

Douglas County Lakes Association

October 14, 2015

Public Works Building

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Jan Beliveau. The following were in attendance: Jan Beliveau - Mary; Jim Peterson - Ida; Vern Lorsung - Latoka; Jerry Miller - Maple; Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa; Stephen G. Henry - L'Homme Dieu; Ron Tschaekofske - Vermont; Richard D. Sudmeier - Ida; Greig Mawthei - Victoria; Joan Norman - Latoka; Lynn Glesne - Miltona; Mike Cleary - Stowe; Steve Henry - SWDC; Steve Kogler - Lobster; Justin Swartz - DC AIS/Shoreland Tech; Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary. A quorum was present.

II. Agenda

The following items were added to the Agenda: Lake Latoka sediment pond update, Miltona Assn. update, Viking Sportsmen Club membership, fall walleye stocking procedure change, upcoming workshops offered, Long Prairie River Foundation idea, Lake Vermont - proposed sand/gravel application. Mike Cleary moved, seconded by Richard Sudmeier to approve the Agenda with the additions noted. Motion passed.

III. Minutes

Stephen G. Henry moved, seconded by Vern Lorsung to approve the September 9, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer Report

Jim Peterson reported the checking account balance is 11874.86. One request submitted \$70.00 for Jan Beliveau to attend a workshop in St. Cloud - A Practical Guide to Variances in Shorelands and Floodplains. Vern Lorsung moved, seconded by Bob Reynolds to approve request. Motion passed.

V. Committee Reports:

Public Relations - Stephen G. Henry advised that no further open line guests will be scheduled for this year. He did ask if DCLA should post notice in paper(s) of the monthly meetings. General consensus was favorable. Mr. Henry will explore options and report back.

Zoning & Environment - Linda Dokken-McFann reported that the DC Commissioners voted to approve the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for storage sheds on Lake Irene for "commercial use". Bev Bales was the only Commissioner that voted No. Why is this important? This area is currently zoned Rural Residential/Shoreland District. Does this set a precedent in DC to have approved on other lakes?

Website Update - Don Clausen is willing to continue to monitor the DCLA website. He believes it would be beneficial to have a second member as back up to co-edit the site. Will ask if Dave Jones might be interested.

Water Planning Update - Steve Henry, SWDC Water Tech.

Central MN Land Use Decision Maker Symposium was held in Parkers Prairie October 7, 2015. This workshop was hosted by SWDC of the Redeye and Long Prairie River Watersheds. Several attended from DC Lake Associations and other DC agencies. Progressive counties such as Crow Wing, Ottertail and Grant shared their experiences creating and implementing a "one team approach" for one common goal "clean water initiatives" and supporting the buffer rule law.

October 8, 2015 was the first meeting for the DC Water Plan Amendment review. Vern Lorsung, Jan Beliveau and Linda Dokken-McFann (DCLA reps) were invited to participate. Agencies involved are SWDC, DC Land & Resource, DNR, Bayerl Water Resources, Chippewa Watershed District, Pomme de Terre River Watershed, Sauk River Watershed District. Next meeting will cover the goals and objectives to see which ones were achieved/still on-going/or needs revised.

General discussion was held on "clean water project" ideas and how DCLA can get the wheel turning. Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) indicate sites within the watershed needing improvement, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) is another tool used. Watersheds Plans at the County level should incorporate identified sites needing improvement/protection to meet clean water requirements. The idea of forming a Long Prairie River Foundation was discussed. Jan Beliveau will contact Crow Wing County to inquire on their foundation operations.

VIII. Items From The Floor -

1. *Recycle Program* - Nathan from Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management posed the question if lake residents would be interested in having recycle dumpsters available in the spring and fall. Some lakes such as Vermont already have an organized recycle program. It was suggested that maybe designated date(s) be offered to property owners to place their recyclable items at the end of their driveways. No decision made.

2. *Lake Latoka Sediment Pond Update* - Vern Lorsung reported that Gary Deick (property owner) is willing to give an easement to any public entity that is willing to clean the sediment pond that sits on his property. SWDC has the funding to have the pond cleaned which since inception (early 90's) has had no maintenance. With 20 plus years of build up, it is degrading the water quality of the lake. The County required the pond be put in when the area was developed. The County neglected to clarify who was responsible to maintain the sediment pond. It appears no government agency wants to be responsible to oversee the clean up. It was suggested to have a private company clean the pond and then the disposal concern would be taken care of.

3. Lynn Glesne reported that Miliona Lake Association decided to renew their DCLA membership for this year. They have concerns with the 2.00 per member fee requirement. Also questioned the duplicate water testing being done.

4. Those in attendance did not feel DCLA should join as a group member of the Viking Sportsmen Organization. It was felt that individual lake associations could join if they wanted. Several DCLA members are *individual supporters and active* within the Viking Sportsmen already.

5. *Walleye Stocking Permit* - Linda Dokken-McFann reported that Gene Sullivan (Viking Sportsmen) is having individual lake associations responsible to fill out the DNR Live Fish Transportation Importation and Stocking Permit form. Ms. McFann suggested that they contact Dean Beck in Glenwood to obtain a copy of past permit as some of the information needed is not common knowledge. The permit request is mailed to the Bemidji DNR office for approval. Jim Bosek indicated that he tries to complete fall walleye stocking in DC lakes between the last week in October and the first week in November.

6. *Workshop Opportunity* - Minnesota Association Of Watershed District Incorporation is offering a two day conference, December 3rd & 4th, 2015, titled "State of Water" to be held at Arrowwood in Alexandria MN. The cost is \$185.00 which includes all meals. Deadline to register is November 20, 2015.

7. *Vermont Lake Concern* - Ron Tschaekofske reported that a proposed sand/gravel operation is being considered in very close proximity to Lake Vermont. An onsite visit has been scheduled. It was suggested that property owners attend the onsite and public hearing. Also to contact their Township Board members and Bev Bales. It should be also noted that Under the Natural Habitat Destruction part of the DC Water Plan it states to protect remnant woodland areas of Douglas County as a way to protect natural hydrologic function. Work to protect these areas from "land altering activities".

8. *MN. AIS Decontamination Procedure in question* - Jan Beliveau attended the MN COLA meeting last month. There are concerns that MN DNR AIS decontamination procedures do not follow the established standards used in Utah. Justin Swartz, DC AIS/Shoreland Tech. will follow up with the email from COLA and report back to DCLA.

With no further business, Stephen G. Henry moved, seconded by Bob Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes recorded & prepared by Linda Dokken-McFann, DCLA Secretary