



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

Vice President Kuehn called the meeting to order at 4:30 with the following people present: Sue Engstrom – Darling, Carol Paterson-Smith - Brophy, Dian Lopez – Ida, Steve Henry - L’Homme Dieu, Don Clausen – Rachel, Harry May – Geneva, Don Stallman – Irene, Jerry Haggemiller – Douglas SWCD, Ron Tschakofske – Vermont, Arland Herman – Winona, Frank Jackson – Victoria, Karen Cook – Latoka, Richard Kuehn – Miltona, Jim Peterson – Ida, Dave Rush – Douglas County Land & Resources and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

There was a motion by Don Clausen, second by Harry May to approve the April minutes with the following correction: On page 2 – change loan to loon. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Frank Jackson, second by Sue Engstrom to approve the agenda. Carried.

Treasurer Peterson noted corrections to our contact list and then reviewed the financial reports. There are outstanding bills to pay from Country Secretary - \$195.88, Quality Printing for our newsletter - \$1,672.59 and Infolink for the website \$50.00. There was a motion to pay all bills by Sue Engstrom, second by Carol Paterson-Smith. Motion carried.

Jerry Haggemiller reported on behalf of Water Planning. They have hired a new water resource technician. Stephen Greg Henry will be starting on the 17th. He will be at the next DCLA meeting. They have been working on a lot of education. The Senior and Junior Envirothon was held last month. They had Kids Groundwater Festival at the fairgrounds. They estimate 75 to 80 people attended the Day at the Lakes. He was out with Lakes Mary, Irene and Miltona doing stream sampling. The lake sampling refresher course will be held the 17th of May at Jerry’s office.

Harry May reported that Lynn Nelson, a Sauk River Watershed Environmental Coordinator, will be on Open Line tomorrow from 9 – 10 a.m.

No reports from zoning.

There is nothing new on the DNR grant.

Dave Rush reported on behalf of Douglas County. The water craft inspection program is well on its way. They now have 4 watercraft inspectors hired. One more is to be hired – he has been offered the job and they are waiting to hear back from him. The new septic ordinances for Douglas County will

take effect August 1. Under the new rules, any new septic system has to have a management plan. In Douglas County we have gone one step further. If you are in a shore-land area and your system is inspected and you don't have a management plan, your system is not compliant until you get a management plan. If inspected and found noncompliant, just contact the designer and have them design a plan. We are strongly urging homeowners to be better managers of their own systems. Again, most of the changes do affect new septic systems. The county is implementing a risk assessment tool for systems. There followed a session of questions and answers regarding both the new septic system ordinance and the new watercraft inspection program.

6,250 newsletters were printed and the postage was for 6,190. Vice President Kuehn reported that his phone number was not correct in the newsletter.

Carol Paterson-Smith told the group that on April 20 there was a preliminary hearing regarding the Lake Brophy/Garfield pumping situation. There was no one present from Garfield at the hearing. The judge requested another arbitration be held by the end of July. Then we have a court date at the end of the year if this last arbitration does not work.

There was discussion of grant tasks. We are still waiting on the grant. Placement of signage was talked about.

There is a 27 house development proposed off lake on Latoka. Paul Klimek got an easement to pump 10,000 gallons of water per day, not to exceed 1 million gallons per year for watering purposes. Karen Cook wanted to know if anyone had any experience in this area. No one did.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA