

AN UPDATE TO THE CITIZENS AGAINST THE CLRSD SEWER PROJECT

THANKS FOR THE GREAT TURN OUT JULY 5TH, 2008 AT LEAF VALLEY TOWN HALL

INFORMATION TO ALL:

- We met with the Brandon Phase 2 group and have decided to pursue the same goals but proceed as separate entities for the most impact legally. Their plan is somewhat different than ours by going after the Township Board politically.
- We now have a name for our group, "CLEER" Citizens League for Environmental and Economic Responsibility. We are going to register this name with the state. We will be an Association and will file documents to have non-profit tax status.
- We have created a database based on the signatures on the petition, this will facilitate us in making contact with all people concerned.
- A website has been created: <http://www.no-clrds.org>. We will try to keep this updated. There are many addresses on the web site of lawmakers that need to hear from you.
- CLRSD has hired one full time and two part time lobbyists to represent their interests.
- We think the only way to fight this is with an attorney. We are proceeding with that by interviewing one that was successful in fighting a similar situation. Will keep you updated on this process.

Approximately \$1,500,000 (according to Pat Conroy's statement at July's meeting) has been incurred by CLRSD thus far. We acknowledge this money may still be our obligation to pay, but we believe we can halt this project before we are responsible for the full \$53,000,000 (estimated price as of 1/1/08).

ACTIONS YOU NEED TO TAKE:

- As they spend, we must also, please send any tax deductible donations payable to CLEER to:
Terry Stanley, 2981 N. Lake Miltona Drive NE Miltona MN 56354.
- 500 yard signs opposing the project are available to purchase. Contact Terry Stanley 218-943-2580 or Bob Bezek 13356 E. Lake Miltona Drive 218-943-5378 to purchase one. They are \$5.00. Let's flood our area with signs to show that yes indeed, there is opposition to this project.
- So far we have 160 names on the Petition WITH AT LEAST 10 SHEETS THAT PEOPLE TOOK FROM THE MEETING. PLEASE RETURN THEM ASAP TO KATE BALDWIN so we can get our petitions mailed off. If you didn't sign the petition and wish to do so, again, contact Kate.
- Write letters to your lawmakers. Suggestions in your letter are - State that you are objecting to this project. - State the facts of how it affects you personally. - Request their help to stop this project. Write one letter if you want and send it to:
Senator Amy Klobucher, 1200 Washington Ave. S. Suite 250, Minneapolis MN 55415
Lori Swanson, Attorney General, 1400 Bremer Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
Governor Tim Pawlenty, 130 State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155
Torrey Westrom, 273 State Office Bldg., St. Paul MN 55155
Mary Ellen Otremba, 445 State Office Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55155
MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
- Telephone our Town Board officers: Don Henning 218-943-1281, Gary Anderson 218-943-6100, and Jerome Hagenmiller 218-943-1841 to voice your opposition to the project. Gary Anderson is keeping track of how many people call and what they say, so all petition signers are encouraged to give them an individual call.
- Attend our next public meeting August 2nd at 10 a.m. at the Miltona Community Center, 300 Co. Road 14. During the meeting, officers will be elected to represent our group so be ready to nominate and volunteer.

IT IS A LONG UPHILL BATTLE BUT THROUGH MANY VOICES, ACTIONS AND COMMITMENT, WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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