



Douglas County Lakes Association  
Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 4:30 p.m.  
Public Works Building  
Alexandria, MN

President Beliveau called the meeting to order at 4:30 with the following people present: Linda Dokken-McFann – Mary, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Bonnie Huettl – Lobster, Don Clausen – Rachel, Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Vern Lorsung – Latoka, Jim Peterson – Ida, Jan Beliveau – Mary, Dave Rush-Douglas County Land and Resource, Tom Brunner- Red Rock, Steve Kogler- Lobster, Bob Reynolds- Devils/Little Chip, Steve Henry- L’HommeDieu, Don Stallman- Irene, Lynn Glesne- Miltona, Tom Anderson- Douglas County ditches and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

These items were added to the agenda: AIS trial, meeting in Garfield regarding chemical spill, and the L’HommeDieu lawsuit against the MPCA.

Tom Anderson was present to speak about ditches in Douglas County. There was a question and answer period.

There was a motion by Bonnie Huettl, second by Linda Dokken-McFann to accept the November 2012 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterson reviewed the financial statements. The November 30 checking account balance was \$3038.08. A new contact list was passed around for updating. There is a bill to pay to Country Secretary for \$203.65.

Dave Rush reported on behalf of Douglas County. He told the group that AIS inspections ended in late September, early October. Twelve hundred hours were spent in inspections on area lakes. They are paying more attention to the boats coming off the water than those going on. They had at least three inspectors working as a team. If a boat is inspected and water is found in the bilge then the boat is ordered to be decontaminated. In total \$38,300 was spent which includes the decontamination unit and vehicle. This program was a success and they are planning to continue next year. He is working on the grant application which will be submitted in January. More inspectors can be hired next year. Dave offered his department’s cooperation to help out area lake associations working on this program. Dave was thanked for his efforts.

The Latoka deck project discussed last month has been fixed. The lake was not harmed in any way and the land is back in stable condition. Dave Rush distributed copies of the additional provisions required within the residential shoreland district.

Bonnie Huettl reported on the DNR grant status. They have requested a copy of a cancelled check to Quality Printing. The grant money will be coming.

There was some discussion of the Garfield chemical spill back in the eighties. There is contaminated soil under the fire hall but it seems to be contained. They will keep watching it.

Stephen Henry reported on behalf of Lake L'HommeDieu and the MPCA lawsuit. He gave a brief outline of the history involved. They agreed to go to mediation back in July. They listened to Ann, a representative from the attorney general's office. The basis is that they need another 5 years to study it and then they have five years to implement it. It may be site specific standards but they have until 2022 to get there. They had a teleconference call with Kevin, an attorney with the MN Environmental Coalition. He prepared a seven page letter to the MPCA challenging their proposal. As it stands the lawsuit can be reactivated. It was not dismissed. There should be a public hearing in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann  
Executive Secretary  
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