

Task Force Members,

September 18, 2013

Thank you very much for serving on the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force. Chisago County and the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District value and appreciate your time and service to this important matter. There are no future Task Force meetings scheduled or anticipated.

I'd like to provide you with an update on where we are in the channel process. The following is an excerpt from the draft minutes from the Monday, September 9, 2013 Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District meeting:

Greg Graska of EOR summarized the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force proceedings. Concept Designs 1 and 2 were eliminated due to water level concerns between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes. Concept Design 3 adds a removable weir between the two lakes which would be removed when water levels are equal in both lakes. In order for a permit to be obtained, design and modeling would have to demonstrate to DNR that water levels would not be affected. Once lakes are stabilized at the same elevation, the weir would be removed so that navigation would not be impeded. Concept Design 4 would raise the County Highway 20 Bridge, not making changes to the channel depth, but widening the channel at several pinch points.

Excerpt from the August 22, 2013 North Center / North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force Meeting Notes:

“Chris DuBose inquired if it would be possible for EOR to do a feasibility study on both the “do nothing” and removable weir options, (Concept Designs 3 and 4). Graska felt it would be possible to do both within the current budgeted funds.

DuBose made a recommendation for the LID to proceed with the feasibility study on the removable weir option for restoring navigation between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes. The Task Force agreed by consensus.”

Director Mergens offered a motion to accept the North Center North Lindstrom Channel Restoration Feasibility Task Force's recommendation to pursue the preliminary channel project design, plans, and costs of \$34,300. The LID Board will make this recommendation to the County Board at its next regular meeting. Motion seconded by Wahlgren and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Sibik, Wahlgren, Ekstrand, Mergens, Singer, and Anastasi. **OPPOSED:** None. **ABSENT:** Paquay.

To summarize, the LID Board accepted the Task Force recommendations and will be submitting the recommendations to the County Board for consideration.

Please let me know if you have questions. Again thank you for your service to Chisago County.

Thanks,
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