



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, January 12, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

Vice President Kuehn called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following people present: Jerry Haggemiller – Douglas SWCD, Emily Siira – Douglas County SWCD, Steve Henry – L' Homme Dieu, Don Stallman – Irene, Harry May – Geneva, Ron Tschaekofske – Vermont, Carol Paterson-Smith – Brophy, Jan Beliveau – Mary, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Don Clausen – Rachel, Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Jim Peterson – Ida, Dave Rush – Douglas County, and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

The December 2011 minutes were approved with the following change: change the capitalization of Cola. There was a motion to approve by Jan Beliveau, Second by Harry May. Carried.

Vice President Kuehn told the group that President Huettl has received \$4,125.00 in grant monies from the DNR.

There was a motion to approve the agenda as submitted by Sue Engstrom, Second by Jan Beliveau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Peterson reviewed the financial reports and presented the following bills for payment: \$500 to Brandon School for the poster contest and \$186.32 to Country Secretary. Harry May motioned and Jan Beliveau seconded to pay all bills. Motion carried.

Emily Siira gave the Water Planning update. She is working on spring and summer workshops. Possible workshops are to include rain barrels and rain gardens. The Eco Fair is to be held on April 19 with Don Shelby as guest speaker.

Harry May reported that speakers have been lined up for KXRA through July.

Sue Engstrom reported that there will be site visits this Friday but she didn't know where.

Steve Henry reported for Water Quality. ALASD is still operating on their temporary permit.

Emily Siira reported on progress for Day at the Lakes. The Shooting Range wants \$300 to \$400 in rent for their facility. A possible alternative would be the Public Works Building. Possible speakers could be Darby Nelson or Bill Ingebrigtsen. There was a motion by Dick Kuehn, second by Steve Henry to reserve April 28 at the Public Works Building for the Day at the Lakes event. Motion

carried. A Day at the Lakes Committee was formed with the following members: Jerry Haggemiller, Harry May, Steve Henry and Emily Siira. After the Invasive Species workshop, Steve will bring back his impressions of Darby Nelson as a possible speaker. The Day at the Lakes speaker will be chosen by the Committee.

Dave Rush presented information to the DCLA concerning shoreline stabilization and the use of rock rip rap. Rush informed the group that he believed DNR to be making a policy shift regarding rip rap such that it would not be considered the preferred method of stabilizing shorelines. Rush added that the LRM Dept. was preparing for an increase in the amount of stabilization that would occur on shorelines in the County after the high water and significant erosion from the summer of 2011. The County was considering a change in the ordinance that would require a permit for the installation of rip rap and would encourage the use of bioengineering techniques instead. Rush said that he was informing the group to solicit input, as this was just a consideration at this time. Rush went on to explain what bioengineering was and answered some questions related to shoreline stabilization.

Don Stallman reported nothing new on Lake Irene. There was some discussion of Dock Doctors.

Jan Beliveau reminded the group of the Legislative Summit to be held on Jan 14 in Detroit Lakes.

There was discussion of having a booth at Habitat Day on February 18. Sue Engstrom will check with Gene Sullivan of Viking Sportsmen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA