



MEMORANDUM

July 15, 2016

TO: List of Addressees

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FR: Travis Germundson, Water Management Coordinator

PH: (651) 297-4958

RE: Notice of Public Hearing – Thirty Lakes Watershed District Termination Petition



A petition to terminate the Thirty Lakes Watershed District (TLWD) has been filed with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board). The petition was accompanied by supporting resolutions. A copy of the legal notice is attached.

The watershed district encompasses approximately 70 square miles of land in Crow Wing County. Incorporating all or parts of the Cities of Breezy Point and Nisswa and the Townships of Lake Edward, Center, Pelican, and Mission.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 beginning at 6:30PM at the Lake Edward Town Hall, 23977 County Road 4, Nisswa, Minnesota.

The primary reasons for the termination according to the petition and supporting information are that those water related concerns/programs that were the foundation for the establishment of the TLWD are adequately being addressed by other government agencies. In addition no taxes have been levied since 2012 due, in part, to a lack of projects.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed termination of the TLWD. At the hearing, all interested persons will be given opportunity to submit pertinent information before a decision is made on the Petition.

Additionally, information may be submitted at any time prior to the hearing by forwarding it to me at the St. Paul address.

Please contact me at 651-297-4958 if you have any questions.

Attachments (Legal Notice, List of Addressees)

cc: BWSR: Northern Regional Committee, John Jaschke, Doug Thomas, Ryan Hughes, Maggie Leach

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LIST OF ADDRESSEES

**Notice of Public Hearing
Thirty Lakes Watershed District
Termination Petition
July 15, 2016**

cc: Crow Wing County Auditor
Crow Wing County Administrator
Crow Wing County Attorney
Crow Wing County SWCD
Mayor, City of Breezy Point
Mayor, City of Nisswa
Lake Edward Township
Center Township
Pelican Township
Mission Township
Tony Bauer, Thirty Lakes Watershed District President
Chris Pence, Thirty Lakes Watershed District Administrator
Steve Clovin, DNR Director Division of Ecological and Water Resources
Ray Bohn, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
THIRTY LAKESWATERSHED DISTRICT
TERMINATION PETITION**

**Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
Saint Paul, MN 55155**

In the matter of the Petition for the termination of the Thirty Lakes Watershed District (TLWD) pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.271, and;

Whereas, the subject Petition has been filed with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) on May 19, 2016, and a copy was also filed with the auditor of Crow Wing County, and;

Now therefore, the Board hereby issues the following:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the termination of the TLWD will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, beginning at 6:00 PM, at the Lake Edward Town Hall, located at 23977 County Road 4, Nisswa, MN.

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The primary reasons for the termination according to the petition and supporting information are that those water related concerns/programs that were the foundation for the establishment of the TLWD are adequately being addressed by other government agencies. In addition no taxes have been levied since 2012 due, in part, to a lack of projects. Subsequently, resolutions in support of terminating the TLWD have been adopted by Crow Wing County, Lake Edward Township, and the TLWD.

A copy of the Petition and supporting documentation is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Crow Wing County Land Services Department, 322 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN, 218-824-1125. Information can also be found at www.crowwing.us and searching "Thirty Lakes".

For further information contact Travis Germundson of the Board at 651-297-4958.

Dated in Saint Paul, Minnesota this 13th of July 2016.

/s/ Travis Germundson
Water Management Coordinator