



ML LPOA LID Meeting
August 26, 2017
Recorded by Jamie Heying

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am by Mike Raiche.

Attendees: 59 people attended

- 1) Currently 55% of residence have submitted signed petitions.
- 2) Mike Raiche and Bob Porter met with Wright County on 7/24/17 and went through bylaws, boundaries, petitions and projects.
- 3) There are two types of LID tax methods:
 - a) Ad Valorem: tax based on percent of house value
 - b) Assessment: run by board with budget submissions approved and then divided by and assessed equally to each LID member. This is the option we are pursuing.
- 4) 8/18/17 we received notice of validation issues on a few petitions (not signed, different signature than tax report). These have been corrected.
- 5) Deadline for LID assessment submissions is 11/30/17. It is too late to have an assessment approved for 2018, there is no formal LID at this time. The meeting must be held in July/August, per statute. We are hopeful it will go into effect in 2018 with projects potentially being started in 2019.
- 6) Overview of what is budgeted and to be assessed LID members: There are 3 areas: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control, Wright County Soil & Water projects, and administrative fees. The AIS portion is the PLM cost for treating the lake, the same as what has been done in the past. Wright County Soil & Water handles the culvert and drainage projects by assisting the MLLPOA and homeowners with fixing. Administrative costs are paid to the county to manage LID funds, initially \$1.75/assessed PID, and \$.40 annually after initial registration. Transfers of property will cost \$1.75 to register new owner. The county will collect & and keep LID funds and will be responsible for paying bills submitted by the LID committee.
- 7) The LID committee would like to maintain 1.5 years of in its account with Wright County.
- 8) Q&A:
 - a) 1 vote and one assessment per property taxpayer. If a member owns 2 properties in the same name, it counts as 1 vote. A husband and wife owning one property get 1 vote.
 - b) If money is not spent can it be rolled to next year – yes.
 - c) If LID starts in 2019 can we spend in 2018 to manage weeds – yes we could, but it really depends on the businesses we would be working with to agree to this.
 - d) Deeded access being taxed 4-5 times by all deeded users. Mike Raiche and Bob Porter will follow up on status of this.

- e) Why isn't there a cap on the tax? It was discussed but didn't find value in this. We know of one LID doing this, with a max of \$300.00. We have no cap on the tax is proposed at this time.
 - f) How will the MLID & ML LPOA work together? The LID will be a separate entity advising the ML LPOA board of its activities. Although independent, it still serves the Lake members.
 - g) Question asked if spray projects are majority on Little Maple – In general it has been over the year. The last spraying efforts were on Big Maple, near the point and across in the large bay.
- 9) 8/22/17 Wright County notified Mike Raiche that the minimum number of petitions required to form a LID has been received, audited and verified.
- 10) On 9/5/17 the Wright County Board will have the LID request on the agenda. The Board will then set a town hall type meeting. Then County Commissioners will make a ruling on Maple Lake LID.

Mike Raiche adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.