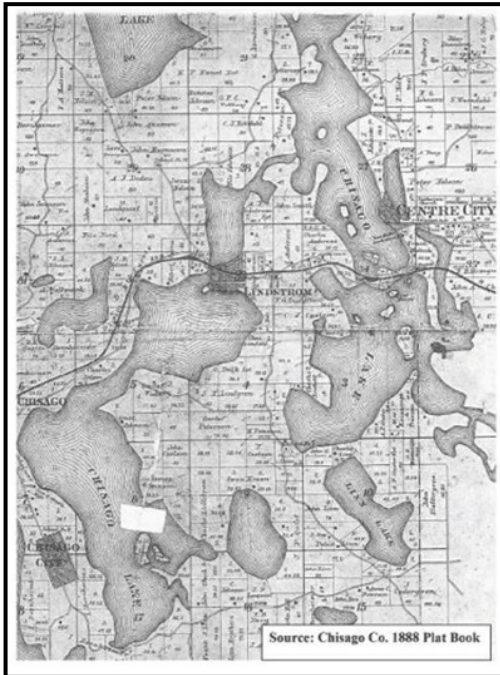


NORTH CENTER-NORTH LINDSTROM CHANNEL



In 2014, per recommendations of the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force, a feasibility assessment was performed to assess options for channel restoration between the lakes. Due to lake level and environmental concerns, the Lake Improvement District Board of Managers decided not to pursue options that would lower the channel elevation between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes.

After thorough consideration of the options recommended by the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force, the LID Board recommends postponing further action on widening the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes until County Road 20 bridge design options are further developed. This recommendation takes into consideration the fact that a bridge height at the 3-foot above ordinary high water mark would negatively impact the navigability of the channel and would likely influence improvement plans.

The LID Board recommends the County Board move forward with the plans which places the bottom of the County Road 20 bridge at 6.5 feet above ordinary high water. The 6.5 foot option offers the following benefits:

- Allows for the safe passage of most boats in all water level conditions whether the entire channel is used or just the portion closest to North Lindstrom and Bull Lakes.
- Allows for more and better near-term options for successful development of recreational boating uses such as the County Water Trails system and the development of Allemansratt Park as a paddling destination.
- Keeps more and better future options open for the 75-100 year expected life of the bridge.
- Creates a safe way for snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles to pass under the bridge in the winter.

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