



Ditch 13 Property Owners Survey

Property Owner Name _____

Parcel ID # _____

(If you own more than one parcel, please complete a separate survey for each.)

Which of the following best describes this parcel?

Lake Edward: frontage back lot

Mollie Lake: frontage back lot

North Long Lake: frontage back lot

Ditch 13 runs through or abuts this parcel

This parcel is more than a half mile away from any portion of Ditch 13

None of these

I'm not sure

Using a scale of 0-10, with 0 being the least:

What is your perceived benefit of Ditch 13 to this parcel?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How concerned are you regarding the ditch's ability to properly drain this parcel?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How concerned are you regarding Ditch 13's ability to maintain area lake levels?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What best describes how Crow Wing County should proceed with Ditch 13?

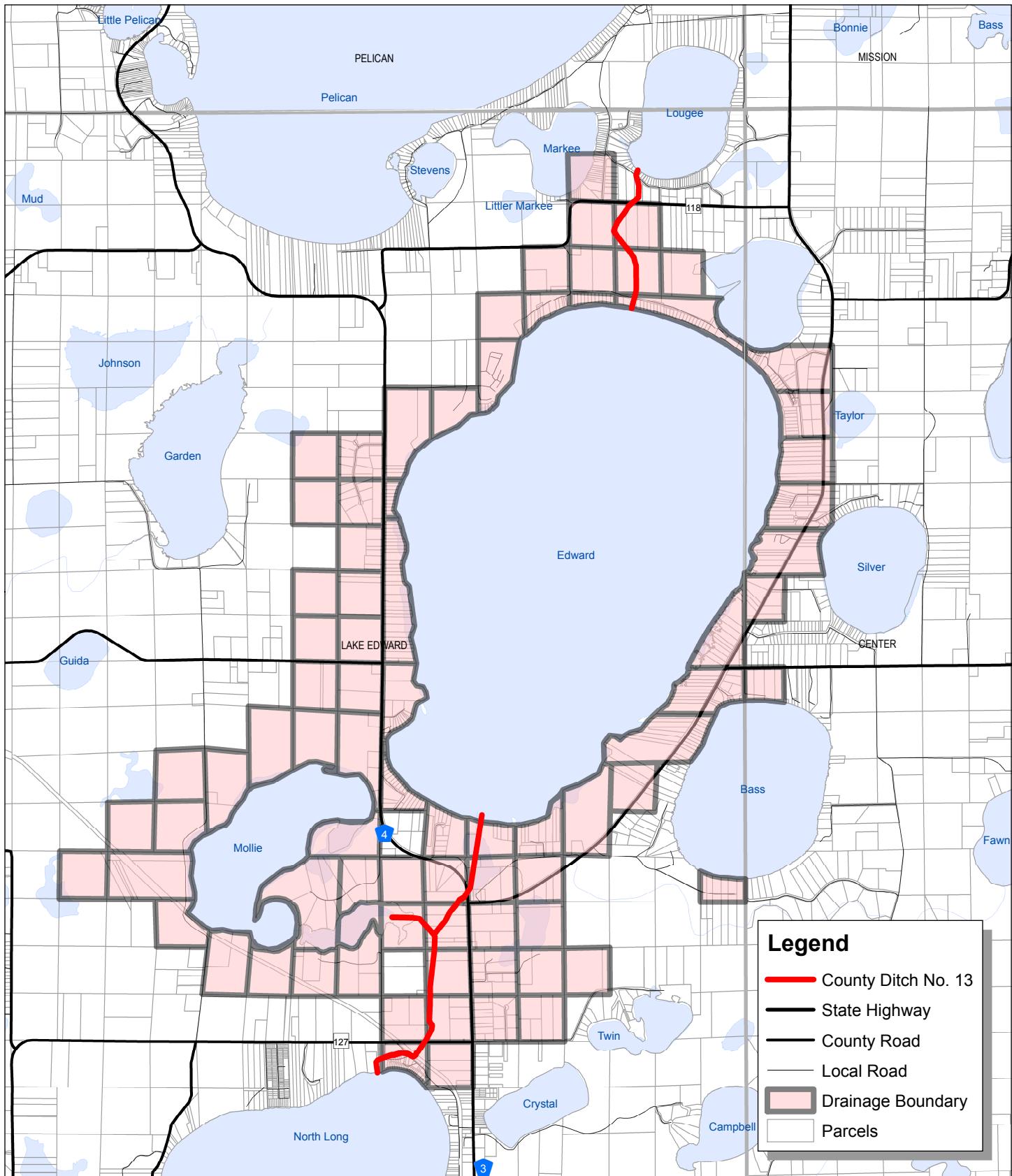
- Conduct in-depth engineering study and restore it to its original configuration (then maintain it)
- Conduct engineering study only to the level necessary to and improve without complete restoration (then maintain it)
- Maintain Ditch 13 in its current condition. Only remove beaver/beaver dams and other minor obstructions to keep it flowing.
- Other

I plan to attend the meeting at 6:30 pm on Thursday July 9th, at the Lake Edward Township Hall.

Please document other comments or concerns and mail back to Crow Wing County.

CROW WING COUNTY

County Ditch No. 13



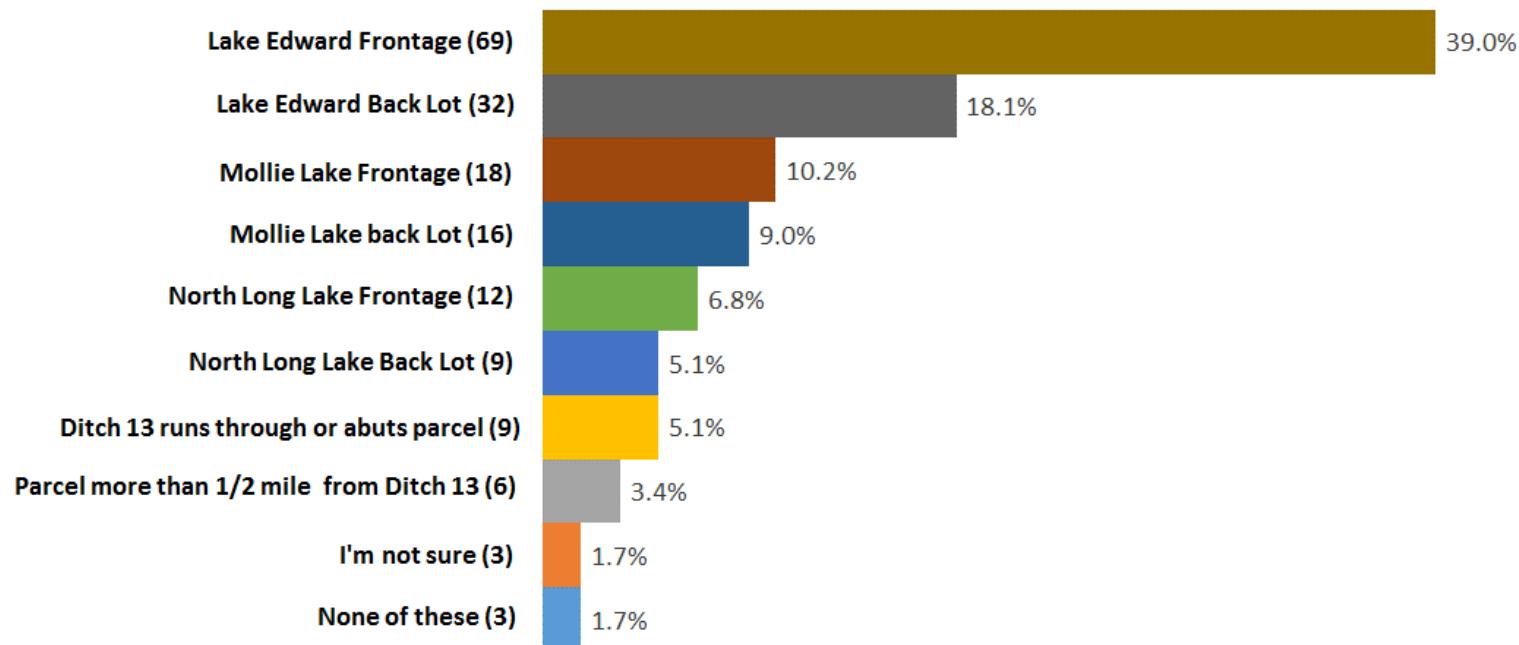
County Drainage Ditch No. 13 assists the drainage pattern for Lake Edward Township along with areas of Center Township. This ditch drains approximately 3350 acres of land and nearly 730 parcels, which cover a wide variety of land use classifications. Ownership of these parcels consist of Private, Corporate, and Multiple Government Agencies.

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Which of the following best describes this parcel? (177 Responses)



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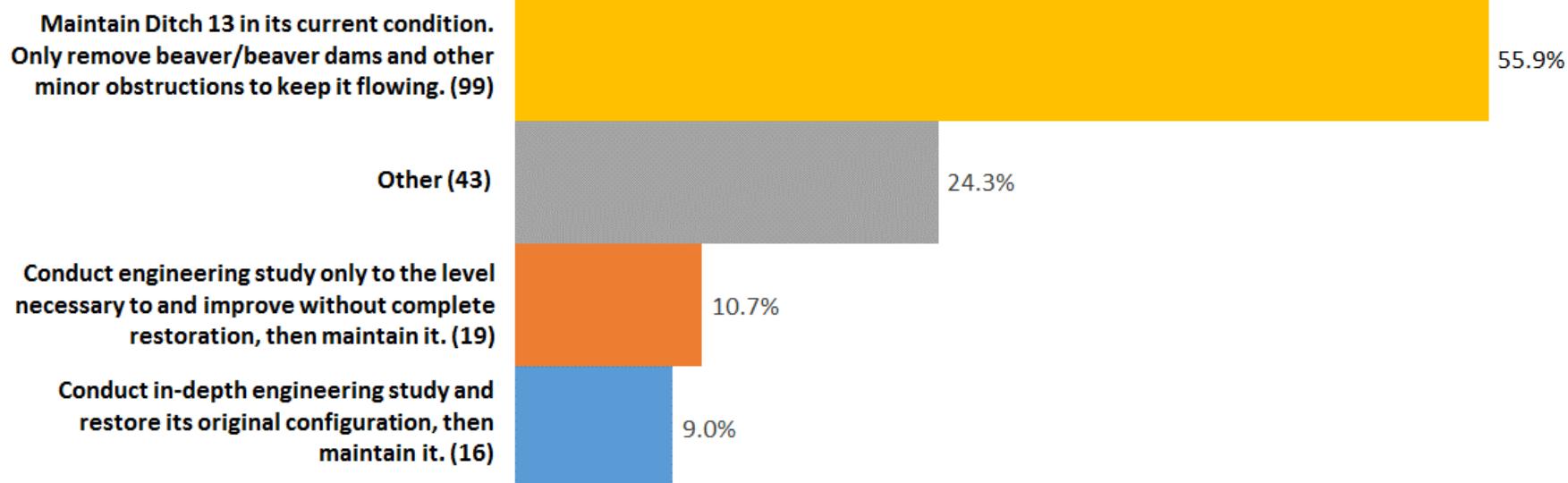
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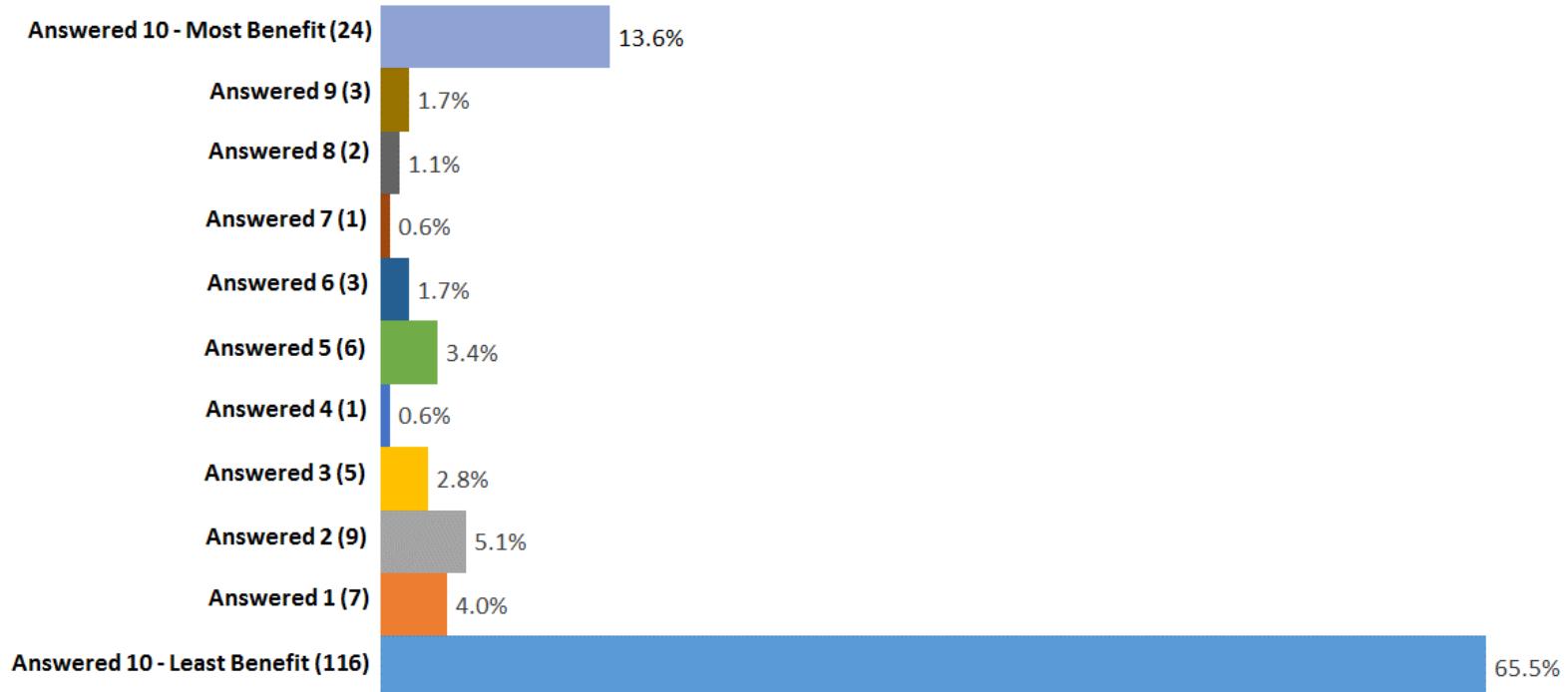
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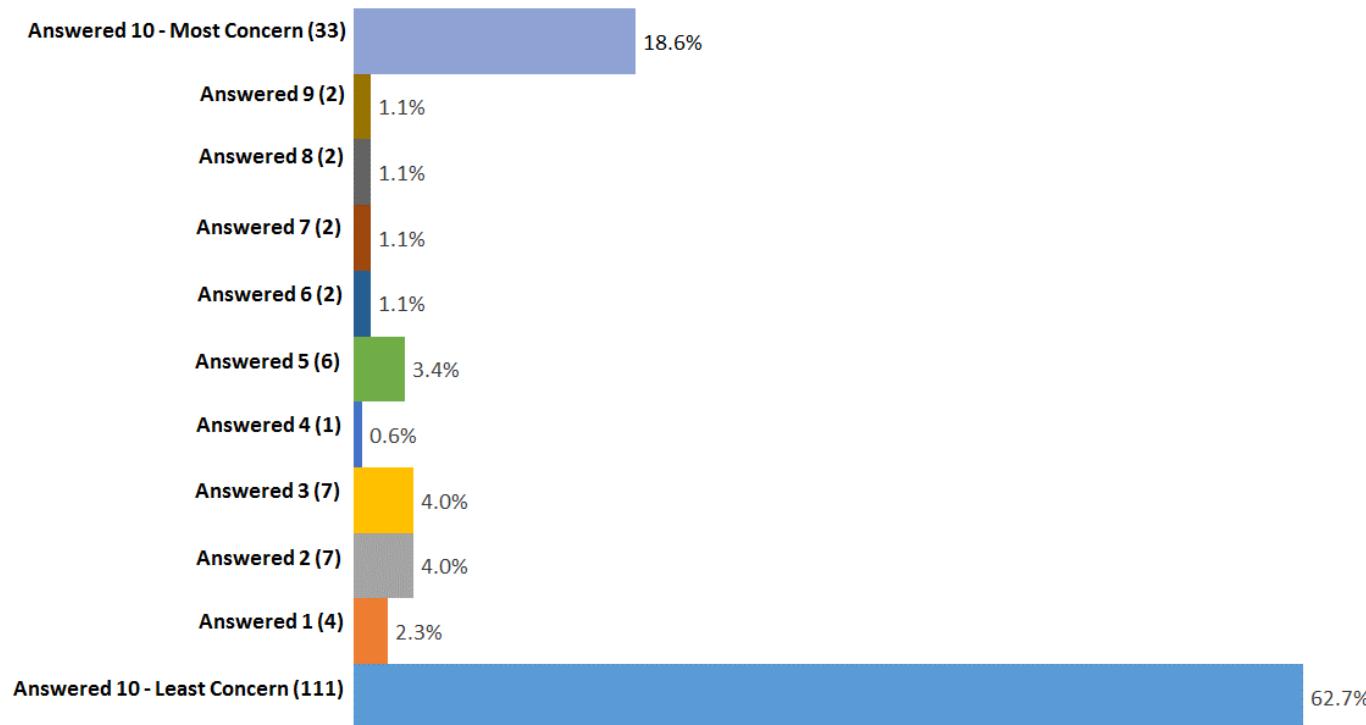
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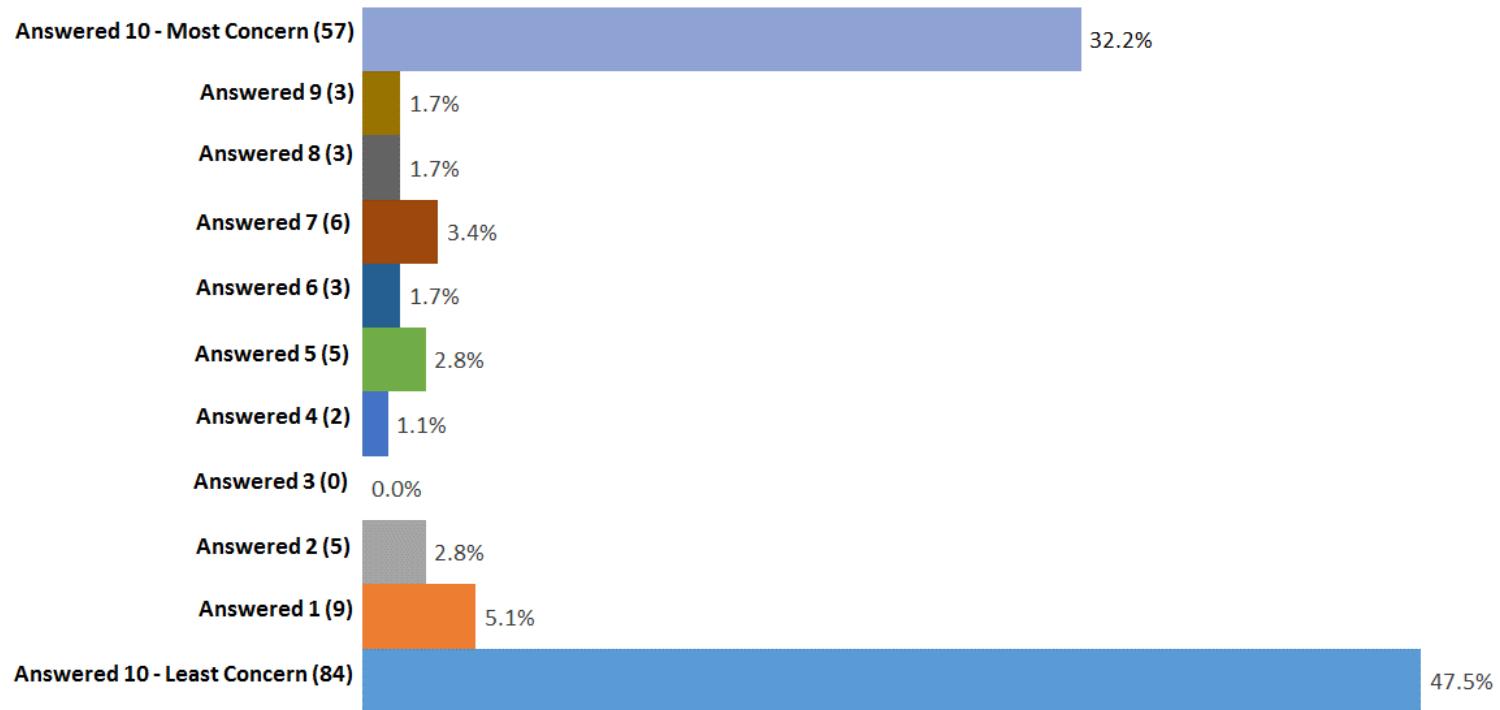
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**What best describes how Crow Wing County should proceed with Ditch 13?
Forty three (43) respondents indicated "other" and provided the following comments.**

No changes Do not lower Lake Edward. If this was made in 1907 for railroad use maybe the need has changed.

none

ditch is flowing water it is working

Last time someone was disturbing the ditch North Long Lake was flooded with degree that polluted the water and made a very big mess to our beaches and gave us many unknown weeds and muck

n/a

n/a

Ditch is fine leave it alone

we are cabin owners by the ditch. This water come into North Long Lake and we swim in the lake

We live on North Long Lake where the ditch comes into the lake. The ditch is flowing and that is good enough.

Last time someone opened a beaver dam North Long Lake was flooded with mick and debree and pollution junk that gave us weeds and dirty water. Check old newspaper articales.

I heard 30 Lakes water was taking care of the costs & maintenance

water quality and level invasive species from Lake Edwards Ditch 13 unknown cost should go to all of North Long Lake if it is a benefits (which it is not a benefit)

Let nature decide! Stop thinking we know better. Let the lakes be a monoculture & live with what comes naturally.

maintain the ditch in its current condition

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This does not affect me

Maintain the ditch at current conditions and just remove obstructions in the ditch. Also maintain a channel between The lake and the weir for proper flow.

Nothing. The water is being filtered by the wet lands. This will impact all of North Long Lake and without all being involved in this project Do Not Do Anything. water should not be drained

Nothing. ditch 13 is flowing

Ditch 13 is flowing and the wetlands are filtering the water. Do not do anything. Crow Wing County and 30 Lakes Water I heard are maintaining the ditch

We would be fine with option 3, removing the beaver dams and obstructions if that is the popular vote.

The Lake level is fine the way it is and we feel there is no need for this action.

We do not need another debacle of the previous sort wherein this ditch spewed silt and filth into the lake nearly killing our precious Merrifield Bay. I believe a beaver dam was blown up and caused huge detrimental ecological catastrophe.

Remove only beaver by resident trappers. no ditching

I was unaware there was a ditch running between Lougee & Edward. I do not want water to flow from Lougee to Edward. Lake Edward is the clearest in years. Maintain the ditch between Edward & North Long. Try to maintain the water level so the west side does not get swamped.

Leave it as it is

We have never heard of Ditch 13 before. We feel it is of no benefit to our property or lake. It doesn't do anything for us. Any improvements shouldn't be assessed to us.

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Do nothing. This seems to be something that will hurt our property and the lake level. I am not sure who is proposing this work be done, but it would seem to benefit only them, or few residents and hurt the majority of the lake edward waterfront owners.

Leave it alone, it is flowing just fine.

Let the Lake Edward Conservation Club continue maintain ditch with volunteers.

We bought 78 acres here in 1992, the lake level is the same as then-it would be so wrong to drain it!!! Please DO NOT alter the ditch (maybe get some more beavers)
our lake is at a perfect level right now, do not drain it!!!
The lake is within 6" of its height as when we bought this property in 1992; the ditch is just fine as it is.
Leave the ditch along -it is just fine as it is.
As long as existing culvert and passage therof are maintained. So as I may have full access to my back property
I like the lake level to be high so we don't have to put out 200' of dock to float a boat - low lake levels crate more problems for us than high- some other people on this lake were sold property when the lake was really low (well below normal) now they complain when it goes back up because water come to their door. The property should have been deemed wetlands and never sold as lake lots.
do nothing
We think that nothing should be done to the ditch. The original purpose was for agricultural purposes. That is no longer needed. When the lake goes down we need close to 200' of dock to reach our boat. We see no benefit from water leaving the lake.
Complete full study and determine need to do any maintenance at all on ditch. My neighbors and I are concerned that significant new work on ditch will negatively affect neighboring smaller lakes, like Lougee and Marquee. Very small acreage compared to Edward and North Long. Why are the existing aquifers not adequate?
don't feel that I have enough information to make a decision
Is the original configuration sufficient with all of the road and building construction in the area since 1907?
Contact the new lake lot owners.
Do nothing because it is currently working fine.Don't fix what's not broken

Comments Summary from Ditch 13 Survey (8/10/15)

I was the source of an event in recent years in where a large release of water through the ditch system caused a large amount of organic sludge to enter our lake and caused extraordinary weed growth clockwise along the shore between ditch outlet to lake and the public access. Thirty Lakes Watershed paid for weed harvesting in fall of that year after docks and lefts were out.

Lake Edward water levels length of docks necessary if water drops use of public access if water is lower

Taxation for maintenance though small should not occur. Lake Edward water levels need to remain high (average accord to DNR) to facilitate public access & reasonable dock lengths.

The ditch is in need of maintenance to clean out obstruction, clear restrictive weed growth, and replace culverts with higher capacity culverts

Residents who do not live on the lake but have the ditch run through their property are NOT receiving a benefit from the ditch. It cuts their property in tow and brings in beavers that take down their trees. Cleaning the ditch will require more trees to be removed even people that are not on that lake involved are better off than people on the ditch, as they do not have a ditch through their property.

Please keep me informed on Ditch 13

Silver Lakes does not benefit - it is land locked.

down stream culverts are undersized

In addition to clearing out obstructions in the ditch; constant monitoring and trapping of nuisance beavers is necessary.

I don't know the benefit for my land

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Water level Erosion control Invasive species Everyone on North Long Lake should be informed they will all be affected.

We don't know the water quality of Lake Edwards and the wet lands filter and clean the water for North Long Lake.

North Long Lake should have been informed. Good or bad it is important they know about and change in water level and water flow. This will also be important for Round Lake & Gull Lake & to the Mississippi

In the past when they tried cleaning up the ditch it brought in disgusting organic matter which effected the quality of our water for years before it cleared up - do not want anything done to ditch - also could bring in more problems with invasive species that No Long Lake are treating!

Benefiting property owners should be expanded to include all of Mollie, Lougee and North Long if repair and maintenance is needed. If Lake Edward is the only affected lake they should foot the bill for maintenance for their problem.

There has been only two times in the last thirty years that I can recall where the water was way over the ordinary high water level, 2001 and 2013. Cause was a blokage between Lake Edward and the pond at the y-Store.

Comments from N.Long property owners was the lake is getting poluted because of Edward. Maybe they should check their possible leaking septic systems as Lake Edward did. They should also check down steam for blokage and not blame Edward for hight water. Possibly N.Long lake association could pay some money to keep ditch 13 open since it benifits them in low water years.

Again - it appears this benefits a certain few on Lake Edwards and they want all to pay. what happens when north long has too much water? can we pass it along to others downstream and make them pay? bigger issues to spend time and money on than this.

It appears 20 or so folks on Lake Edwards are affected and should be responsible for the maintenance. What happens if too much flows to north long lake? i believe there are bigger issues to spend time and money on than this.

Seems as though Lake Edwards members are the ones that are seeking and gaining the benefit from the ditch 13 maintenance. What happens when the North Long members have too much water, from the flow from Lake Edwards and other? Are North Long members able to request a ditch to be cleared and pass the cost on to someone down stream or another solution? Sometime when there is a lot of rain for a season there is a temporary concern that will solve it self once the rain passes way for the heat of summer.

North Long Lake was not informed and this will be a very big impact On all property owners all around the lake. Things have changed since 1907. And we now know that draining can be a problem Erosion Control. Invasive Species Muck and debris from the Ditch. Check the History. North Long Lake had a mess to clean up last time someone messed around with the ditch. Ditch is flowing

We need the wet lands to filter the water before it comes into North Long Lake

Water levels Invasive Species Erosion Control Only about 25 property owners on North Long Lake were notified and they will all be impacted by this Ditch 13 water. More the Lake Edwards. Round Lake will also be impacted by Ditch 13. This Mn State Statute 103E said it was. Benefit. We know a lot more in the last 100 years about wetlands and how important they are. And runoff is very important to all of North Long Lake and Round Lake and Gull Lake and even the Mississippi

Higher water does not affect our beach, or septic as it does on the west side. Some say land should not have been sold there with the history of our lake levels historically. It is a concern. Could there be a holding pond so we do not flood lots on North Long?. Maybe dig the pond deeper behind the Y-Store, or create a pond or dam before it affects other properties? We are fine with option 3, removing dam/obstructions if that is the popular vote..

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The past several years the Lake Edward water level seems to be rising a little every year. Which has been sort of nice to the extent that our side "East central side" of the lake levels of the lake means less length of dock needed to hit deep enough water level to drive boats to & from the dock but the water level being high has created a swampy wetland area on or lot right next to the lake where we can't mow lawn where we had mowed it for 20 years prior. Makes for not very nice shoreline which we can't mow & maintain looking like we don't try very hard to maintain it when we do try.

not sure if can attend - am in a cast, not mobile presently

Maintain Lake level where it is at, because on the east side of the lake most of us have 150' to 300' of dock and we can't even use our lifts because it's so shallow. If you lower the level it will be like 5 yrs ago where our docks are way out in the lake and we will have walk through the water to get to them.

T.L.W.D. say that Twin Lakes watershed dumps water into the (pond) above the lake level controlling weir. Since Twin Lakes is 11 feet higher than Lake Edward, it is the dominate inlet into the pond. Just because you see water flowing over the weir, doesn't mean that Lake Edward is draining.

Please remove our signatures from this original petition. We signed in error, having seen no documentation and having been given false information in regards to its intention. This person spoke about the entire watershed and its ecological function. We were misled. Thank you for your action in this manner.

Twin Lakes Water Shed Rapid Run-off also dumps water above the Lake Edward weir; causing a backflow into Lake Edward. This backflow lasted for 2 months in 2014. Other than climate, this backflow causes Lake Edward to flood.

about the stupidest and outrageous idea is to get a overpaid engineer involved unless the one who thought this up is going to pay for it out of his or her own pocket. To open that ditch requires a few able bodied men or boys with a chainsaw and a little ambition and a axe and shovel. It should be done after the tick season not during deer season. If you spend one dime on a stupid engineering firm to study something that simple to fix I recommend that we all get together and bring a law suit against the ones that hire them.

The drainage of lakes and wetlands was common 50/100 years ago and the extent created present day river & stream pollution. This document proves you have not learned from past mistakes. Your water shed map is out-of-date. Highway grades have changed. Additional letter: Dear Rosemary Franzen, this is in regard to the letter we received from CWC concerning Ditch #13 which contained a survey for landowners. It seemed appropriate to send other comments to you. First it is bizarre to see such a survey considering what drainage ditches did to the whole southern half of Mn. That is, lakes and rivers are barely fishable or swimmable due to pollution. Northern lakes are now showing signs of deterioration due to densely settled lakeshore. Second, the county may need permits from the Mn State DNR when one is affecting a public water (lakes & waterways). The county may need a federal permit from the clean water act administration and/or Army Corp of Engineers. And, there was a new law passed in congress this spring, see tinyurl.com/waterrule. Third, when the Edward ditch was dug there was no permit system in place so ditching was rampant throughout the nation. Many lakes in Mn. were even drained. In more recent times, the ?, the DNR had to make a deeper channel for boats at the Edward boat access because of insufficient water depth. Fourth, the Edward ditch map indicating "lots" in the watershed is perplexing because there is no "benefit" to anyone on Bass Lake. The Edward drainage area has changed due to highway elevation changes such as Co Rd #3 between Edward & Bass Lakes. I have lived here for over 40 years and no water has ever drained out of Bass L. Lastly, Gov. Dayton and the large coalition of sportsmen's groups in MN recently got legislation passed pertaining to ditching due to its negative affect on fish and wildlife. Sportsmen from all over the state supported it and would not look favorably on any type of ditching. My suggestion to the count is to only remove "down" trees and/or beaver from the old ditch.

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I am unsure if this one registered the first time we have 6 parcels, so if there are 7 here this one is a duplicate.

Our concern would be that flowage from Ditch 13 north of Lake Edward could harm the water quality of the lake.

We are opposed to any changes in the Ditch 13 operation. The ditch, or creek, is flowing quite well and has been for a very long time. We see no benefit to our properties, or North Long Lake, by changing it in any way. The following are some of our concerns: The wetland thru which the ditch presently flows is providing a valuable habitat for ducks, herons and other waterfowl. We also believe osprey and eagles use this area for nesting. We have seen numerous other animals, such as deer and owls are in that area. Any changes would greatly damage this fragile ecosystem. Wetlands provide an active filtering system for the water that flows through it. This is extremely important to maintain quality water purity. We are unclear of what invasive aquatic species may be present in Lake Edwards that are not in North Long. Six plus years ago some cleaning of the ditch occurred. The resulting flow of debris and plain junk into North Long Lake was profound. It caused the DNR to become involved in the clean up. This whole episode helped no one nor anything. North Long Lake Association tests our water quality several times each year. We are unclear what impact increased water flow from Lake Edwards, without the noted filtering action of the existing wetlands, would be. With increased water pouring into North Long from Edwards, we are very concerned about an increase in our water levels and the impact this would have on our shoreline. Has the EPA or MnDNR reviewed this plan? What effect will this have on local roads, culverts etc? As the ditch is flowing well, I object to any study or alterations.

I sincerely regret being unable to attend the 7/9 meeting. Since I have observed the ditch in several locations with water moving readily through, I question what possible "repairs" are requested or what possible benefit my parcel would reap.

I think this is a complete waste of time and taxpayer dollars. Whoever is insisting on this proposal should be ashamed of themselves. The lake is at a perfect level and needs no additional drainage at all.

We purchased our home about 2 years ago and were required to have a flood plain search done as part of qualifying for our mortgage. It was determined that our property is not in a flood plain, we did not have to purchase flood insurance for our lender, and do not have any water near our property that affects us. We would NOT realize any benefits from having Ditch 13 repaired/maintained and do not believe we should be included as an area that will benefit from this work.

If property owners are assessed then not just adjacent owners should be assessed but all those in the drainage basin since they all benefit from the ditch. If there was no drainage basin then there would not be an issue. Plus the county took it upon themselves and built a control structure to regulate the flow and elevation where as before there was none.

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Please don't spend all that money to make it worse of us. It's just fine now. Leave it alone but remove the beavers. Please define the original purpose of Ditch 13 - or any county ditch built that time in early 1900's. Discuss Ditch 13 on the north end of Lake Edward; does it even exist?

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That ditch has served well - biggest problems are culverts and beaver dams. Does North Long really need a faster input?

We are not knowledgeable about this, but have heard this project would cause much lower lake levels, affect the public access, docks and weed issues. We want to know who petitioned and why. Does this proposed project benefit only a small handful of property owners? What is the benefit and to whom does this benefit apply? What property owners are harmed by this and what exactly is the harm?

attend meeting: ?

Do what is best for the area.

attend meeting: maybe

My concern is any material drop in the lake level. For each inch, I expect that 5-8' of additional beach will be exposed on the northeast side of Lake Edward. We already have 468' of dock into the water to reach the line of navigation. I am president of Mar-Len Estates, 25463 Blue Bonnet Rd. (612) 670-6098 (cell)

My wife & I own one of the few places were ditch 13 creates seasonal wetlands when water levels are sufficient to do so. We highly value these wetlands for the benefits they provide to the environment and wildlife of this area. They trap sediments and clean the water that flows through our property and on into North Long Lake. We are strongly offended to this attempt to destroy our wetlands and leave us with an unsightly dredged channel on our property. We find it offensive that you call this a "benefit". It certainly is not to us, and we resent the attempt to force this upon us and then have us pay for it. Leave ditch 13 alone; it's flowing just fine and doing a great job of filtering the water. There is no need for an engineering study, and we certainly don't want to pay for one.

Lake Edward is a very clean and clear lake - not contaminated. Lets keep it that way. Maintain ditch 13 in its current condition.

We are concerned about water levels that are above the weir. High water only has a detrimental effect on water quality, due to run-off into the lake.

can't tell benefit, depends on whether it will affect lake level

As I see it this ditch has little or no effect on my property- I say to leave it as it is but keep it clear of obstructions.

I do feel for those people concerned about the water levels. But in my case it makes no difference if the creek is dry or flooded to some extent not to block my passage across.

We have no people who care enough or have nerve enough to do what's right. My grandmas family the Hills founded Nisswa my other grandma founded Pequot Lakes what would they think of me if I didn't stand up for what's right. I am part & parcel of those who went before me. How about you?

When they assessed in 1907 to put the ditch in they should have stared assessing them for a fund to maintain the ditch & to hire beavers treapped. but it was maintained by the ranchers & farmers where the ditch went through., But they went before us. It's a different time now. Now the wildlife are supplied with water for them to drink. The only time my land flooded was 1986, 2014 & 2015 because no one would open it up, now the commissioners have to the right way!!! Other comments: ditch has maintained and drained lake for 108 years.

unable to attend Which property does the ditch cross on the north end? How would it be repaired and maintained?

Unable to attend the meeting as we will be traveling. I have a concern about the ditch on the north side. Which property does it cross and how would that be maintained? Other comments written on sheet- no benefit, negative consequences, no drainage needed, we like the level of the lake as is and do not want it lower.

I don't want the lake lowered, back a few years when the lake was lower I had a hard time getting my boat into the dock. It was too shallow. I like it like it is now.

(separate letter to commissioners) We constructed our cabin on the shore of Lake Edward in 1959. I have watched the lake level every summer for over half a century. We are unable to attend the meeting. If any of the Commissioners have questions I would be happy to take a call at 641-420-1514. Ditch 13 has served us well and the present petition for county maintenance of this ditch should be denied. Thank you for your consideration.

Parcel 731180080090009 noted above contains ditch 13 over significant area yet it is not identified as part of drainage boundary on the map. Why is that? An error in the map? Is Ditch 13 actually not on this property?

A neighbor on Lake Edward dug up info for the last 10 years as to Lake level. He did a good job on that & gave us truce reasons in responding to the commissioners. My letter to them is enclosed.

I'm not sure of the impact that this ditch has on my parcel of land since my driveway lacks a culvert and I'm unsure of the other driveways between me and Ditch #13. However, the ditch must have been built because of concerns of drainage in the area back in 1907. Much has changed since 1907 including the configuration of County Road 4.

It seems to me the lake levels have been just fine the past few years. It seems to me with the outbreak of invasive species that you would want to minimize the flow of water between lakes to prevent the spread of possible invasive species now and into the future. I guess I'm not sure what benefit this potential project and expense would provide.

We understand the accessed properties are derived from historical records dating back to 1907. However, we question how the sik properties on Bass Lake Rd, ours included, can benefit from this ditch when all the other property along Bass Lake Rd and the vast area between Bass Lake Rd and Ditch 13 appear to not benefit, inspite the fact significant wet lands are in this area. Please explain. Rich Stolp (507) 327-7833

Maintain current lake level. Do not lower the lake level further

Not sure what is driving the petition should be stated- oppose any reduction in lake level. Maintain current lake level.

It is very important to keep the ditch open to maintain the lake level which protects the shore line.

We have lived on this property for 39.5 years state trail abuts lake for around 1000 ft. in 40 years Mollie Lake has not fluctuated by more then a couple of feet. Mollie Lake is at best a conservation lake. Our acreage has never been effected by Lake depth fluctuation. If anything - Lake Edward Lake shore owners should be the ones to pay for ditch. I think share or proposed assessment is way out of line.

Ditch 13 must continue to flow to maintain the good water quality. Currently the maintenance effort has been done with volunteers. I don't think the culverts between the pond and North Long are sized properly. Why does water from East of county road #3 flow into the pond? I feel these items should be included in the Engineering study. Before the county proceeds with doing the original configuration restoration, I would like to know the projected costs for this. But, annual maintenance is definitely required.

(incomplete parcel # provided)

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We have seen significant shoreline erosion in the last two years due to extremely high water levels on our lot

Have seen high and low lake levels over past 34 years. Property owners with "short" lots on the west side may be concerned with high lake levels, but many others could care less. Leave Ditch 13 along but keep it flowing. We don't need an engineering study. John Agnello, south shore of Lake Edward.

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Because one person developed her resort in low land in dry years doesn't mean anything is broke. It is not broke - don't fix it and waste taxpayer and OUR money. Lake levels are perfect the last few years - the best they have been.
The lake levels are perfect. The lake does not need to be lowered because the RV park developed low land in very dry years. In those years we had to put out over 400 feet of dock to use a boat lift. Right now, the lake is at a great level. The culvert behind half moon helps with the lake not getting too high.
Sold the property. As of May 8th, 2015, there are new owners.
My Lake shore property has been flooded for the last 3 years and I don't put my dock out anymore and have no lake access threw my property because of high water. We have family owned this since 1981 and have been high and dry up until the last few years. I would like this work done so that lake levels get back to lower levels.
Over the past 5 years we have seen the lake level finally at a depth that makes our lake front usable. We ARE NOT in favor of changing the way DITCH 13 manages the water levels beyond general maintenance.
Our cabin is on SilverLake. The lake level fluctuates with the amount of snow and rain we get and always has. Please don't do anything that will raise taxes.
We need to repair & maintain Ditch 13 at a reasonable state of readiness in the event that Lake Edward levels get higher than the peak historic level. Ditch 13 will become most valuable in the event that Lake Edward is 2-3 feet higher than present levels. We believe the risk of occurrence of lake levels exceeding the historic peak lake level has increased in the past couple decades because of the increasing number of extreme weather events beginning to occur because of global climate change. The estimated tax assessment costs are tiny compared to the costs that could potentially occur from not keeping Ditch 13 ready. Lets be reasonable, but lets be ready.