

Douglas County Lakes Association  
Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 4:30 p.m.  
Public Works Building  
Alexandria, Minnesota 56308

President Beliveau called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following present: Linda Dokken-McFann-Mary, Don Clausen-Rachel, Harry May-Geneva, Steve Henry- Douglas County SWCD, Arland Hirman- Winona, Don Stallman- Irene, Sue Engstrom -Darling, Dick Kuehn -Miltona, Dian Lopez-Ida, Jim Stratton – County Commissioner, Steve Kogler-Lobster, Vern Lorsung – Latoka, Jim Peterson – Ida, Jan Beliveau-Mary, Tom Brunner-Red Rock, Dave Rush-Land & Resource Management.

Motion made by Harry May, seconded by Don Clausen to approve the March 13, 2013 meeting minutes with one addition: add the month of March, 2013 to the first sentence on page two. Motion passed.

Treasurer Peterson distributed and reviewed the financial statements. Balance in checking reflects 6197.81 as of this date. 163.46 paid out to Country Sec. and 50.00 paid out to Eco Fair for the booth fee. No others bills presented. Members advised that billing for dues and water testing were ready to be mailed out.

Steve Henry with the SWCD presented an overview of the Long Prairie Watershed findings by PCA. Miltona, Lake Jessie and Crooked are listed as impaired, Henry and Agnes are listed as nutrient impaired, Mill Lake had high phosphorus level and high clarity findings. Restoration and Protection plan not outlined at this time. A general discussion was held on what are the best indicators for lake stressors. Touched on land acres versus deep lake (over 15 ft) acres as stress indicator. Surface water fed lakes more at risk than storm water fed lakes. General discussion on land use changes and how it will affect the future of a lake.

Steve Henry reported that water sampler supplies distribution will be April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the SWCD office.

Dave Rush – DC Land & Resource Mg. distributed a draft copy of the 2012 Annual Report. Copies of this annual report and information about LRM Department activities are available at their website at [www.co.douglas.mn.us/Land&Resource.htm](http://www.co.douglas.mn.us/Land&Resource.htm) or you may contact their office by phone at (320) 762-3863.

L&RM office is starting to see more activity in construction. Permitting was up 5% for house additions, porches and patios. Platting permits are down by 15% over the last 5 years. Mr. Rush reported that there are several thousand vacant lots in the County.

After an extensive search, a new feedlot officer has been hired. Deja Anton took the position in October and proceeded to hit the ground running by completing 21 inspections of feedlots in the last quarter of 2012.

L&RM Department is currently reviewing & revising septic system, signage and alternative energy (windmill, thermo geo and solar) ordinances. General discussion was held on vacation rentals by owner.

Currently there are no State rules governing this area. Douglas County does not have an ordinance that addresses this either.

Douglas County received grant monies from DNR for AIS inspections. Mr. Rush plans to hire 8 inspectors. If anyone is interested in being trained as a level 1 inspector, contact Dave. They plan to work one area hitting all accesses on a lake. The thought being is the decontamination unit will be closer if needed. Mr. Rush suggested Lake Association have ambassadors that could work along side of the inspectors. Meet and greet the public and to hand out literature. Mr. Rush will put together a schedule which the lake associations can have access but this is not for public knowledge.

Last item from Mr. Rush is that he encourages lake associations to contact his office *first* if anyone has a question or concern about their lake.

Public Relations: In April three resort owners will be guests on Open Mic. In May, Nathan Olson is scheduled.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Development Review: Nothing to report.

**Fleet Farm Kids Fishing** – Sue Engstrom reported that she is still waiting for information from Fleet Farm regarding this activity. It was suggested that there are more giveaways and less literature handed out to the kids.

**Website Update:** Don Clausen reported that the website was mostly done. 2.5 hours have been invested in this project. Website had several links that needed to be corrected, deleted or updated. It was suggested to upload pictures for the graphics versus buying professional. Members can access the website by going on **dclamn.org**.

**Days of the Lakes** is planned for May 18<sup>th</sup> on a Saturday to be held at the Public Works Bldg. Steve Henry, Harry May, Dick Kuehn, Vern Lorsung and Jerry Haggemiller are organizing this event.

**Eco Fair** is planned for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 4-8 p.m. to be held at the Discovery Middle School. DCLA will have a booth. Anyone interested in working the booth, contact Jerry Haggemiller.

#### **Old Business:**

Per President Beliveau the MPCA made the decision that ALASD would need to resolve what is not in compliance sometime in May but no specific date was set. The end result will be a major capital expenditure for ALASD to upgrade their current facility.

President Beliveau will check print cost for brochures and report back. It was suggested that resorts receive AIS posters along with brochures to hand out to patrons throughout the summer.

President Beliveau is *tracking* HB1442 – AIS funding bill. Billing for boats bill would require every boat owned have a *decal* (fee required) plus be licensed to be legal in the lake. This bill will continue to be tracked.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. this date.

Minutes recorded & prepared by Linda Dokken-McFann