

## Little Rock Lake News

Little Rock Lake Association, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN 56367

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SAVE THE DATE--SAVE THE DATE!

The Little Rock Lake Association Annual Meeting and Picnic Saturday, August 13, 2016, Lakeview Center

Benton Beach Park

Membership Meeting 11:00, Board Meeting to follow

12:30 pm picnic-Please plan to attend!

## **Current News:**

- 1. The most current DNR Presentation about the proposed drawdown of the lake and part of the Mississippi for the summer of 2017 has been posted on our website: <a href="littlerocklake.org">littlerocklake.org</a>. The potential plan includes a three foot water drawdown for about 6 weeks. Eric Altena's current presentation is more detailed and includes additional information about the River. He presented this at a meeting with the affected River residents. We believe the drawdown would have an immediate, positive impact on our water quality, vegetation and the wildlife.
- 2. Benton County has received funding to develop an Aquatic Invasive Species Program. They have interviewed consultants for Program proposals. More to come....
- 3. Casey Gwost from the Benton County SWCD was our guest speaker at the March meeting. He had several excellent handouts showing the public waters within the LRL watershed, and also explained the new agriculture buffer law. He discussed the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program and how it is working in the county. We all appreciated his presentation. Thank you, Casey!
- 4. Kellie Gallagher, Director has been leading the organization to develop a Strategic Plan for the Little Rock Lake Association. We have identified the key initiatives and are working on the strategic framework to move our organization forward. This will be discussed at the April meeting.
- 5. Meeting minutes and updates are on our web site for much more information!

## The LRLA meetings are held at the Watab Township Hall.

Our *regular* monthly meeting will be held on the second Saturday of the month at the Watab Township Hall. Our next **Saturday** meeting will be on Saturday, April 9 @ 10:00 am. Coffee and rolls will be provided. *Please join us!!* 

<u>Directions to the Watab Township Hall:</u> From Rumor's go south on Highway 10 to County Road 79. Turn right (west) onto County Road 79. Watab Town Hall is one block down on the left.

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Your support in dues and time to help clean up our lake is greatly appreciated.

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## LRLA Membership (August 2015/July 2016) \$25 -- Payable to LRLA, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN. 56367

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