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DEAR COMMISSINERS:

40 YEARS AGO MY WIFE AND I MADE A CHOICE, WE LOOKED AT PROPERTIES ON DEVILS LAKE THAT WERE FOR SALE, ON THE WEST END (LOWER ACCESS TO THE LAKE) AND ON THE SOUTH SIDE (HIGHER ACCESS TO THE LAKE AND ALSO MORE EXPENSIVE) WE CHOSE THE SOUTH SIDE. BEING A YOUNG FAMILY, THIS WAS A CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE, BUT BOTH OF US GREW UP AND HAVE LIVED IN THIS AREA ALL OUR LIVES - KNOWING FULL WELL HOW THESE LAKE LEVELS CAN FLUCTUATE. IN 1979 WE BUILT OUR HOME HERE, RAISED OUR FAMILY AND NOW HAVE RETIRED - LIVING HERE ALL YEAR. IN THE EARLY 1980'S WE EXPERIENCED SOME EROSION ON OUR SHORELINE, LOOKING AHEAD, WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WISE TO INSTALL RIP-RAP - WE DID - AND SAVED OUR SHORELINE, AGAIN, AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE FOR A YOUNG FAMILY. WE DIDN'T BLAME THE LAKE FOR RISING, WE TOOK ACTION - THAT'S CALLED "PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY", SOMETHING THAT IS GETTING MORE RARE EVERYDAY. YOU CAN TRAVEL AROUND DEVILS LAKE AND SEE WHO HAS LOOKED AHEAD AND TAKEN ACTION. FOR THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE WATER PROBLEMS - I FEEL YOUR HURT, BUT LIFE IS FULL OF CHOICES, AND YOU HAVE TO LIVE BY YOUR DECISIONS. FORMING A L.I.D. IS NOT THE ANSWER - IT WILL JUST CREATE BAD RELATIONS AMONG NEIGHBORS AND PEOPLE ON LAKES DOWN STREAM. LOOK AT THE ANIMOSITY THAT IS DUE TO IMPROVING IT (added)

WE ARE AGAINST FORMING L.I.D. ON DEVILS LAKE -
THE LAST TIME WE HAD HIGH WATER MOTHER
NATURE SOLVED THE PROBLEM FREE. WE WOULD
RATHER TAKE OUR CHANCES WITH MOTHER NATURE -
SHE SLOW, BUT ALWAYS GETS THE JOB DONE.

FINALLY - WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS "SMALLER
GOVERNMENT" IN OUR LIVES, FORMING A L.I.D. IS
MORE GOVERNMENT TO DEAL WITH, SOMETHING WE
SURELY DON'T NEED.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

RESPECTFULLY

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