



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 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: Steve Henry – LeHommeDieu, Jim Peterson- Ida, Sue Engstrom- Darling, Dian Lopez- Ida, Jeff Johnson- Ida, Bob Reynolds- Devils/Little Chip, Vern Lorsung- Latoka, Gary Waller- Red Rock Lane, Linda Dokken-McFann- Mary, Stephen Greg Henry- Douglas SWCD, Don Stallman- Irene, Harry May- Geneva, Dave Rush- Douglas County Land and Resource and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

There was a motion by Bob Reynolds, second by Sue Engstrom to approve the agenda as submitted. Carried.

There was a motion by Steve Henry, second by Bob Reynolds to approve the June 2014 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterson gave the financial report. He asked for updates and corrections to the contact list. The June 30 2014 bank balance was \$13201.95. The following bills are to be paid: R&B Labs \$756.00 and \$924.00, Country Secretary \$214.24. Dues payments are coming in. There was a motion by Vern Lorsung, second by Dian Lopez to pay bills. Carried.

Dave Rush of Douglas County Land and Resource reported at this time. He told the group that No Wake zones have been enacted on 8 area lakes. Lakes Victoria, Burgen and Geneva may be added to the list. He asked if there are any other lakes above the ordinary high water mark. The other topic he addressed was the government funded AIS money. They would like to keep a task force of about 10 people. Dave is looking for representation from the following possible sources and more: a small area lake, a large area lake, the DCLA, area resorts, the Soil and Water District, recreational water sports, Christopherson Bait, Viking Sportsmen, the city of Alexandria, Alexandria Area Hospitality. Linda Dokken-McFann volunteered to represent the DCLA.

There was discussion of erosion. The county will try to send information on a concerted effort on saving shoreline. Emergent vegetation helps as does a mixture of sizes of rock. Any efforts at this time would merely be a band-aide. Soil and Water does have grant money for shoreline restoration. A full solution is the right way to go; partial rock would make the situation worse.

Dave Rush told the group that crowding indicators will be a winter project.

Harry May reported that our next Open Line will feature fishing guides. Mitch Lawler will be the guest in August.

Sue Engstrom reported that the owner of a feed lot south of Evansville is suing the county.

Sue Engstrom reported that the Kids Fishing at Fleet Farm will be from 11 to 3 on the 12th of July. Volunteer help is still needed.

Steve Greg Henry reported for water planning. June was our wettest month. Douglas County lost our feed lot officer. Steve is working with interns on Lake Ida.

Under old business, the Winona TMDL draft was approved by the EPA. There will be a 60 day comment period. The public comment session will be at the Public Works building.

Dr. Michael McCartney of the U of M will be coming to Douglas County to take lake water samples to be examined at the University. They are testing for all invasive species. President Jan will be going to the lab and will be kept informed by Becca Nash, the project leader.

Jim Peterson told the group of Tom Brunner's passing. He will send a sympathy card, if an address can be found.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA