



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Item 6Ei
BCWMC 3-20-14

Medicine Lake Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday March 4, 2014

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Plymouth City Hall

Comments and questions left on note cards at end of meeting with “lingering thoughts or questions” (The real question is....; What I should have said is.....; I’m afraid that.....)

- What are further conservation measures which can be taken to avoid low water? We need solid information on variable weirs and effects thereof, not speculation. Will it really affect land in the floodplain if managed properly? (*Blue card: Med Lake Resident*)
- Bassett Creek WMC is a taxing authority, then refuses to listen to the people that it taxes. (*Blue card: Med Lake Resident*)
- K. Chandler presentation indicated the impact to the floodplain of an adjustable weir is unknown. What amount of time and money would be needed to definitively answer the question using a number of scenarios for height and width of weir? (*Blue card: Med Lake Resident*)
- Does a variable weir change the run-out elevation according to the DNR definition? (*Blue card: Med Lake Resident*)
- The real question is: What is really important to residents on Medicine Lake? Is it water quality, invasive species, aesthetics, aspects of recreation (fishing, boating, swimming)? (*Pink card: Plymouth Resident*)
- How can we add oxygen to the bottom of the water – financially and practically? Would it help the “health” of the water? (*White card: affiliated with BCWMC*)
- Can we raise the water level of Medicine Lake by building retaining walls for those buildings affected? (*White card: affiliated with BCWMC*)
- The real question: Is this proposal to increase lake level dead in the water before it really gets going because 1 or 2 impacted homeowners will not sign a flowage easement regardless of the merits of the project? (*Green card: state, county, or local government*)