

## Douglas County Lakes Association

April 13, 2016

Public Works Building

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. this date by President Jan Beliveau. Introductions were given. The following were in attendance: Jim Peterson - Ida, Dian Lopez - Ida, Gene Rose - Miltona, Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa, Don Stallman - Irene, Chris Risbrudt - Stowe, Mike Cleary - Stowe, Joan Norman - Latoka, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, Sue Engstrom - Darling, Stephen Henry - L'Homme Dieu, Jeanne Johnson - Brophy, Joan Loos - Geneva, Craig Loos - Geneva, Steve Kogler - Lobster, Jan Beliveau - Mary, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Chuck Bokinskie - Vikings Sportsmen, Dave Rush - DC Land & Resource, Justin Swart - DC AIS Land & Resource, Bill Rustad - Victoria. A quorum was present.

Agenda was approved as written.

February and March, 2016 DCLA meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.

Jim Peterson, DCLA Treasurer reported that the account balance is 10,955.80. No bills submitted this month. Water testing fees and membership renewals will be mailed out the end of April. Dave Rush requested a list of DCLA presidents. Jim Peterson will follow up with the current contact list.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations Stephen Henry is looking for long time residents to talk about the changes they have seen on their lake as a quest speaker for Open Line. First Open Line is targeted for early May.

Zoning & Environment

Turtle Bay - Darling: A discussion was held on Turtle Bay area located on Lake Darling. Sue Engstrom provided a historical overview of the lake association's continued efforts to prevent docking and boating in this shallow, sensitive bay. Dave Rush reported that the original preliminary plat with conditions was never finalized as the developer surrendered & abandoned the plat thus all conditions are voided going forward. From all indication the new owner has applied for permits with SWCD and DNR requesting to deepen this body of water, fill in the illegal ditch on the property now called a wetland by the DNR. The DNR seems to be ignoring their earlier edict that "there be 50 feet of dry land between the ditch and Lake Darling so that no accidental mixing of the two waters happens because of high water or wind". Dave Rush did indicate he will check the work being done.

There was a question on notification of this permit. Per Dave Rush, Notification of a permit is required if that permit requires public input. A permit that does not require public input is handled administratively in his office. Dave Rush offered DCLA to have a representative on the DRT (Development Review Team). This item will be taken up at the annual meeting. DCLA may want to be placed on the DNR permit issued notification email list.

Latoka Sediment Pond - still no movement as now there is a discrepancy on the work that should be done verses what the proposed cost estimate is covering. Dave Rush will refer all future dealings be handled between SWCD , Scott Green and the lake association. Vern Lorsung provided a copy of his article that he wrote on the history of the Latoka Sediment Pond. Will distribute to the membership

Justin Swart, DC AIS Tech. reported that 9 AIS inspectors have been hired. Anyone interested can apply on the County's website. Under the Management Section of the AIS Plan there is money earmarked for treatment of AIS such as milfoil. Zebra Mussels focus is strictly prevention until more research is done. The County does plan do water chemistry testing and veliger monitoring in infested lakes.

Per Dave Rush, the top 10 counties that received AIS funds met. They are exploring options to pool monies to address the following areas; permanent Decon stations throughout the state, cohesive lobbying group to support continued funding and cooperation with other governmental agencies, and sharing marketing research. An area needing discussion is connecting the AIS message with tourism. The DC AIS Task Force will be meeting again in early May.

Kids Groundwater Festival is approaching. The County is supplying the t-shirts this year. More information to come.

State Water Conference is this Thursday and Friday at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandria, MN. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Tentative date for Water Quality "How to get Counties involved in clean water projects" workshop is set for April 29, 2016, Friday, at the Public Works Bldg. Dave Rush will follow up with the facilitator. DCLA is in charge of public notice and invite to the various stakeholders. Time for the event to be determined.

Per Chris Risbrudt the 2nd Annual Bowfishing Challenge is scheduled for June 11th and the 12th, 2016. Flyers will be out shortly.

Will no further business, Don Stallman moved, seconded by Bob Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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