

Twin Lakes Water Distribution System

Township UPDATES since last JPB meeting:

- Felde-Finke and Chapin have participated in several meetings with attorneys with Kennedy & Graven, financial experts with Ehlers, and Susan Wojtkiewicz with Donohue. These meetings have helped determine steps taken after the township received the \$7.5 million from the state bonding bill.
- A Feasibility Report for the project was ordered and was prepared by Wojtkiewicz.
- A Water Rate Study for the project was prepared by Ehlers in January and was subsequently updated in March after bids were opened.
- The Township approved a Donohue contract amendment.
- NCE will do inspections for the project.
- Wolf and Willie toured some of WLSSD's meter/pump buildings and determined that a precast panel building is the best option for our project.
- The Township gave a report on the project at the county's February Committee of the Whole meeting.
- The project was advertised for bids starting in February.
- A Public Improvement Hearing was held on March 5.
- The Township has pursued options to help residents with the cost of hooking up to the system. A representative from Lakes and Pines will be making a presentation at the Town Board meeting on April 7. A local commercial business has indicated they may offer grant dollars. A county commissioner has indicated there may be grant funds available through the county.
- The Township and the City of Carlton approved a Joint Powers Agreement for Water Services.
- There are ongoing discussions with FDL regarding back-up water for the casino.
- Bids were opened on March 19 and came in much lower than expected.
- Four bids were received for the Meter and Booster Stations, ranging from \$1,376,506 to \$1,590,200. Five bids were received for the Water Distribution System, ranging from \$4,767,260 to \$5,625,000.
- Contracts were awarded on March 26 as follows:
 - For the Water Distribution System:
Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc., low bid of \$4,767, 260
 - For the Meter and Booster Stations:
Municipal Builders, Inc., low bid of \$1,376,506
 - Total of \$6,143,766.00*
- The Township approved the sale of \$795,000 in bonds.