



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 4:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

President Beliveau called the meeting to order at 4:30 with the following people present: Jan Beliveau – Mary, Linda Dokken-McFann – Mary, Vern Lorsung – Latoka, Don Stallman – Irene, Dian Lopez – Ida, Jim Peterson – Ida, Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Steve G Henry– Douglas SWCD, Chris Risbrudt – Stowe, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Mike Cleary - Stowe, Delma DiBilzan – Victoria, Arnie Appelt – L’HommeDieu, Jackie Bloom Hogshire – L’HommeDieu, Don Clausen – Rachel, Gerry Goblirsch – Representative for Realtors, Andy Lopez – Ida, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chippewa and Dorothy Klemann – Executive Secretary.

There was a motion by Vern Lorsung, seconded by Chris Risbrudt to accept the 2013 annual minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer Peterson reported the August 31 checking account balance was \$11403.68. There are bills to pay from Post Office Box rental - \$80, Pizza Ranch - \$165, Infolink - \$37.50 and Country Secretary \$221.25. It was noted that the audit went well. There was a motion by Linda Dokken-McFann, seconded by Bob Reynolds to pay all bills. Motion carried. Cowdry-Stony will be joining the DCLA and Treasurer Peterson will apply their dues to next year. He will bill South Union for water testing. Lakes Andrew, Whispering Waters and Vermont have not paid their dues. Vermont has not paid for water testing.

Linda Dokken-McFann read an email from Dean Beck at the DNR. The gist of which was to advise the group and particularly Lake Ida Association of a DNR, Public Water Works permit application that was just posted on 9-8-14. The project details clean out and enhancements to a “Community Ditch” system draining most of Sections 16 & 17 of Ida Township. The permit application appears to reflect Phase 1 of a multi-stage project. The permit application number is 2014-0334. Emily Siira is the area hydrologist. Dean wants to make a pitch for sustaining water quality monitoring and affording opportunities to those small associations that have dropped out of the program, i.e. Blackwell and South Union Lakes. Hopefully, there may be some funding and logistics support for these less organized groups who can field volunteers. (Per DCLA – South Union Lake did do testing this year.)

Steve Greg Henry from Soil and Water spoke on rain gardens, shoreland restoration and the procedure for obtaining each. There is cost share money available through the Clean Water Legacy. Steve does have a list of area landscapers who can do a professional design. The landowners should

bring that design to Water and Soil, fill out a practice assistance contract and get the approval of the Soil and Water Board. If a bigger project, approach Steve first.

Linda Dokken-McFann and DianLopez reported that the AIS Committee is to meet in September or October. It was noted that we are still sharing Dave Rush with Pope County Land and Resource. Linda and Dian will stay on top of what happens with the AIS Committee.

President Beliveau reported that she is hoping to hear from Becca Nash at the U of M soon regarding AIS. Professor Bajer is studying Minnesota carp. He is currently working within about 30 to 40 miles of Minneapolis. He will try to come to the DCLA's next meeting. He would like to look at Lake Mary. He says do not waste time with carp pulls; he has some other ideas to try to control carp.

There was a motion by Vern Lorsung, second by Sue Engstrom to accept the following as the Board of Directors for 2014-2015: Jan Beliveau - Mary, Sue Engstrom - Darling, Dick Kuehn - Miltona, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, Jim Peterson - Ida, Chris Risbrudt – Stowe, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chippewa. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA

The meeting reconvened and the board of directors cast a unanimous ballot for Jan Beliveau as President, Dick Kuehn as Vice President, Vern Lorsung as Secretary and Jim Peterson as Treasurer. Dorothy Klemann will continue as Executive Secretary.