

Maple Lake Improvement District Wright County (MLIDWC)

Director Meeting Minutes

Date: December 21, 2021

Location: Madigan's Pub and Grill, Maple Lake, MN

Time: 5:30pm

Recorded by: Dan Lagermeier

Attendees: Tom Valenta, Bob Johnson, Bob Porter, Tony Heying, Dan Lagermeier and at the request of the Board, guest Mike Couri, attorney with Couri & Ruppe, P.L.L.P.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Valenta at 5:40pm

Topics:

1. The Board engaged Mike Couri to represent the MLIDWC in upcoming discussions and meetings with the DNR with respect to the process for weir design, installation and maintenance approval.
2. Bob Johnson provided an update of his recent conversation with John Tank, President of the Lake Pulaski LID, regarding their experience and process for gaining DNR approval to install equipment to better maintain water levels of Lake Pulaski. A key takeaway was to engage regional DNR leadership early in the process as this is where decision making authority resides. Dan Lais, is the Ecological and Water Resource Regional Manager at the DNR with oversight of Maple Lake DNR resources.
3. Based on prior DNR experiences, Mike Couri agreed that requesting a meeting with Dan Lais and his local resource (James B?) is an appropriate next step. Prior to such meeting it was recommended that the Board prepare a timeline, with milestones, for the weir project along with the results of a petition of the Maple Lake properties owners regarding the proposed weir height of 1,000.9'. The petition will be prepared and distributed to Maple Lake property owners in January. It was also recommended to have Wenck Environmental Services attend the proposed meeting and be prepared to recap their engineering study which supports the 1,000.9' weir height.
4. Assuming the DNR approves the weir plan, final approval for weir funding and construction is expected to go before the MLIDWC members at a Spring 2022 Board meeting.
5. The Board approved the most recent treasurer's report which includes a checking account balance of \$26,076.67.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.