

Sept 20, 2011

Otter Tail Government Services
Attn: County Commissioner
515 West Fir
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
To Whom It May Concern:

We attended the Sept 19, hearing in Perhams council chambers and have a few further comments on why NOT to form a LID for Devils Lake.

We have owned our property on Aerovilla Rd since 1991, weathering these 20 yrs as the water table comes up and goes down naturally, which it will continue to do. It makes NO SENSE to talk of draining or pumping water out of this lake. There is no place for the water to go! No one wants the extra water. You can't change the water table, it will stay where it sits, whether high or low. Marion Gill is right when he says, "Water does not flow uphill!" Little MacDonald Lake, so, of us is higher than we are, it will not work to drain that way!

We hoped to spend our retirement years here but will we be able to with the rising costs, 1. this LID would impose on us, 2. loosing homestead credit, 3. school referendum & new hosp. taxes?

Also, what are the LID benefits?

1. This lady with murky water on the west shore that spoke? The LID cannot give her clear water! In the last 20 yrs its always been more dense on that end of the lake.
2. Kevin Nelson (on this side) hopes the LID will "fix" his shoreline. Are they going to "fix" all 90-some parcels around the lake? I think not!
3. The LID is NOT going to replace trees some property owners have lost!
4. We already check our water clarity. I believe all the residents are careful to keep the water clean already, ~~by~~ not polluting in front of their properties. We don't need the LID to come in and check our water!
5. The LID cannot lower our water and its very doubtful this Ditch 25 plan will ever be a done deal.
6. So, as far as we can see there is NO benefits to pass the LID! People can get grant money for their projects without the LID. We believe property owners should fix their own, and NOT impose the costs on their neighbors.

As far as the reference to our banks caving in, doesn't everyone hope the water level goes down? If the water goes up, there is no hope for the cabins on the west shore. Its impossible, they would be under water!

The cost of increased taxes for this LID's expenses was carefully skirted around last night, at the hearing. One young man that spoke thinks there will be NO cost to him. No one corrected him.

So, please take these comments into consideration and block this LID plan, the residents on the Aerovilla side of the lake would bare the brunt of the costs! We have heard there is only 32 LIDS in Minnesota in place and there are 10,000 lakes. A simple answer, they are not successful!

Sincerely,

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DEVILS LAKE RESIDENTS AGAINST THE LID

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I am a property owner on Devils Lake. I have some concern about the formation of the LID. Last night, Sep 19, at the meeting I really didn't hear benefits of a LID other than being able to assess fees, checking water qualities (which is already done) and controlling evasive species.

I am also concerned that if the property values are lowered on the west side of the lake that we, on the Aerovilla side, will bear the cost burden for the LID project with us receiving the least benefit. If each property owner paid the same amount, it would be more fair.

I spoke with Kathy Metzker, DNR Land use hydrologist, today. She really couldn't give me any answers to my questions. She did say that a LID could pay to clean up and repair flooded septic systems. That is another cost to us that we will incur unfairly. If our septic system needs repair we pay for it ourselves.

I am against forming a LID until someone can explain the TRUE benefits to us!

I am retired, living on a fixed income and would be unable to stay in our home if there is a tax burden from the LID and with elimination of the homestead credit & the school referendum added to our taxes.

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Ottertail County Commissioner
Fergus Falls, MN

Dear Sir,

I'm John Lawrence (77 yrs. old), and live at 40423 Aerovilla Rd, Perham Township. I attended the 9/19/11 meeting at the Perham City Hall Council Chambers. I did not sign the attendance register, as I was not aware of its existence. (Dowey Huebsch knows I was there). I am opposed to the formation of a Devils Lake Lid.

At the meeting I listened ad nauseam to the many sad stories of people with water problems. They sounded like 3rd graders complaining on the playground. I did not respond because I didn't feel that was the meeting's purpose.

I could have recounted the following:
Alice and I both worked during the 40 yrs. of our marriage to gain enough equity to buy our modest Devils Lake home in which I still live. We too love Perham and the area, and purchased a retail business in 1980 (Coast To Coast, 145 W Main). A few years later we had a total loss to our livelihood, due to a total store fire loss on 4/11/83. We didn't complain, or ~~ask for help from anyone~~. Our fire insurance helped, but was far from covering the loss. We kept our head up, secured a bank loan, re-located our business, and started over.

Shortly after we sold our store, Alice died at age 63, after enjoying about 1½ years of retirement.

The majority of the people who spoke are **ONLY LOSING THEIR SUMMER CABIN.**

When they bought or built these dwellings at lake level, on a lake with no outlet, what in the *!*!* were they thinking? !? !? !?

And now they want other people to help them.

This is a form of **SOCIALISM**, which is not what this great country was founded on.

In this high tax state, I'm barely keeping up with expenses. An additional tax increase of the size needed to solve this problem, will drive me from my home.

Sincerely,

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