



Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Board Meeting

Item 2

9:00 am Steve Rohlring, Chairperson will call the German Jefferson Sewer Board Meeting to order. (1 hour 30 min)

Staff Contact:

LE SUEUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
German Jefferson Sewer Board
Legion Club, 97 S. Park Ave., Le Center
August 4, 2015

MEETING AGENDA

***Times listed are approximate and subject to change**

9:00 a.m. Chairperson Rohlfing will call the meeting to order.

9:00 a.m. Introductions and Meeting Guidelines

9:00 a.m. Aaron Wills, Cannon River Watershed Partnership
Re: Background information

9:15 a.m. Open Public Hearing

***If the neighborhood has an organized sewer group, please
select a spokesperson to speak for the group.**

9:15 a.m. Public Comments from residents near German Lake.

9:30 a.m. Public Comments from residents near Big Jefferson /
Swedes Bay

9:45 a.m. Public Comments from residents near Middle Jefferson

10:00 a.m. Public Comments from residents near West Jefferson

10:15 a.m. Close Public Hearing

10:15 a.m. Sewer Board Comments and Questions

10:25 a.m. Sewer Board Resolution to select sewage treatment option in the
German - Jefferson Sewer District

10:30 a.m. Adjourn Sewer Board Meeting / Reconvene County Board Meeting

Meeting Guidelines

1. All Commission Members, Staff, and the Public must conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner.
2. All remarks should be directed to the Chairperson and not to individual Commission Members, staff, applicant, or citizens in attendance.
3. Personal attacks and remarks are inappropriate and will not be tolerated.
4. A Commission Member, staff member, applicant, or citizen may not speak at the meeting until he or she has been recognized by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will acknowledge Commission Members and/or County staff to address specific questions and/or concerns.
5. In order to allow everyone to be heard, you will be given 3 minutes to voice your concerns. If time allows, you will be given another opportunity to speak as long as it is not a repetitious comment.
6. When recognized by the Chairperson, you will be required to do the following:
 - **Go to the podium.**
 - **Speak directly into the microphone.**
 - **State your name and address.**
 - **If the neighborhood has an organized group, please select a spokesperson to speak for the group**
 - **To limit repetitious comments, simply state that you agree with the prior comments.**

July 28, 2015
22 Bela Vista Ct.
Mankato, MN

Commissioners Pettis and Rohlfing
Le Sueur County Court House
88 Park Avenue
Le Center, MN
56057

Re: German Jefferson Lakes sewer pipe issue.

Gentlemen:

A vote for the sewer pipe to St. Peter is premature at this point. The lake residences are not concentrated enough and the distance to the St Peter municipal system is too great to make it financially feasible. The older houses/cabins are closer together than most of the newer ones and many or most are used seasonally. The newer homes are usually spaced further apart, and in most cases are on one side of the road on the lake front, and were planned to provide for the use of septic systems. It seems unlikely that a concentrated community will develop anytime soon in the lakes region.

The cost estimates for the construction, usage, and maintenance of the system demonstrate the impracticality of this choice. The estimated costs for building the sewer pipe are not reasonable inasmuch as it is for sewer only. A similar project for the subdivision where I live near Mankato has comparable costs but it also includes new water mains and a new road bed and surface and a small amount of storm sewer. The costs are also much higher than any of the local individual or cluster system choices..

The monthly estimated usage-maintenance-escrow costs are also prohibitive. Apparently the concept of metering the actual usage doesn't enter into the formula at all. If you live there year around, the estimated costs are 2 1/2 times what it cost in recent additions of subdivisions to the Mankato sewer system. If used seasonally for 30, or 60, or 90 days, you are paying for nine to eleven months at \$95 per month for no usage at all.

The distance of the homes in the lakes region from St. Peter range from about nine to eighteen miles. It is doubtful that a sewer pipe to a system that remote would be the best choice even if a more concentrated community develops. At this time, a yes vote for the "pipe" would seem to trivialize the financial aspects of this proposal.

Yours truly,


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