

Douglas County Lakes Association

June 8, 2016

Public Works Building

The meeting was called to order this date at 4:30 pm by President Jan Beliveau. The following were in attendance: Jan Beliveau - Mary, Jim Peterson - Ida, Dick Sudmeier - Ida, Don Stallman - Irene, Chris Risbrudt - Stowe, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, Sue Engstrom - Darling, Stephen Henry - L'Homme Dieu, Jeanne Johnson - Brophy, Arland Hirman - Winona, Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Lynn Glesne - Milona, Dian Lopez - Ida, Dick Sudmeier - Ida, Dave Rush, DC Land & Resource Dept., Justin Swart - AIS/Shoreland Tech DC Land & Resource, Jerry Haggenmiller - SWCD, and Danica Mazurek - SWCD Water Plan Tech. A quorum was present.

Introductions were given.

I. Agenda was approved as written by voice vote.

II. Vern Lorsung moved, seconded by Bob Reynolds to approve the May 11, 2016 meeting minutes with the following corrections: year should read 2016 and the correct spelling of Danica Mazurek. Motion carried.

III. Jim Peterson, DCLA Treasurer, provided the monthly treasurer report. Checking balance is \$17,799.80. There are currently 14 members paid up to date. The following bills submitted for payment: 56.25 for Info Link and 100.00 for Conservation MN annual membership fee. Gene Rose moved, seconded by Chris Risbrudt to pay the bills. Motion carried.

IV. SWCD Update: Jerry Haggenmiller, SWCD introduced Danica Mazurek as the new Water Plan Tech for SWCD office. 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. The DC Water Plan Committee will be meeting within the next two weeks.

Still no feedback yet on why Ida's grant application did not receive an interview. Mr. Haggenmiller will report back to DCLA. The BWSR awarded the third round of Clean Water Fund grants. The six selected watersheds will share approx. 8.2 million in Targeted Watershed Program grants. Wolverton Creek Watershed, Urban Lake Renewal Project, Sand Hill River Watershed, Root River Watershed, Detroit Lake Watershed, and the Shell Rock River Chain of Lakes Watershed were chosen. For more information please visit www.bwsr.state.mn.us. DCLA requested a flow chart of monies available be put together.

Danica Mazurek reported that 13 lakes have been selected for either early detection or those already infested, a density study of zebra mussels. She is requesting the assistance of the lake monitoring volunteers to collect samples. There will be a AIS training on June 23, 2016. Ms. Mazurek notified the 13 lakes via email with additional information.

V. Committee Reports:

Public Relations: Stephen Henry reported that the next Open Line is June **15, 2016, from 9-10 am on KXRA radio**. Guest speaker is Scott from the Sauk River Watershed. Topic is water quality. A reminder email will be sent out to DCLA members. Next open line is the last Thursday is June, need a guest speaker to talk about the history of their particular lake. Interested parties, please contact Stephen Henry at henry5369@charter.net.

Zoning & Environment:

LAKE MINA Discussion was held on Lake Mina which is classified as a Natural Environmental Lake and the proposed application currently in front of the County. Per Dave Rush, back in the 1950's this area was licensed for 30 unit campsites. In 1994, the ownership changed and a variance was sought to plat the area with less setbacks which was approved. It should be noted that an approved variance of the past cannot be changed by the current board. In 1998, it ceased to operate as a resort after 365 days. A petition was received to have the County revisit the concerns of this CUP. The DNR did submit a letter requesting further investigation in the area on the density and the emergent vegetation on the proposed beach area that will be removed. *Hearing on the application was remanded back to the DC Planning Advisory Commission for review of additional information of Raleigh C. Lillemoe Etal for a CUP to allow a CPU development, AC 35.62, La Grand Township, Lake Mina on June 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.*

LAKE LATOKA 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. Dave Rush, Land & Resource indicated that the County could offer assistance of 600.00 toward this project.

LAKE MARY According to Mr. Jerry Haggemiller, no governmental agency has any authority to have the illegal ditch corrected on the north side of Lake Mary until the *legal litigation is settled*.

LAKE WINONA - Per Jan Beliveau, June 30, 2016 is the deadline date for the TMDL to be completed and opened for public comment.

VI. DC Land & Resource: Dave Rush, Land & Resource Dept. Director due to the increase workload in his office during summer months, lake request for water surface restriction will be taken up later in the year. However, if it is a safety issue or high water issue, L&R will take immediate action.

Douglas County is creating a recreational resource maps website. The website will have access to parks, lakes, trails, bike paths, and boating safety and regulations and AIS education component. The County purchased the domain name of AlexAreaLakes.org. Two bill boards have been purchased on I94 that will display AIS message. Hard copy of maps will be given out to the public in the near future with recreational information and AIS message.

Justin Swart, AIS/Shoreland Tech, DC Land & Resource, will follow up with Chuck B.'s email with reference to his concerns regarding AIS inspectors. As of June 7, 2016, 1200 inspections have been completed. Currently have hired 19 staff. The 2nd Annual Bowfishing Challenge is this weekend. The decon units will be at the fairgrounds for this event. Mr. Swart attends most Bass Tournaments which require a permit from the DNR. October 5-6, 2016, there will be an AIS Conference will be held in St. Cloud, MN. The flyer information for this conference will be emailed to the membership.

VII. Need DCLA volunteers for the annual KIDS DAY event to be held at Fleet Farm on July 9, 2016. Interested parties please contact Jan Beliveau at janbeliveau@gmail.com or 763-232-8116.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Minutes recorded and prepared by Linda Dokken-McFann, DCLA Secretary