Green Lake Breeze

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THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE GREEN LAKE BREEZE!

During the 2002 year, the Board of Directors of the Green Lake Property Owners Association felt that we would enhance our membership by sending the GREEN LAKE BREEZE to all people who live on Green Lake. Our membership at that time was 64%. It was the Board's hope that by being inclusive that number would increase.

Our membership has increased for the past year. However, with the high cost of printing THE BREEZE- which is 83 cents plus the postage of 46 cents - we find it impossible to send a copy to anyone who does not pay dues to the Green Lake Property Owners Association.

Your dues pay for your personal copy of the information in and around Green Lake. These same dues of \$100.00 per year pay for spraying tent caterpillar worms, for fireworks display over Green Lake on the 4th of July and for assisting in the treatment of EWM or A.I.S. as well as water testing of Green Lake. The best part of this is that \$40.00 of the \$100.00 will go directly toward fighting Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and all \$40.00 is tax deductible!

We represent you at variance Board Meetings. Kandiyohi County Commissioners' meetings, fishing regulations meetings and A.I.S. concerns for Green Lake. As you can see, being a regular member of the Green Lake Property Owners Association is very important.

We have an excellent web page which we wish to call to your attention. Please go to www.greenlakespicer.com for all information which you need to know about the happenings of Green Lake. The minutes of each board meeting are placed on the web page for your information. You are also able to send photographs of Green Lake to your friends.

We appreciate your concern and your work for Green Lake, but please send in your \$100.00 for dues or this issue "may" be the last issue of THE BREEZE.

THANK YOU!

Green Lake Property Owners Annual Meeting Saturday, June 15 at 8:15 am • Green Lake Bible Camp

By the time you read this edition of the *Green Lake Breeze*, Memorial Day 2013 will be over and summer will be in full swing! With the late spring that we had in Minnesota this year, we are all eager to have warmer weather for the next few months.

I am sure you are all well aware and excited for the GLPOA Annual Meeting coming up. This year it will be held Saturday, June 15,

at the Green Lake Bible Camp. A full breakfast will be served at 8:15 am with the meeting to follow.

The Annual Meeting is a great time for all Green Lake property owners to hear what the GLPOA Board has been doing over the last year and have the opportunity to ask questions. As in previous years, we have invited members of the Kandiyohi County Board, representatives from the DNR, our Minnesota State Representative, Senator and many other special guests. For the third year running, our keynote speaker will be

Bruce Kleven, the GLPOA lobbyist at the State Capitol. Bruce will be discussing the political process and explaining how, with the help of our local Representative and Senator, a significant Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) bill was recently passed only to be vetoed by Governor Dayton as the session ended.

Rest assured AIS will continue to be one of the hottest topics at the State Capitol. The GLPOA along with all Minnesotans who care about AIS, have made significant progress on this issue and must keep pushing forward together.

By the time we see you at the Annual Meeting, we will have sprayed for tent caterpillars and treated for milfoil if we get some nice, calm days. All of us on the GLPOA Board look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on June 15. Come, meet new people and learn more about Green Lake.

James R Duninet

Jamie Duininck

P-R-I-D-E Goes A Long Way

- **P** People enjoy Green Lake along with the Nature Trail.
- Road sides are not attractive. Please do your part in cleaning the property across from your home. Many of these areas have become "dump sites." If you see aluminum cans across the road, please pick them up.
- I "I" is where it all begins.
- **D** Do keep grass clippings and leaves out of the storm sewers. The first four rounds of mowing, please mow "inward" rather than on the road. When finished mowing, please sweep the clippings up.
- **E** Everyone means "YOU!"



Terry W. Frazee Executive Secretary



GLPCA Annual Meeting

GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP, SPICER, MINNESOTA SATURDAY, 15 JUNE 2013 • BREAKFAST - 8:15 A.M. • MEETING TO FOLLOW

AGENDA

1.0	Open The Meeting
	1.1 Call The Meeting To Order
	1.2 Acknowledge Visitors Present

Approve Minutes 2.1 Saturday, 09 June 2012

3.0 Financial Conditions

 3.1 General Fund
 \$16,454.13

 3.2 Patrol Fund
 \$527.47

 3.3 Fishing Fund
 \$.00

 3.4 A.I.S. Fund
 \$1,280.22

Total \$18,261.82

4.0 Points of Interest

4.1 Tier I and Tier II Grants Terry W. Frazee

4.2 4.3

2.0

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Fishing Tournament/Boat Wash Program for 2013

5.2 Eurasian Water Milfoil Program

6.0 New Business

6.1 Bruce Kleven, GLPOA Lobbyist

6.11 Minnesota Legislative Process of 20136.12 GLPOA's Success in the Legislative Session

6.13 Question/Answer Period

Election of Board Members for 3 Year Term

6.21Tom JohnsonGreen Lake3 Year Term6.22Bob SchemelNew London3 Year Term6.23Bruce SchweitzerNew London1 Year Term6.24Eric RobertsIrving3 Year Term

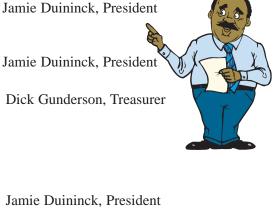
7.0 Adjourn

Music in the Park

Gather together your family and friends, pick up your chairs and blankets and head to the Spicer City Park for six Sundays of *Music in the Park*. Beginning on Sunday, July 7 through Sunday, August 11, talented area musicians will produce a variety of pleasant sounds on the new park deck from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend these concerts.

The first group of musicians appearing on the deck will be the **Green Lake Bluegrass Band** on July 7. Showcased onstage on July 14 is the **New London-Spicer Community Band**. Jazz permeates the deck on July 21, featuring the **Roger Kodet Jazz Quartet**. More jazz is performed on July 28 presented by the **Mill Pond Jazz Quartet**. On August 4, it's time for the **Great Times Band** to entertain us. The final performers are the **Peace Lutheran Bluegrass Army** on August 11.

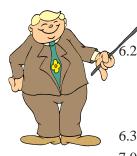
If you get hungry while you listen, local fundraisers invite you to buy their wares, ranging from popcorn and lemonade, to hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas and other food items. The Link, Habitat for Humanity, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Grace Living Community of Glen Oaks and the Lions Club are the fundraising groups offering cures for the munchies.



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Bob Schemel

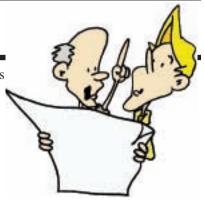


GLPOA Statement of Conditions to May 31, 2013

OPENING BALANCE		\$21,530.79	DISBURSEMENTS CONTINU	JED	
			Patrol	\$2,514.99	
RECEIPTS			Printing/Postage	\$9,813.06	749.18
General Fund	\$50,030.00	The same	Secretary	\$2,700.00	
Interest	\$235.80	*	Spraying of Caterpillar Worms	\$9,990.00	
Patrol	\$4,140.00	1 de	Water Shed District	\$532.00	
Aquatic Invasive Species	\$13,343.10		Web Page	\$845.00	
Fishing	\$1,640.00	Q UP			
Gifts	\$.00	N A	מ	FOTAL \$ 72,657.87	\$ 72,657.87
	TOTAL \$ 69,388.90	\$ 69,388.90	BALANCE FOR 31 MAY 2013	Y 2013 \$ 18,261.82	
DISBURSEMENTS			FUNDS OF OPERATIONS BA	LANCE	
Aquatic Invasive Species	\$18,922.79		General Fund	\$16,454.13	
Donations	\$2,000.00		Patrol Fund	\$527.47	
Education	\$2,500.00		Fishing Fund	\$.00	
Fishing	\$1,640.00		Aquatic Invasive Species Fund	\$1,280.22	
Gift/Transfer	\$20,000.00		Gift Fund	\$.00	
Green Lake Bible Camp	\$612.50				
Misc. Costs	\$587.53			TOTAL \$ 18,261.82	

Floodplain Maps

Recently the Kandiyohi County Planning & Zoning Department has been working with representatives from FEMA and the MN DNR on updating the county's floodplain maps. The original ordinance and maps were adopted in 1986. Obviously, since that time significant technological advances have been made and the updated maps will use known base elevations and Lidar to establish contours that will create accurate boundaries for the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's), these are areas that are subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood. The 1% annual chance flood (100 year flood) also known as the base flood is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.



The 1986 maps did include some SFHA's on Green Lake; however, it was very difficult to determine an exact location with any degree of accuracy. The new preliminary maps include an area along Indian Beach Road from approximately Jesse Lake to Indian Beach Harbor that is in the SFHA. If your property is determined to be in the SFHA and you have a mortgage or loan on it from a federally regulated institution you would be required to obtain flood insurance. The MN DNR web page, www.dnr.state.mn.us is a good resource to learn more about the floodplain management program. To determine if your property is in or out of the SFHA I would encourage you to stop by the planning and zoning office and view the maps. We are located in the lower level of the County Office Building, 400 Benson Ave. SW Willmar, or give us a call at 231-6229.

Sincerely, Gary Geer Planning & Zoning Administrator

ANNUAL MEETING - SATURDAY, 09 JUNE 2012 - 9:00 A.M.

GREEN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Green Lake Property was called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Chairperson Jamie Duininck. A count of 93 members and guests were present.

President Duininck welcomed members and thanked the Green Lake Bible Camp for hosting the Annual Meeting and providing an excellent hot breakfast to all who attended.

Kandiyohi County Commissioner Dennis Peterson was introduced along with Minnesota Representative Bruce Vogel and Senator Joe Gimse. Also attending was Irving Town Board Chairperson, Harlow Olson and Spicer Mayor Dennis Baker. Candidates who are running for office in the fall of 2012 were also introduced as was Tom Chervey of the Willmar Tribune.

President Duininck presented the minutes for the Annual Meeting of Saturday, 18 June 2011, as written and published in the June 2012 Green Lake Breeze mailed to all lake owners of Green Lake. Motion was made, seconded to approve the minutes as mailed out. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dick Gunderson presented the financial statement of conditions for the 01 June 2011 to year ending of 06.30. 2012. Treasurer Gunderson had an Audit Committee of Past President Bruce Halgren, Past Present Ralph Jansen and himself to examine the books of the Green Lake Association.

Treasurer Dick Gunderson showed the following fund balance as:

General Fund \$23,341.03 A. I. S. Fund (\$3,332.19)
Patrol Fund \$521.95

Fishing Fund \$.00 **TOTAL \$21,530.79**

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was moved, seconded. Motion carried.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Chairperson Ron Schneider presented information on the Zebra Mussel situation within the State of Minnesota, as two years ago we had 24 lakes infested while the latest count of 80 lakes are now infested with Zebra Mussels.

Zebra Mussels are a "hitchhicker" who travel from an infested lake to non infested lakes by boats, trailers, fishing equipment, PWC and duck boats along with sailboats. The only way to stop these Zebra Mussels from coming into a lake is with a Power Wash Program.

Chairperson Schneider explained that with 800,000 boats in the State of Minnesota, if you would add a fee of \$40.00 for a three year period you would bring in \$32,000,000 or a program using \$10,000,000.00 dollars per year to fight A.I.S.

The Department of Natural Resources stated it would take at least \$10,000,000.00 per year, as this program provided by the Green Lake Property Owners Association would be a fee to property owners, not a tax to the State of Minnesota to protect our lakes.

Chairperson Schneider also spoke of having Fishing Tournaments on Non Infested Lakes prior to the Infested Lakes each year. While the Green Lake Property Owners met with Commissioner Tom Landwehr in September of 2011, he agreed to making that change.

Executive Secretary Terry W. Frazee presented information to the Board of the difference between Tier One Programs and Tier Two programs. Tier One programs are college students which are

placed at the Boat Access to check all water craft before they are placed in the water, check for any weeds on the trailer, plus find out where the owner has had the boat in previous outings. Green Lake wrote a grant during the winter of 2011/12 to provide for 210 hours at our Boat Access of which the State of Minnesota will pay the entire cost. The GLPOA also wrote a matching grant of 250 hours which the GLPOA will pay \$7.75 per hour for worker with the State of Minnesota paying the remaining salary.

The GLPOA also has a working agreement with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff to provide patrol on Green Lake every Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the boating season.

We also wrote a grant for 81 Hours for Tier Two program. Tier Two will allow for power washing of boats prior to being allowed within Green Lake.

Tier Two program will be held for the Four (4) fishing tournaments plus the 4th of July, the 7th of July along with the Sailing regatta which will be in Spicer on the 13, 14 and 15th of July.

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Annual Meeting -- Saturday, 09 June 2012 -- 9:00 A.M. Continued

The Spicer Office of the DNR will provide training for volunteers on the 15th of June. Any interested person should contact Terry Frazee for the time of session, also work period.

Frazee presented information about the Eurasian Water Milfoil program which Ann Latham presented to him. Nicholas Brown, DNR Invasive Species Specialist, will be in Spicer on Friday, 15 June 2012 to survey the lake for chemical

treatment of the A. I. S. plant. Board member Bob Schemel and Roger Sowder will work with Nick Brown on the survey of Green Lake.

The Lake Watch program continues to operate on which we ask any lake shore owners who find Eurasian Water Milfoil to contact any of the above listed people.



NEW BUSINESS:

Board Chairperson introduced Mr. Bruce Kleven, GLPOA Lobbyist in St. Paul, to speak of the happenings this past session. Mr. Kleven stated this was a policy year rather than a budget year. The top priority was that \$3.8 million dollars was approved to the University of Minnesota for a research center for finding a way to eliminate Aquatic Invasive Species.

Mr. Kleven informed the Green Lake Home Owners that the DNR provided a five part bill to the legislators, that being (1) double the penalties for violations, such as having plugs in boat as you move them, (2) gives authority for the DNR to partner with county governments such as taking over A.I.S. programs, (3) the Commissioner of the DNR has the authority to mandate all fishing tournaments, (4) have all water related equipment to have a drying period of 21 days moving from one lake to another, (5) by 2015, all owners of boats/trailers will need to take a course on line in order to receive a permit to haul by trailer.

The language of fishing tournaments was discussed. Pre fishing from lake to lake before the actual tournament is a concern to all lake owners in Minnesota.

Mr. Kleven stated this is an election year, as all boundaries have been re-drawn by the Supreme Court as legislative leaders were able to agree upon boundaries. Mr. Kleven stated the session of 2013 will be a very different year as about 20% of the new legislators will be new to the system.

Terry Frazee explained that monies from dues of the Green Lake Property Owners Association are not able to pay any part of Bruce Kleven's lobby effort. We needed to form a new organization called STOP THE ZEBRA MUSSELS. We are not allowed to mix any funds of the two organizations. Mr. Frazee asked the members to assist in the continued effort to keep Mr. Kleven representing the STOP THE ZEBRA MUSSEL program in St. Paul.

Linda Mickelson spoke about starting a Woman's Day Out with the first luncheon set for Wednesday, 13 June 2012.

Chairperson Duininck introduced the candidates to serve on the Board of Directors for the Green Lake Property Owners Association for a three year period being on 01 July 2012 to 30 June 2015. Those candidates are:

Greg Holmstrom 11320 Indian Beach Road Green Lake Township
Steve Linder 14272 Indian Beach Road Irving Township
Ron Schneider 325 Lake Avenue South City of Spicer
Valerie Sechler 215 Lake Avenue South City of Spicer

Being no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made; second to cast ballot for the four above mentioned candidates. Motion carried.

Chairperson Duininck made a special thank you to Roger Stehn and Trudy Lieser for their outstanding work on the Board of Directors of the Green Lake Property Owners Association.

Chairperson Duininck reminded members of the 2013 Annual Meeting to be held at the Green Lake Bible camp on the third Saturday of June 2013, being 15 June.

Motion to adjourn, second. Motion passed. The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Green Lake Property Owners Association ended.







Jim Gilbert said he didn't mind if I used the same title as his Sunday morning broadcasts, bless his heart. He was at the Wild Bird Warehouse recently, signing his books and visiting with avid listeners of that program and with friends. When I told him that when I've seen some newly returned bird, for instance, I've often noticed that others have called in with the same observations. He said we should let him know, anyway, so he can record the different parts of the state the sighting is made.

I thought about my neglecting to let him know when I saw the first horned larks last winter. I swear they appeared, darting across the roadside, before the end of December and thinking "Isn't it early for them?" Friends in southern Minnesota also noted them but didn't know what they were, quickly finding them in their

bird book after I mentioned the name.

By now most of you know that the ice finally went out on May 8 (90%) and May 9 (100%). An erroneous call to the West Central Tribune had selected May 6th as the date, but that day there was a 6" cover of ice on most of the lake. We watched a fellow in a kayak go out to measure it. The paper then checked with the DNR for the 100% date—May 9th. Our GLPO recorder goes by the 90% as requested by a national recorder, Ken Stewart, in New York. Thus we have an occasional discrepancy.

Now that we have the ice successfully off the lake, let's look at the rest of nature. Maple leaves that were mere buds on Mother's Day, May 12, a week behind

those 100 miles south of here, burst into leaves the next Sunday, around the same time.

Tulips that had pushed up through the dry leaves, literally - they were encased in the dry leaves and had to be rescued - had buds that shot up a foot or so, then opened and quickly bloomed themselves out. Those terrifically strong winds on May 18th beat some of them to an early death.

Although all three types of feeders were filled for the birds - niger (thistle) for the goldfinches, sugar water for the hummingbirds and orioles, and oily sunflower hearts and pieces for all the other songbirds

that abound - the niger one went untouched for almost a week. The absence was explained when all the gold finches came back with their bright yellow coats with black wings. I hadn't realized they'd gone somewhere to change their "clothes." At times 18-20 birds will be feeding and flitting around two feeders that have 12 perches. They chase each other, feed each other, vie for what they think is the best position—you name it. Now an all-yellow bird with slightly olive/yellow wings is hanging around and we can't find it in the bird book. Any suggestions or answers?

On May15th, my neighbors and I had a real treat - a scarlet tanager came to call. That brilliant red with black wings is fun for me to see - I haven't had the experience as often as I have with other birds. A few minutes later a red-breasted grosbeak was hopping off the deck to look for seed that had fallen on the ground. Now if an indigo bunting would grace me with his presence that would be superb. I've seen them, not often, but in other years.

I learned something new the other day. One friend has a feeder with peanuts in it. There was an oriole, pecking away. Calling our naturalist friend, he learned that orioles are insect feeders - it's been too cold for insects (have you noticed that?) so the orioles turn to peanuts for their protein. Smart birds.

Loons, mergansers, pelicans and coots ply the waters. The other day two loons came swimming by. Suddenly the one, slightly behind the other, dived. He came up six feet ahead of the swimmer and turned to face his partner. He did that twice while I watched. Obviously, they swim underwater faster than on the surface. Canada geese have already hatched their young, in sets of three to six, especially near the outlet - at least that's where I observe them.

As for June, we hope we don't go from snow to 90 degrees in a week, as we did in May. Now that the wind

has smoothed out the ridges of sand that the freezing water underneath forms each year along the shore, the winds can die down, too. The lake is high; the water is clear. Let's do our best to keep it that way.

May the gentle Green Lake breezes bring you contentment, pleasure & peace.

Water & Sewer Update

WATER LEAK DETECTION PROJECT - POSITIVE RESULTS

Last summer, the Green Lake Sanitary Sewer & Water District (GLSSWD) retained a private contractor to locate leaks in the water distribution system around Green Lake, due to excessively high levels of water loss experienced in recent years.

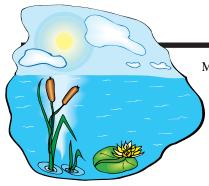
Several significant leaks were detected - and repaired - in August and September and monthly water pump and meter readings for 2013 have shown a substantial reduction in water losses so far this year. Since the repairs were completed, water loss levels are

now occurring at levels well within the acceptable range, based on guidelines prescribed by the State of Minnesota.

A secondary benefit of the leak detection project included the installation of all curb stop locations on a GPS mapping system which will allow for easier identification of curb stops and possible leaks in the future.

CAUTION: PROPER DISPOSAL OF SANITARY WIPES

The GLSSWD cautions residents to refrain from flushing various sanitary wipes in toilets on the lake's sanitary sewer system. The system has recently experienced several plugged grinder pumps caused by flushed sanitary wipes and cautions residents to properly dispose of wipes in your garbage and not your toilet.



Keep Our Lakes Blue!

Minnesota's new statewide phosphorus lawn fertilizer restriction went into effect January 1, 2005.

- 1. Isn't phosphorus banned from lawn fertilizer products? No, the new phosphorus law does not ban phosphorus from lawn fertilizer products. It only restricts the user *from using fertilizers containing phosphorus on established lawns* unless a soil test indicates that phosphorus is necessary.
- **2.** Why are lawn fertilizers with phosphorus still being sold? It is still legal to sell fertilizers containing phosphorus. It is not, however, legal to use fertilizers containing phosphorus on established lawns. The phosphorus law restricts the user not the seller.
- 3. Do lawns need phosphorus? Phosphorus is only needed if you are laying down sod or seeding a new lawn, as it helps in root development.
- **4.** Where can I use fertilizers containing phosphorus? You can use fertilizers containing phosphorus when establishing a new lawn, when planting vegetable and flower gardens, when fertilizing shrubs and trees, or when a soil test indicates phosphorus is necessary.
- **5.** What should I do with my unused fertilizer containing phosphorus? Fertilizers containing 3% or less phosphorus may be used in many areas outside of the seven-county Metropolitan Area. You can use it at your cabin or second home, or you can give it to family or friends living outside the Metropolitan Area. If this is not an option, you may choose one of the following:
 - Take fertilizers that contain both phosphorus and pesticides to your nearest household hazardous waste collection site.
 - Use fertilizers that do not contain pesticides but do contain phosphorus in vegetable and flower gardens, or around trees and shrubs.
 - **6. Do commercial lawn services need to follow this law?** Yes, in fact, many cities have restricted the use of phosphorus by commercial lawn care services for many years.
 - 7. Why don't I need phosphorus in my lawn fertilizer? Phosphorus promotes healthy root growth. So, new grass, annual flowers, vegetable garden plants, and new shrubs all need phosphorus to develop their new root system an established lawn does not.
 - 8. Will my lawn be hurt if I don't have phosphorus in my fertilizer? Damage will only occur if you do not have adequate phosphorus levels in the soil to produce a healthy lawn. Most area lawns have more than adequate phosphorus levels of phosphorus.

What can you do? Check with your local retailer now to make sure they stock zero phosphorus fertilizer.



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Return Service Requested





Whom Do I Call For Important Questions?

Department of Natural Resources

Water Resources	Manager Skip Wright	796.2161, Ext. 222
Fishery	Dave Coahran	796.2161, Ext. 225
Area Hydrologist	Ethan Jenzen	796.6272, Ext. 232
Compliance Hydrologist	Sara Jacobson	234.2550, Ext. 232
Conservation Officer	Jeff Denz	320.276.8284
Conservation Officer	Larry Hanson	507.537.0651
Turn In Poachers (TIP)		800.652.9093
DNR Web Page		www.dnr.state.mn.us

Kandivohi County

Kanaiyoni County		
Assessors Office	Tim Falkum	231.6200
County Administrator	Larry Kleindl	231.6215
Environmental Office	Jeff Bredberg	231.6229
Public Works Office	Gary Danielson	235.3266
Sheriff's Office	Dan Hartog	235.1260
Emergency		911
Vehicles Parked on Wal	king Path	235.1260

Kandiyohi County cont.

Zoning Administrator	.Gary Geer	231.6229
Kandiyohi County Web Page		www.co.kandiyohi.mn.us

Local Elected Chairpersons/Mayor

Green Lake Township	Jerome Bengtson	796.5514
Irving Township	Jerome Nygaard	276.8686
New London Township	Mark Mertens	354.5433
Spicer, Mayor of	Dennis Baker	796.6060
Spicer Administrator	Leslie Valiant	796.5562
Spicer Public Library		796.5560

Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District

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