

Douglas County Lakes Association

August 10, 2016

Public Works Bldg.

The meeting was called to order at 1630 hours by President Jan Beliveau. Introductions were given. The following were in attendance; Jim Peterson - Ida, Dian Lopez - Ida, Dick Sudmeier - Ida, Gene Rose - Miltona, Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa, Don Stallman - Irene, Bill Rustad - Victoria, Jerry Miller - Maple, Dave Jones - Rachel, Jan Beliveau, - Mary, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Dave Rush - DC Land & Resource Department, Justin Swart - DC AIS/Shoreland Tech., Danica Mazurek - Water Plan Tech - SWCD, Hank Janz - Lake Mina. A quorum was present.

II. Gene Rose moved, seconded by Dick Sudmeier to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed.

III. Dian Lopez moved, seconded by Dick Sudmeier to approve the July 13, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Motion passed.

IV. Jim Peterson, DCLA Treasurer reported that the checking balance is 18055.55. Reviewed membership information. Dick Sudmeier moved, seconded by Bob Reynolds to pay InfoLink (website annual fee) in the amount of 180.00. Motion passed.

V. Danica Mazurek provided the following update for SWCD.

The DC Water Plan amendment review is open for public comment until August 19, 2016. You may submit feedback to Jan Beliveau or directly to Danica at Danica.Mazurek@mn.nacdnet.net.

SWCD Douglas County fair booth will be providing free nitrate water testing August 18 & 19th, 2016 Thursday & Friday between the hours of 1030 - 600 p.m. Full information will be provided in the Echo Press.

SWCD submitted four grant applications this month; Ditch 23 on Lake Ida, Pit Investigation Grants, Community Partners for rain garden funding, and Cty Rd. 82 to correct a severe erosion site.

Per R&B Labs results on the area lakes - no veligers found in Red Rock or Chippewa. There were 11 lakes tested and will report findings once the tests are completed.

Danica to follow up on the names of the Water Wisdom Winners for this year as were voted on by the SWCD Board. Names to be forward to Jim Peterson for monetary awards to be given by DCLA.

VI. Dave Rush, DC Land & Resource Dept. reported that no further action will be taken by the County Commissioners until the applicant completes an EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) on the proposed resort on Lake Mina.

An informational meeting will be held on the proposed feedlot expansion up to 6300 animal unit will be held on August 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Millerville Township Hall. Open to the public.

AIS Recreational map is completed. Approx. 5000 will be given out to the public. This map provides information on area activities along with AIS educational information. The proposed AIS County website is under construction.

A discussion was held on VRBO's. Due to the workload this summer, this topic will not be taken up until this fall. The last time Dave Rush approached DCLA on this subject, he received mixed responses. It was agreed that first we should identify what the issues are and the potential impacts of having vacation rental by owners on area lakes.

VII. Justin Swart, AIS/Shoreland Tech reported that Lake Osakis and Pocket Lake have been added to the infestation list for zebra mussels according to the DNR. Osakis had adult mussels which would indicate they have been there for two years. A swimmer reported a zebra mussel in Pocket Lake. It should be noted that no other zebra mussels were found during extensive searches by DNR. In another DNR news release dated August 10, 2016 - Minnesota's second known infestation of starry stonewort (an invasive form of maro algae) has been confirmed by the MN DNR in Turtle Lake north of Bemidji. It is approx. one acre in size near the public access.

VIII. UPCOMING AIS/WATER QUALITY EVENTS:

2016 Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase will be held Monday, September 12, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in St. Paul. Interested parties can register at www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-minnesota-aquatic-invasive-species-research-and-management-showcase-tickets-26830484702.

The Second AIS Summit Conference will be held in St. Cloud on October 5 and 6th, 2016. Limit of 450 persons will be allowed to attend. Interested parties can register at MN Lakes & Rivers website.

*The Douglas County Corn & Soybean Growers Association invites us to join them for their **Water Quality Outreach** event on the farm of Russ and Rachel Elliott in rural Evansville. Date of event is September 9, 2016. 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, 7:00 p.m. dinner from County Line Meats. Please RSVP to: dccsga@gmail.com by Monday September 5, 2016.*

IX. DCLA annual meeting preparations. Jan Beliveau will make the meal arrangements. Dean Beck has been asked to be the guest speaker. No confirmation as of yet. Bob Reynolds and Dick Sudmeier will serve on the Audit Committee.

X. Items From the Floor:

Kids Fishing Day Committee - Jan Beliveau will put together a letter requesting donations of fishing items to be given away to kids for the 2017 event.

Per Jerry Haggenmiller, SWCD, Jan reported that a holding pond is being required on the Johnson's property which is adjacent to Lake Victoria. This field has a history of heavy sludge runoff into Lake Victoria during high rain events.

Lake Henry resident has reported continual flooding on her lot after the sewer and water utilities were installed and the road was reconstructed. It would appear the road slope is incorrect. Jerry Haggemiller, SWCD will be requested to follow up.

Lake Irene rep reported that there is a beaver dam that needs to be removed near the railroad. It was suggested he contact the RR office or Tom Anderson, Ditch Inspector to request funds to have it removed.

The proposed RV park application on Lake Mina was sent out to the membership earlier this month. Lake Association identified concerns: set back feet required, 18 slip docking system, classified as a Natural Environmental Lake which has special considerations and the fact that this is a small lake of only 424 acres. What impact will the RV park have on the health of the lake? It was suggested that state representatives be advised of this application.

With no further business, Bob Reynolds moved, seconded by Linda Dokken-McFann to adjourn the meeting at 1740 hours.

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