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Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District 2017 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.

2017 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. Director Terms of Cathy Larson and Jim Bradley were renewed with a vote at the annual meeting. \$15,000 was budgeted for LMA Harvesting Operations in 2018; option was approved to direct \$10,000 into an AIS contingency fund if funds available at end of 2018; Funding request received at December LMID BOD meeting from LMA, approved \$14,624 for Harvester loan payoff.

Full Fiscal Year 2017 financial activity included revenue of \$33,525 from District member tax assessment (\$65 each). Expenses included: \$15,236 – Lake Minnewawa Association(LMA) Weed Harvesting program. \$ 14,624 - LMA new Harvester loan payoff. \$250 Vegetation mapping project. \$2,361 - General Administration.

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.