

BMLID Board of Directors Meeting 7-22-2024 at 5pm via zoom

Subj: Ottertail County Ditch 25 Repair/Maintenance

Attending Directors: Ron Zitzow, Keith Brokke, Dale Janssen, Dave Olig, Jeff Dostal, Chad Gabrielson

Attending Members: Rob Cambell, Craig Johnson

The general discussion was the work that Ron did looking up the history of Ditch 25. Attempting communication with the county commissioners and communications with the DNR. See “[Ron Z & Co Comm Chain of emails.pdf](#)” and “[Ron Z & DNR emails 7-22-2024.pdf](#)” posted on the website with the “Board Meeting” information.

The county commissioners appear to be hesitant to work with us and only want to proceed with the repair/maintenance. Our questions and data review do not interest them.

The DNR is working to review the information and waiting for the county to request a permit for the repair. The wetland needs to be preserved to protect Big McDonald Lake.

The directors present did agree to proceed as if the LID would remove the beaver dams downstream from Big McDonald Lake. Then ask the county commissioners to proceed as promised for the dam removal or fund the LID to have them removed.

Kieth B. is going get a quote from the company that has an extended boom excavater.

Rob Campbell is going to ask Mr. Buchholz if the county is going to remove the dams or fund the BMLID or let the BMLID fund the removal.

Ron Z. is going to ask Vogel Law Firm to look into the process of abandoning the ditch from CH35 to Big McDonald Lake. Ron has talked to two of the farmer landowners that also believe the ditch should be abandoned. This would insure the wetland to be protected.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale Janssen, Secretary