

Douglas County Lakes Association

May 11, 2016

Public Works Building

The meeting was called to order this date at 4:30 pm by Vern Lorsung. The following were in attendance: Dick Sudmeier - Ida, Don Stallman - Irene, Chris Risbrudt - Stowe, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, Sue Engstrom - Darling, Stephen Henry - L'Homme Dieu, Jerry Miller - Maple, Jeanne Johnson - Brophy, Steve Kogler - Lobster, Arland Hirman - Winona, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Juanita Bolinger - Mary, Justin Swart - AIS/Shoreland Tech DC Land & Resource, Jerry Haggemiller - SWCD, Bruce Luehmann - Latoka and Gary Deick - Latoka. A quorum was present.

Introductions were given.

I. Chris Risbrudt moved, seconded by Stephen Henry to approve the agenda with the following additions: Jerry Haggemiller - SWCD update and the Latoka sediment pond update. Motion carried.

II. Juanita Bolinger moved, seconded by Don Stallman to approve the April 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III. Jim Peterson, DCLA Treasurer, was not present. No treasurer report given this month.

IV. SWCD Update: Jerry Haggemiller, SWCD advised that they hired Danica Mazurek for the Water Planner position. Target date to begin work is the end of May. Her first priority will be to amend the Douglas County Water Plan. This is a review of the current goals and objectives, not a rewrite.

Mr. Haggemiller reported that the SWCD Board approved 75% cost share of 7600.00 to clean out the Latoka sediment pond. 1900.00 will need to come from other funding sources such as the Latoka Lake Association, property owner or possibly other community partner funding sources. A private contractor will be hired to do the work.

Kids Groundwater Festival was held. Approximately 420 Douglas County 4th graders participated this year.

Federal Equip program has approx. 100,000.00 dollars in cost share projects working with area farmers. One project underway is an Ag Waste on the westside of Lake Ida.

Buffer Law implementation - Andy Rice is currently reviewing agriculture parcels first. There are cost share monies for farmers to apply for. At first glance, Douglas County appears to be 75% in compliance already.

No feedback yet on why Ida's grant application did not receive an interview. This information will not be shared by the grant committee until the end of June after all the selected recipients are notified. Mr. Haggemiller will report back to DCLA.

RMB Labs provided water monitoring training earlier today. Coolers can be picked up at the SWCD office. First water sample drop off date is this coming Monday, May 16, 2016. Coolers must be at SWCD office before 1:30 p.m.

#### **V. Committee Reports:**

Public Relations: Stephen Henry reported that the first Open Line is May 18, 2016 from 9-10 am on KXRA radio. Guest speaker is Paul Weimer from the Pomme De Terre Watershed. Topic is water quality. A reminder email will be sent out to attending DCLA members. Next open line is June 15, 2016. Topic and speaker not decided at this time.

Zoning & Environment: Discussed the Latoka sediment pond funding needs. Stephen Henry moved, seconded by Sue Engstrom to use DCLA monies to assist Lake Latoka. Dick Sudmeier amended the motion to approve payment of 1/3 or up to 600.00 of the 1900.00 needed for the cost share program through SWCD. Motion carried.

DC Land & Resource: Justin Swart, AIS/Shoreland Tech, DC Land & Resource, reported that they have hired 15 AIS inspectors for this season. Target number is 20 total. Training will be held next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The County will not have inspectors out for the opening fishing weekend but the DNR will. Eight lakes have submitted request for a total of 900 additional inspection hours.

Per Swart, he is requesting that if anyone observes work being done on the shoreline that you question is legal or person has a permit for, feel free to contact his office. Several persons have contacted his office regarding how to repair damage from ice jacking. An informational sheet was handed out. Linda DM will scan and distribute to the DCLA membership.

Land & Resource Department also participated in the Kids Groundwater Festival. They provided AIS education.

VI. Water Quality: April 29, 2016 the water quality workshop was held. Todd Holman, Central Minnesota program director at the Nature Conservancy was the guest speaker. Mr. Holman shared his story of how they collaborated with partners, developed a vision and worked together to develop measured change in water quality and protecting habitat projects. This was created from *the ground up* approach where everyone bought into the idea that water quality was very important. He shared regional success stories like Crow Wing County. DCLA's next move: Stephen Henry reported that a few individuals plan to meet next week with the Hospitality Assn., Developers and Real Estate execs to discuss water quality concerns and how partnerships are needed to affect change. Crow Wing County has an active County Administrator.

VII. Items From The Floor: Sue Engstrom moved, seconded by Dick Sudmeier to distribute the DCLA Lakeshore Owner brochure to real estate offices as an education tool for new property owners. Justin Swart agreed to review the current brochure for any updates needed in the area of zoning/permitting requirements.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. Minutes recorded and prepared by Linda Dokken-McFann, DCLA Secretary