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## **Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District 2018 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.

2018 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(LMA) and stand ready to support other efforts which will improve the health of our Lake. Director Terms of Sue Woodard and Dan Westberg were renewed. They were unopposed. \$10,000 was deposited into a CD as an AIS contingency. A process was documented to allow absentee voting for Director elections at our annual meetings. A replacement E&O insurance policy was obtained which will save us approx. \$900 per year. The BOD approved that funds be set aside to support three projects in 2019. The projects are; a DNR-supported Weir's Dam(fish ladder), support DNR scap netting effort. These projects were initiated by the LMA. We will help sponsor a UM and MDH supported Well and Septic system information sharing event scheduled May- 2019.

Full Fiscal Year 2018 financial activity included revenue of \$33,712 from District member tax assessment (\$65 each). Expenses included: \$14,002 – Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA) Weed Harvesting program. \$195 Vegetation mapping project. \$3.403 - 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.