

December 17, 2014

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Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District 2014 annual report.

Please accept this report as meeting our requirements per Minnesota Statute 103B.571 subd.4.
Copies of Annual Meeting Minutes and 2015 Budget attached.

The Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID) was established with Aitkin County resolutions 100813-087 and 100813-088, on October 8, 2013.

2014 has been an Organization building year.

Accomplishments include:

- Administrative setup
- Development of a Funding Request form
- Organization and Meeting Guidelines document built
- Continued maintenance and enrichment of publicly available web site
- Committed to update member list with County twice per year
- Financial support to Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA) Weed Harvesting operation
- Financial support to LMA Aquatic Invasive Species projects. (see annual meeting minutes attached)
- 2 new people added as Board of Directors see annual meeting minutes attached)

Full Fiscal Year 2014 financial activity included receipts of \$ 32,147 from County/LMLID assessments.
Expenses included: \$ 640 – Administration, \$ 3039 – Aquatic Invasive Species projects,
\$ 16,485 – LMA Weed Harvesting program, \$ 10,000 LMA capital fund.

2015 Plans include building on foundation set in 2014.

New activities will include:

- Lake Survey to be used as benchmark/status of Lake health
- Implementation of compliance needs as appropriate
- Financial support of LMA new Harvester purchase

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.