



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

President Beliveau called the meeting to order at 4:30 with the following people present: Vern Lorsung – Latoka, Linda Dokken-McFann – Lake Mary, Stephen Henry – L’Homme Dieu, Steve G. Henry – Douglas SWCD, Ron Tschaekofski – Vermont, Harry May – Geneva, Don Stallman – Irene, Don Clausen – Rachel, Dian Lopez – Ida, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chip, Steven Kogler – Lobster, Tom Brunner – Red Rock, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Jim Peterson – Ida, Jan Beliveau – Mary, Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary and Dave Rush – Douglas County Land and Resource.

There was a motion by Linda Dokken-McFann, second by Sue Engstrom to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterson distributed and reviewed the financial reports. The checking account balance as of December 31 was \$2834.43. The check for the grant was received - \$3944.35. There was a motion by Dian Lopez, second by Linda Dokken-McFann to pay the bills. Motion carried. Treasurer Peterson asked for updates and corrections to the contact list.

Greg Henry reported for Water Planning. They were successful with the Clean Water Legacy grant of \$54,700 with the local match they anticipate \$75,000. Ida, Chippewa and Cowdry all brought forward projects. They will be doing four shoreland restorations this year. Steve from Vacationers Inn will be doing a mailing invitation to an Open House to try to foster a larger conservation community. Another project arose from the Chippewa Watershed. They are looking to solve problems in the river, trying to find common ground and how to be more collaborative.

Dave Rush reported on behalf of Douglas County. They will be meeting the deadline for the AIS grant application. The request is for \$32,500. The data collected from inspections has run into a glitch in deciphering the data. It is not usable in the current form. Lakes Victoria, Mary and Laura are waiting for the county to do water surface zoning (limiting the horsepower of watercraft). The county lobbyist told Dave that the shoreland rules will be brought forward again and it is favorable to pass in a pared down version. It is moving again but it will not happen quickly. The group was urged to contact our legislators if they want it to pass.

Harry May reported on Public Relations. Sauk River watershed wants to appear on Open Line. Nathan Olson and representatives of local area resorts are also possibilities. There are 5 people currently scheduled.

Sue Engstrom reported the only issue for zoning concerns horses on Lake Union.

Greg Henry reported that Marilyn Bayerl is leading the well head protection team.

The Fleet Farm event is planned for the Saturday after the 4th of July. Harry May and Sue Engstrom volunteered to help. Giveaways are needed and the Sea Grant people should be contacted.

There was discussion of continuing with table tents in area restaurants and resorts. Posters were suggested for bait stores, restaurants and resorts. It was decided that we should have enough brochures made for a year. President Beliveau will ask Dave Rush to look at them before printing. President Jan will send an email asking for input.

Stephen Henry of Lake LeHommeDieu reported that the MPCA has asked for public comment on the new ALASD permit. There are no changes. Basically they have 5 years to study and 5 years to implement the new requirements. The public has until January 16 to respond.

There was nothing new on membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
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