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## **Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District 2016 annual report.**

Please accept this report as fulfilling 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.

2016 has been a good year for Lake Minnewawa.  
High water, relatively low weeds and No invasive species.

### Notable highlights:

- We continue to fund the vegetation management operation run by Lake Minnewawa Association and stand ready to support other efforts which will improve the health of our Lake.
- Replaced one of our founding directors  
Lee Carlson, was one of our organization's founding members. He relinquished his position in July and sadly passed away after a hunting accident in November.  
Steve Olson – a full time resident of the District, was voted in as a director at our annual meeting.  
James Bradley volunteered to fill Lee's position of Treasurer. Position approved at annual mtg
- A handful of miscellaneous updates were made to our bylaws.  
Details provided and approval received at our annual August meeting.
- A membership survey was mailed out to all District members. 246 (of 522) responses returned. The survey was designed to inform the LMLID about interests and concerns of property owners, in order to serve them better when making decisions about spending their tax money  
Results of the Survey were discussed at the May director meeting and Annual meeting in August.
- A scientific mapping was completed of the lake. This project involved using a Lowrance depthfinder and Biobase software with a pontoon to transect the entire lake. The collected data files will be used to produce three types of maps: Contour (lake depths), Hardness (bottom composition) and Biovolume (vegetation presence).  
This data, with associated maps, will be used as a baseline in support of projects aimed at improving the health of Lake Minnewawa.

Full Fiscal Year 2016 financial activity included revenue of \$33,466 from Aitkin County.

Expenses included:   \$15,236 – Lake Minnewawa Association(LMA) Weed Harvesting program  
                          9,000 - LMA new Harvester loan  
                          2,361 - General Administration  
                          4,580 – Scientific mapping project

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.