

Douglas County Lakes Association

Public Works Building

February 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Beliveau at 4:30 p.m. this date. The following were in attendance: Jim Peterson - Ida, Dick Sudmeier - Ida, Gene Rose - Miltona, Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa, Chris Risbrudt - Stowe, Mike Cleary - Stowe, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, Sue Engstrom - Darling, Jean Johnson - Brophy, Jan Beliveau - Mary, Juanita Bolinger - Mary, Chuck Bokinskie - Vikings Sportsmen, and Dave Rush, DC Land & Resource. A quorum was present.

II. Mike Cleary moved, seconded by Sue Engstrom to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

III. Bob Reynolds moved, seconded by Dick Sudmeier to approve DCLA January, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

IV. Jim Peterson, Treasurer provided a financial report. Bills submitted for payment 100.00 for MN Lakes & Rivers membership and 156.81 for InfoLink. Vern Lorsung moved, seconded by Gene Rose to pay the bills. Motion carried.

V. Committee Reports

Public Relations - No report this month.

Zoning & Environment - Lake Mary Villas - Application to re-plat Lake Mary Villas was submitted to the County. Concerns noted - new plat does not have 50% open space on each tier. Garage on the point is not removed. Lot sizes are larger. Eagles nest protection. Dave Hoppe, Jan Beliveau and Marilyn Bayeral will address these concerns with Dave Rush and the DC Commissioners.

Latoka Sediment Pond - An estimate for clean out cost was submitted by DC Land & Resource to SWCD last month. No update to report.

Website Update - Lowell Benson - Miltona has offered to be Don Klassen backup for the DCLA website.

Water Planning Update - No report this month.

DC Land & Resource Department - Dave Rush, L&R Director, provided an overview of 2015 AIS activities. Primary focus was on site prevention. 17 watercraft inspectors were hired. A total of 5608 inspections were completed on 21 lakes and 29 public accesses throughout Douglas County. DNR logged an additional 4515 inspections. The County had access to 5 Decontamination Units and the busiest months were June and July. Top three most visited lakes were Miltona, L'Homme Dieu and Lake Osakis. Data reflected a finding of 97.5 % drain plug compliance. There were no new infestations reported in 2015. A total of 13 written warnings and 2 citations were given out by the DNR.

Preparations for the upcoming 2016 season are underway. The DC AIS Task Force will reconvene shortly to review draft AIS plan and discuss areas such as education, marketing, early detection/density water testing, and the feasibility of permanent DECON stations around the County to name of few.

No meeting date has been scheduled for the next Douglas County Water Plan review.

VI. DCLA in cooperation with the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management are working on recycle projects for the County. If you have any ideas, please forward them to Jan Beliveau. Current project underway is looking at placing recycle bins around the County in the spring for boat wrap collection.

VII. Climate Change: Meteorologist, Paul Douglas Event was well attended by the public. Topic was "Weather Disruption", Stewardship Isn't Optional." Jan Beliveau and Sue Engstrom handed out DCLA information pamphlets and discussed clean water projects with the public.

VIII. Items From The Floor:

1. SWCD position update:

02/01/2016 Andy Rice was offered the Conservation Tech position with SWCD. His primary duties are the buffer implementation program.

As of 03/01/2016 the District Tech position with SWCD has been filled. This position is split between SWCD duties and AIS Education.

SWCD Water Plan Tech position posting will close on February 28, 2016.

With no further business, Vern Lorsung moved, seconded by Juanita Bolinger to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Juanita Bolinger. Minutes prepared by Linda Dokken-McFann.