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Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District 2015 annual report.

Please accept this report as meeting our District requirements per Minnesota Statute 103B.571 subd.4. The Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID) was established with Aitkin County resolutions 100813-087 and 100813-088, on October 8, 2013.

2015 has been another building year.

A few changes to our By-laws have been approved by the Board of Directors; and a full review being done, with the goal of presentation to and approval by membership at next year's annual meeting.

A Survey/questionnaire has been built and will be mailed to all District members this year, with tabulation of responses to be done in the spring of 2016. We have also made an online version available. The responses of the Survey will be analyzed and help guide the Directors, as we fund projects to improve the health of Lake Minnewawa. The survey results will also provide direction as we document a comprehensive Lake Plan.

The LMLID Board approved a project to complete a vegetation mapping assessment of the Lake. This project did not get done this season; but funds have been set aside with intentions to take action in 2016.

34 members attended our annual meeting in August. Sue Woodard was elected as our new Director. In addition to our required business; Ben Lundeen from the Minnesota PCA gave a presentation on the Upper Mississippi Grand Rapids Watershed WRAPS project.

Full Fiscal Year 2015 financial activity included revenue of \$33,370 from Aitkin County.
Expenses included: \$18,022 – Lake Minnewawa Association(LMA) Weed Harvesting program
 8,022 - LMA new Harvester loan
 1,823 - General Administration
 948 - Property Owner Survey

Respectfully, Patrick Rath, President LMLID

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Our Vision is to be an organization dedicated to providing funds for service and research efforts which serve to improve the health of Lake Minnewawa. To provide control and management of District funds with transparency and ensure compliance per applicable state and county requirements. We see a healthy Lake Minnewawa as one which is navigable and clean for recreation, supportive of historical and appropriate vegetation (including wild rice), source of a good fishery and home to a variety of birds and animals, based on standards established with state aquatic authorities. We envision an engaged property owner membership in support of best practice land management.