



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, November 13, 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: Linda Dokken-McFann – Mary, Vern Lorsung – Latoka, Don Stallman – Irene, Steve J Henry – Douglas County Soil & Water, Don Clausen– Rachel, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chippewa, Sue Engstrom - Darling, Gary Waller - Red Rock, Jim Peterson – Ida, Gerry Goblirsch – Rachel, Steve Henry – L’HommeDieu, Kathy Nordos- Mary, Jan Beliveau- Mary, Dave Rush- Land and Resource, Steve Kogler- Lobster, and Dorothy Klemann - Executive Secretary.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

There was a motion by Vern Lorsung, second by Linda Dokken-McFann to approve the August minutes as submitted. Carried.

There was a motion by Bob Reynolds, second by Don Clausen to approve the October minutes as submitted. Carried.

Treasurer Peterson reviewed the financial reports. The October 31, 2013 checking account balance was \$5888.42. There are bills to pay from Country Secretary \$200 and Infolink \$25. There was a motion to pay all bills by Vern Lorsung, second by Bob Reynolds. Motion carried. Lake Carlos has said they will pay their dues. Jim asked for changes and updates to the contact list.

Zoning – no report,

Don Clausen reported that the website was updated with current email addresses.

Water Planning update given by Stephen Greg Henry.

Land and Resource Director Dave Rush reported at this time. He gave the group an update on Douglas county happenings. It has been a busy time at Land and Resource and there have been staff changes in the midst of it. He reported a successful water craft inspection year. The plan is to apply for the grant again next year. There was some discussion of vacation rentals by owner. Each member lake was asked to email Dave (dave.rush@mail.co.douglas.mn.us) with opinions on this matter. Should we change the ordinance? Perhaps not outlaw it, but regulate and put standards in place? Another topic on the floor: crowding indicator as stated in the Douglas County ordinance –“The crowding indicator is defined as acres of water

divided by the total sum of potential lot development and the individual units within the commercial planned developments.” The ordinance further states: “Applications for conditional use permits for commercial planned unit development may be legitimately denied if the crowding indicator is less than:

2.5 acres on a General Development Lake

3.0 acres on a Recreational Development Lake

3.5 acres on a Natural Environment Lake.”

The crowding indicator helps the county determine how many acres of water are available to number of potential watercraft. The DNR has guidelines in this matter. There are flaws with the methods of calculation and Dave asked for time to look at case studies and get the lakes, county and DNR together to take a closer look at this issue. He will report back when ready.

There was discussion of ALASD’s permit. President Beliveau told the group that ALASD rewrote their own permit using the strongest standards in the state of Minnesota. EPA and MPCA are delighted.

Lake Association packets for new members are needed. Jim Peterson has some information and will forward to everyone.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
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