

BLSD UPDATE
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The funding for our sewer project has been secured with the approval of the loan by the South Dakota DENR Board. Now the next phase needs to be completed which includes scheduling a meeting with each landowner with the engineering firm so they can determine where present systems are located and connected to the structures and each landowner signing an easement which allows the engineers to come on each piece of property as they write the bid specs, complete the construction work and maintain the system after it is complete.

To facilitate this process we worked with Schmitz-Kalda Associates, our engineering firm, and set dates for them to meet with each landowner to schedule an appointment and complete the easement process. These meetings will be in August at the Chester Community Center. We have scheduled by neighborhoods on a specific date and time. We have also scheduled make up dates and times if you can't make the scheduled one. SEE ATTACHED MEETING SCHEDULE.

There will be two to three staff from the engineering firm at each meeting and they are notaries so they can notarize the easement and save everyone the time of finding a notary. These easements will be filed with the Lake County Treasurer. We will need an easement for each hook up so owners who have signed up for more than one hook up will need to complete an easement for each hook up.

Enclosed you will find an easement completed for each hook up. The information is from the most recent data provided to us by the county. PLEASE CHECK YOUR LEGAL DESCRIPTION CAREFULLY. If it is incorrect, bring it to the scheduled meeting and we will have blank easements available so it can be corrected.

Before the bid specs can be written, the engineering firm needs to meet with each owner at their location to determine the status of their present system, where the holding/septic tank is located and how these will be eliminated when the new system begins and determine the best option for installing the new system, etc. We determined September 15, 2010, as the date to have all easements completed and meetings scheduled with each owner. The engineers will then meet with each landowner as scheduled.

Our goal is to complete the bid specs so the project can be bid this winter which construction people tell us is the best time. We hope construction can begin next spring and be complete in the fall. We all know there are many things which can influence these goals but we will work hard to meet them.

Through South Dakota Lakes and Streams we have established a web page. We will post our minutes, updates, and other information. Steps to follow to read the web page are

1. Go to sdlakesandstreams.com home page
2. On left side scroll to links
3. Go to Lake Association Directory and scroll down to