

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 49 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 on this issue "may" be the last issue of THE BREEZE.
THANK YOU!



It's that time of year again! Please join us for the Green Lake Property Owners Association Annual Meeting coming up on Saturday, June 21 at the Green Lake Bible Camp. We will be serving a full breakfast at 8:15 am followed by a short, but informative meeting about many interesting topics.

You'll hear about the new money that will be made available by our Minnesota State Legislature to deal with aquatic invasive species (AIS). Bruce Kleven, our GLPOA lobbyist, will provide a full rundown of how this came about and how Kandiyohi County can expect to benefit from it in the future. In a nutshell, the tax code was changed to provide \$10 million annually for counties to fight AIS.



The program will start in July of this year and money will be allocated by the State based on the number of boat landings in each county.

Although the first year of this new program will not be fully funded, Kandiyohi County can expect to receive \$256,000 annually to fight AIS starting in 2015. Rest assured that the GLPOA will work very closely with the counties to make sure we receive our fair share of this funding.



At our meeting, you will also hear how we are doing with milfoil treatment and learn about the partnership we have with the City of Spicer and the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed to monitor and wash boats at three Green Lake accesses. Lastly, you will hear why your Board has been wrestling with the idea of changing our name from the Green Lake Property Owners Association to the Green Lake Area Association.

So, as you can see, we will have a fun-filled, informative agenda for our annual meeting. Please consider joining us!

Jamie Duinick, President GLPOA



Happy Birthday GLPOA!

Yes, on 01 June 2014, YOUR GLPOA has turned 50 years old! Green Lake Property Owners was established in 1964 to represent homeowners and other citizens who live off the lake who wish to join to work on issues concerning beautiful Green Lake.

During the years problems have risen from Milfoil, now we continue to fight A.I.S. Do you remember when the DNR wished to make Green Lake a Bass lake instead of our Walleyes? Do you recall the "high water level" of 1990? The meetings with the State of Minnesota plus Kandiyohi County!

Remember the building of the sewer/water/road around Green Lake and the number of meetings which were held? How many of you remember the number of "trees" which were removed! Now 15 years later we have a great system as the trees have grown back!

Remember the days of the tent caterpillar worms crawling over your property when the children/grandchildren came to visit for the weekend? Your Board of Directors work to eliminate them during the summer.

We want to thank the many fine people who volunteered to serve on the Green Lake Board during these past 50 years! Each one of them should be congratulated, as to how they served to keep one of the most pristine lakes in Minnesota as clean for swimmers, boaters, fisher people and your children/grandchildren to enjoy each year.

From the present Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support! Thank you and again to each of you.... HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREEN LAKE ASSOCIATION AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY.





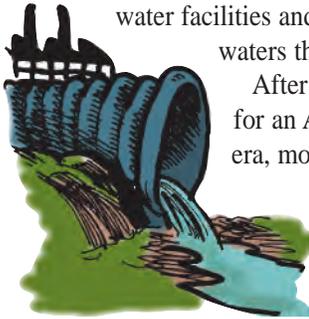
History of Green Lake Property Owners Association

I have been requested to prepare a brief history of the Green Lake Property Owners Association as it celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

During my first term as a Legislator from Kandiyohi County serving in the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1963, I had the opportunity to observe the activities of several Lake Associations around the State of Minnesota. The Associations requested legislative assistance to improve public waters in their lakes and adjoining properties as well as the advancement of other local projects.

The requests basically revolved around three different issues:

1. Request for legislation expanding the authority of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to monitor and improve public waters and fishing in Minnesota.
2. A request for State appropriation of funds to financially support the activities of their respective lake Associations.
3. The enactment of legislation to empower lake Associations to create sanitary sewer and public water facilities and other activities to improve properties on the lake and to benefit the public waters through an assessment procedure to finance such projects.



After the Legislature adjourned in 1963, I visited with many property owners on Green Lake suggesting the need for an Association to support activities to improve Green Lake and the properties surrounding the lake. During that era, most of the properties were occupied by seasonal cabins and there were very few permanent residences on Green Lake.

Our discussions ultimately evolved into a consensus that a non-profit organization be established consisting of local citizens that would make it their concern to improve Green Lake for the benefit of the public and the surrounding property owners. Of course, it was rumored there were many failing septic systems that



were polluting the lake, that some property owners were interested in building boat houses that extended beyond the lake shore, the need to improve the quality of fishing in the lake and a host of other issues that required ongoing attention and financial support.

To accomplish these goals, it was a consensus that a non-profit corporation be organized entitled "The Green Lake Property Owners Association." I agreed to furnish the legal services at no cost to anyone to draft the Article of Incorporation and to also pay the filing fee to the Minnesota Secretary of State for the filing of the official Articles of Incorporation.



The Articles of Incorporation were dated December 10, 1964 and signed by following persons: E.N. Farness, Lloyd F. Johnson, Nels Miller, M.O. Hanson, John Spicer, Erroll Wanamaker and Jay Putnam.

After filing the document with the Minnesota Secretary of State, a Certificate of Incorporation of the Green Lake Property Owners Association was issued on February 23, 1965.

The credit for the legendary history of successes of the Association must be given to the Board of Directors and its leadership in establishing one of the strongest and dedicated Property Owners Associations in Minnesota.

Particular credit must be given to Terry Frazee who served six years on the Board of Directors and 20 years as its Executive Director. Frazee is a retired Minnesota Educator as well as Superintendent of public schools in Minnesota. Since his retirement, he has devoted much of his time and energies to advance the purposes and the activities of the Association.



Recently when Frazee and I had lunch together to discuss my preparation of this brief history, his cell phone rang. The person calling him was the Administrative Assistant to the Senator in Minnesota Legislature who authored the bill to appropriate state funds to fight the infestation of Zebra Mussels. He informed Frazee that the legislation had been enacted and he provided data of the exact amount of funds available to Kandiyohi County including Green Lake.

I can tell you that from my ten years of tenure in the Minnesota Legislature that enjoying the confidence of key members of the Legislature that Frazee has developed is not a product of good luck or accident. Simply stated, he has earned this remarkable affiliation and respect through his ongoing efforts in supplying data and requests to the Legislature that are reasonable, accurate and not embellished or extravagant.

In conclusion I believe that membership of the Green Lake Property Owners Association provides "The Biggest Bang for The Buck."



Wallace Gustafson



GLPOA Annual Meeting

GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP, SPICER, MINNESOTA
SATURDAY, 21 JUNE 2014 • BREAKFAST - 8:15 A.M. • MEETING TO FOLLOW

AGENDA

- 1.0 Open The Meeting Jamie Duininck, President
 - 1.1 Call The Meeting To Order
 - 1.2 Acknowledge Visitors Present

- 2.0 Approve Minutes Jamie Duininck, President
 - 2.1 Saturday, 15 June 2013

- 3.0 Financial Conditions Dr. Tom Lange, Treasurer
 - 3.1 General Fund \$4,899.73
 - 3.2 Patrol Fund \$498.18
 - 3.3 Fishing Fund \$.00
 - 3.4 A.I.S. Fund \$.00
 - Total \$5,397.91

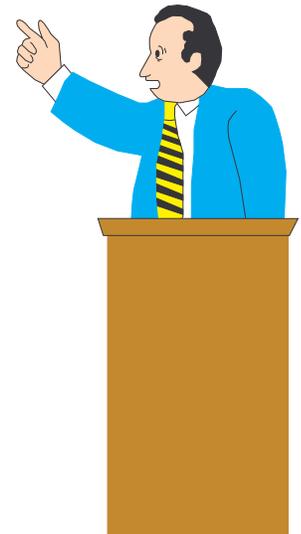
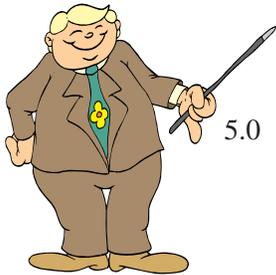
- 4.0 Points of Interest Jamie Duininck, President
 - 4.1 Partnership with Spicer Jamie Duininck, President
 - 4.2

- 5.0 Old Business Jamie Duininck, President
 - 5.1 Change Name from GLPOA Jamie Duininck, President
 - 5.2 Eurasian Water Milfoil Program Bob Schemel

- 6.0 New Business Jamie Duininck, President
 - 6.1 Bruce Kleven, GLPOA Lobbyist
 - 6.11 Minnesota Legislative Process of 2013
 - 6.12 GLPOA's Success in the Legislative Session
 - 6.13 Question/Answer Period
 - 6.2 Election of Board Members for 3 Year Term

6.21	Green Lake	3 Year Term
6.22	Harvey Lange Irving	3 Year Term
6.23	Bruce Schweitzer New London	3 Year Term
6.24	Steve Lykken Spicer	3 Year Term
 - 6.3

- 7.0 Adjourn



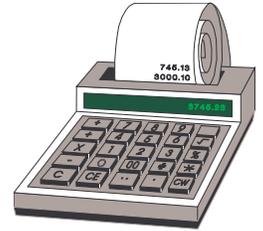
GLPOA Statement of Conditions to May 31, 2014

OPENING BALANCE

\$18,261.82

RECEIPTS

General Fund	\$49,000.00
Interest	\$113.59
Patrol	\$3,840.00
Aquatic Invasive Species	\$11,590.00
Fishing	\$2,140.00
Gifts	\$.00



TOTAL \$66,683.59

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DISBURSEMENTS

Aquatic Invasive Species	\$20,562.01
Donations	\$1,500.00
Education	\$1,795.69
Equipment Purchased	\$15,693.25
Fishing	\$2,140.00
Gift/Transfer	\$8,000.00
Green Lake Bible Camp	\$1,028.00
Misc. Costs	\$762.40
Office Supplies	\$476.96
Patrol	\$3,274.50
Printing/Postage	\$9,834.69
Secretary	\$2,700.00
Spraying of Caterpillar Worms	\$10,080.00
Water Shed District	\$1,000.00
Web Page	\$700.00



TOTAL \$79,547.50

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BALANCE FOR 31 MAY 2014

\$5,397.91

FUNDS OF OPERATIONS BALANCE

General Fund	\$4,899.73
Patrol Fund	\$498.18
Fishing Fund	\$.00
Aquatic Invasive Species Fund	\$.00

TOTAL \$5,397.91



Who Are We?



Last summer our Board spent some time wrestling with the question of who we are as the Green Lake Property Owners Association. In the process, we carefully reviewed our mission and vision as a Board, and ended up asking ourselves the question: Is this the right time to change our name to better reflect who we are?



During our discussions, it became apparent that the GLPOA is more than just an organization of property owners. It's a rallying point for all those who love and cherish Green Lake. We concluded that our Board's work is really centered on protecting, enhancing and restoring Green Lake for the benefit of all.



Although the name "Green Lake Property Owners Association" has served us very well for the last 49 years, our Board has made the decision to put a name change on the ballot this year for our members to consider. You'll have the opportunity to vote on the issue at our GLPOA Annual Meeting coming up on June 21st. The name being proposed is the Green Lake Area Association, or something similar.

The Board recommends that you come to the annual meeting prepared to approve the name change. Thanks ahead of time for your consideration and input.

To Spray Or Not To Spray



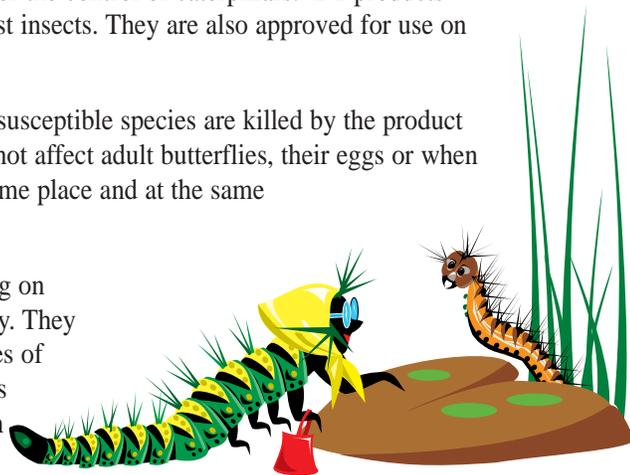
Every spring people try to decide if they want to spray for tent caterpillars or not. There are several sites that you can look up information on the tent caterpillar. Some of the information from these sites is as follows for the tent caterpillars: "Forest tent caterpillar emerge from egg masses in early to late May, they feed actively for 5 to 6 weeks. In June older caterpillars become restless and move around trees and other vegetation to find food. Significant damage to trees and nearby plants can occur at this time. Near end of June the full grown caterpillars search for protected areas to build their cocoons. Adult moths emerge about 2 weeks later. Adults live for about 5 days. During this short span of time they deposit from 100 to 350 eggs in gray cylindrical masses surrounding small twigs and branches. The eggs are protected for the winter and in the spring the cycle begins again. Forest tent caterpillars have only one generation per year."



The chemical that is usually used for the spraying of forest tent caterpillars is called Foray 488. This chemical is not a synthetic chemical but a biological chemical. The active ingredient in this chemical is BTK (*Bacillus thuringiensis*, subsp. *Kurstaki*). BT occurs naturally and is commonly found in soils worldwide. BT products contain highly specialized protein crystals and dormant spores of bacteria, these are only activated when they are eaten by a susceptible species of insects. Unlike broad spectrum insecticides, BT is highly specific-that is, it affects only certain species of insects and has no effect on others. BTK is used for the control of caterpillars. BT products are labeled non-toxic to humans, other mammals, birds, fish, honey bees and most insects. They are also approved for use on organically grown food.

Many caterpillars are potentially susceptible to BTK. Only young caterpillars of susceptible species are killed by the product and even then they must eat a sufficient dose of BTK to be affected. BTK does not affect adult butterflies, their eggs or when they are in the chrysalis stage (cocoon). Unless butterfly caterpillars are in the same place and at the same time as the target caterpillars they are not at risk of being infected.

Monarch butterflies usually reach Minnesota in late May or early June, depending on temperatures. The Monarch butterfly needs 55 degrees or warmer to be able to fly. They only lay their eggs on milk weed plants and once hatched, they only eat the leaves of the milk weed plant. Adult monarchs feed on nectar. They live about two months except for the generation that is born in the fall that migrate south, they live from 6-8 months.



ANNUAL MEETING -- SATURDAY, 15 JUNE 2013 -- 9:00 A.M.



The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Green Lake Property Owners Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Jamie Duinink. A court of 91 members and guests were present.

President Duinink welcomed members and thanked the Green Lake Bible Camp for hosting the Annual Meeting and providing an excellent hot breakfast to all who attended. A special thank you went to head cook, Joan and her staff.

Kandiyohi County Commissioners Dean Shuck and Roger Imdieke were introduced along with State Senator Lyle Koenen and House Representative Mary Sawatzky.

President Duinink presented the minutes for the Annual Meeting of Saturday, 09 June 2012, as written and published in the June 2013 Green Lake Breeze to all lake owners on Green Lake. Motion was made, seconded to approve the minutes as mailed out. Motion carried.

T. Frazee introduced Harris Duinink, age 9, who spoke about the serious threat of Aquatic Invasive Species, especially Zebra Mussels. Frazee explained that we need to start "thinking of our Legacy" for Green Lake. What is the future of Green Lake? How do we protect this lake? Those in attendance enjoyed the talk from Harris Duinink, as it was a educational piece!



Treasurer Dick Gunderson showed the following fund balance as:

General Fund.....\$16,454.13	Patrol Fund	\$527.47	
Fishing Fund.....\$0.00	Aquatic Invasive Species	\$1,280.22	Total\$18,261.82

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



POINTS OF INTEREST:

T. Frazee presented to the Annual Meeting the difference between Tier I and Tier II monitors which are used at boat accesses. Green Lake is the only lake in Kandiyohi County which is receiving Tier I inspections for this year. We will receive near 400 hours with fully trained D.N.R. inspection at the six (6) boat accesses. Tier II inspections are for cleaning boats with self contained units. There are six fishing tournaments on Green Lake which all boats will have the chance to power wash their units. The Board of Directors of the Green Lake Association has donated 6 \$100.00 gifts to be given to the winner of each fishing tournament person who power washes



their boat. We are also working with the sailing regatta which will be in Spicer on the 28th and 29th of June. The Board has met with Green Lake Township and Irving Township Boards asking for the cooperation of closing their accesses to prevent the spread of Zebra Mussels. The State of Minnesota does not have the "power" to order these boat accesses closed but the GLPOA Board continues to meet with them to work for less boat access on Green Lake.



B. Schemel, Chairperson of the Eurasian Water Milfoil Program, explained to the guests that Nick Brown, D.N.R. expert on Milfoil, will be at Green Lake. During years past, we have used the chemical Renovate OTF, but have been given permission to use Renovate Max "G" this year. "Max G" is a stronger chemical but will not affect the Native Plants of the lake. Schemel stated he is continuing to work with Haug Implement of Willmar on the GPS of spreading the "Max G" for 2013 year. We will not know the exact number of acres that need to be treated until we take the survey.

Chairperson J. Duinink introduced Bruce Kleven, who is the GLPOA Lobbyist representing Green Lake at the State Capitol. B. Kleven worked on securing state funding to construct a "permanent" decontamination station at the Spicer boat access, Saulsbury. The bill to provide the state funding was authored by Representative Mary Sawatzky (D-Willmar) and Senator Lyle Koenen (D- Clara City) and thanks to an amendment on the House floor offered by Representative Sawatzky, specific funding for the Green Lake project was included in the House version of the dedicated sales tax bill. The dedicated sales tax bill contains funding for the following three accounts: the outdoor heritage account, the clean water account, and the parks and trails/arts funding account. In addition to the Green Lake project, the House expanded the concept of local grants and provided \$7.5 million over two years in their bill so that any local unit of government could apply for local aquatic invasive species (AIS) decontamination and inspection grants. Unfortunately, the Senate did not provide any funding for AIS grants in their version of the dedicated sales tax bill. The conference committee agreed to meet in the middle and provided \$3 million the first year of the bi-ennui for local decontamination and inspection grants. But bowing to pressure from hunting and fishing groups, Governor Dayton exercised his line-item veto authority to strike the \$3 million appropriation from the bill because the hunting and fishing groups had not approved of the appropriation.



All is not lost, however, because the Green Lake project has a second opportunity. In another bill, the DNR is receiving \$1.082 million each year for grants to local units of government for boat and water safety and to prevent the spread of AIS, including inspection and decontamination program. The Green Lake Board will be making application for this program when the new fiscal year starts, 01 July 2014.

Chairperson J. Duinink presented the candidates for election to the Green Lake Board for three years terms, beginning on 01 July 2013 until 30 June 2016. These candidates are:

Tom Johnson	Green Lake Township	3 Year Term	Bruce Schweitzer	New London Township	1 Year Term
Bob Schemel	New London Township	3 Year Term	Eric Roberts	Irving Township	3 Year Term

Bruce Schweitzer will complete the term of Bob Carlson who resigned his position. Mr. Schweitzer will be eligible for two three year terms.

Motion to approve the four candidates was received, seconded and passed. Motion carried. Chairperson J. Duinink thanked Dick Gunderson for his six years of service to the Green Lake Property Owners Association.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried. Annual Meeting for 2013 ended at 10:10 a.m.

Nature Notes



This third week of May I saw a fish jump near the big rock this afternoon. It must be enjoying the still, clear day with warmth in the air.



The birds are trilling their little hearts out. One lucky resident called to say they had two nuthatches, two goldfinches, two orioles and two indigo buntings at the family feeders. I learned something new this week: the indigo bunting is brilliant blue only at this time of year. Then the edges of their wings turn brown, so the bird looks as if it's brown, no wonder we don't see them bright blue all summer, or maybe they fly farther north after they've raised their young.

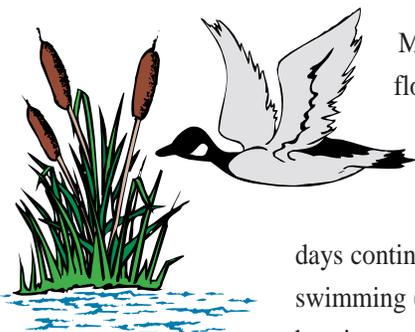


Speaking of goldfinches, their bright yellow plumage practically sparkles in the sunlight. When they fly from birdbath and niger feeders to trees, they look like perky flowers on the almost bare branches. To show how quickly nature changes, those branches are no longer bare but greening rapidly.

On May 20 a flash of wings thumped against my window, and quickly looking out, I saw a hawk on the ground with a nuthatch under his feet. He pecked at it once, then picked it up and flew. I wish I knew one hawk from another-it was light brown, about a foot long-not as big as those that sit on light poles. A red-tailed hawk? I understand they are known for this type of behavior.



As if hawks aren't enough hazard for feeders, one resident has trouble with raccoons tearing his bags of feed and suet feeders apart. At one place all winter, a squirrel would sit atop a feeder, tilting it so the sunflower seeds would fall on the ground—where his friend sat happily eating away.



Meanwhile we see the families of Canada geese out for a stroll. Maybe some of you have seen their flotillas on the lake - I've not seen that yet. The loons still call to each other any hour of the day or night. Have you seen more or fewer than last year, I've been curious.

Dare we say Spring has actually arrived-about two months late? The days continue to get longer; the lake will eventually warm up for comfortable swimming (some might dispute that); the skies are blue, often two or more days in a row; tulips nod their colorful heads.



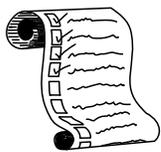
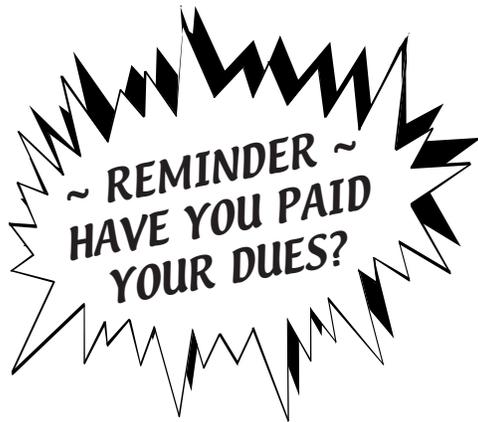
As we await the arrival of Summer, may the sun shine gently upon you and the Green Lake breezes blow gently on us all.

Gloria Benson



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Whom Do I Call For Important Questions?

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 Area Hydrologist.....Ethan Jenzen796.6272, Ext. 232
 Compliance Hydrologist.....Sara Jacobson234.2550, Ext. 232
 Conservation Officer.....Jeff Denz320.276.8284
 Conservation Officer.....Larry Hanson507.537.0651
 Turn In Poachers (TIP).....800.652.9093
 DNR Web Page.....www.dnr.state.mn.us

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 County AdministratorLarry Kleindl.....231.6215
 Environmental OfficeJeff Bredberg.....231.6229
 Public Works OfficeGary Danielson235.3266
 Sheriff's OfficeDan Hartog235.1260
 Emergency911
 Vehicles Parked on Walking Path235.1260

Kandiyohi County cont.

Zoning AdministratorGary Geer231.6229
 Kandiyohi County Web Pagewww.co.kandiyohi.mn.us

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 Irving TownshipJerome Nygaard276.8686
 New London Township.....Mark Mertens354.5433
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 Spicer AdministratorLeslie Valiant796.5562
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Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District

Executive DirectorMargaret Johnson796.0888

