



**Forest Township**  
Rice County  
3625 Millersburg Boulevard  
Faribault, Minnesota

## **Circle Lake Subordinate Sewer District Bi-Annual Meeting**

**June 26, 2019**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Meeting minutes**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Ron Gernandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Ron Gernandt, William Malecha, Charlie Peters, Trish Burmeister, Elaine Trnka, Ashley Anderson

**Others Present:** Beth Eaves, Peggy Weaver, Wayne Weaver, Terri Kindseth, Gary Kindseth, Nalani McCuleheon, Kathy Sandberg, Ben Streiff, Rachel Streiff, Ed Olson

### **2. APPROVE CIRCLE LAKE SUBORDINATE SEWER DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2017.**

*Peggy Weaver made a motion to approve the minute. Wayne Weaver seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

### **3. 2019 Annual Review**

Elaine shared financials from 2014 – 2018. The Circle Lake SSD account has a balance of \$50,811.71. Each resident is currently assessed at \$660.00 for 2018 and 2019.

Tom Wirtzfeld from Advanced Septic addressed the group. There are 26 connections on the Circle Lake system. Kelly Wicks was added to the system in 2017. The flow was down 6% from 2017. There were three call outs last year. Advanced Septic has been fighting weeds up at the main system. They have sprayed once already this year. Roots can be dangerous for the system. In addition, they put posts in to identify where the system is to prevent damage when they mow. Lab samples have been good. Advanced Septic has some concerns about the bio tube vaults. At some point, he recommends moving to a new version of the bio tube vaults. Tom is offering to

buy them in bulk and then hang onto them and replace them individually as they fail. Homeowners have varying versions. It is best not to replace them in the middle of winter.

In addition, many of the floats are approximately 18 years old and are starting to fail. Each home has three floats. If one fails, he would like to change all 3. At this time, only one house has replaced all 3 floats. The cost is approximately \$338.00 per home (\$133 for parts and \$94 for labor).

The assessments cover the main system and homeowners are responsible for parts and labor from the street to their house.

The Township has all parts of the main system that are above ground insured. The next large expense would be replacing the sand filter, approximately \$35,000. Not an immediate need; nothing foreseeable soon.

*Wayne Weaver made a motion to lower the Circle Lake yearly assessments to \$500.00 for 2020 and 2021. Peggy Weaver seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

There was discussion about putting some of the account balance in a CD.

*Nalani McCutcheon made a motion to put \$25,000 in a 13-month CD at a rate of 2%. Ben Streiff seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

#### 4. Adjourn

*Ed Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Beth Eaves seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Anderson, Clerk, Forest Township.