

Douglas County Lakes Association

October 11, 2016

Public Works Building

President Jan Beliveau called the meeting to order at 1600 hours this date. The following members were in attendance: Jim Peterson - Ida, Dian Lopez - Ida, Gene Rose - Miltonia, Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa, Gary Waller - Red Rock, Don Stallman - Irene, Mike Cleary - Stowe, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, Sue Engstrom - Darling, Stephen Henry - L'Homme Dieu, Jerry Miller - Maple, Jeanne Johnson - Brophy, Jan Eisele - Carlos, Jan Beliveau - Mary, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Chuck Bokinskie - Vikings Sportsmen, Justin Swart - DC AIS/Shoreland Tech., Danica Mazurek - SWCD Water Plan Tech., Mae Petrehn - DC Feedlot Coordinator. A quorum was present.

I. Vern Lorsung moved, seconded by Jeanne Johnson to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

II. Vern Lorsung moved, seconded by Bob Reynolds to approve the September, 2016 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

III. Jim Peterson, DCLA Treasurer provided the monthly financial report. Checking account balance - 15171.00. The following bills were submitted for payment: Info Link - 77.70, R&B Lab - 893.28, LD McFann - 375.00. Vern Lorsung moved, seconded by Jeanne Johnson to approve payment. Motion carried. It was agreed to put Gene Rose as a backup signature on the DCLA checking account. A formal resolution will need to be drafted and approved.

IV. Stephen Henry reported that Open Line is done for this year. Thank you Mr. Henry for a job well done and the many different guests and topics covered this year.

V. A general discussion was held on the subject of Professional Liability Insurance for lake association officers/directors. There are a few associations who elect to carry such coverage, others carry professional liability insurance for events only, and others elect to do nothing. No decision was made at this time. DCLA will explore their options and report back to the membership at a later date.

VI. Discussed upcoming area events. Fleet Farm Kids Day is scheduled for either July 8th or the 15th, 2017. Average attendance is around 80 - 100 kids pass through. Need to restock educational and fishing items for next year give away. The Vikings Sportsmen hold a huge event the last Sunday in August at the shooting park. Offer kids 32 events to participate in. DCLA may want to consider being a sponsor or have *volunteers at this event if asked*.

VII. Danica Mazurek, SWCD Water Plan Tech., provided overview of the 2016 Aquatic Invaders Summit II held in St. Cloud earlier this month. Leaders in AIS across Minnesota, the United States, and Canada shared details of successful programs and on-the-ground applied science and actions for preventing the spread of AIS. There are a lot of people doing many different, exciting and effective things to prevent the spread of AIS and/or management of an infestation. *Cooperation between agencies is key in order to be successful*. Many AIS are already here; Zebra mussel, spiny waterflea and eurasian watermilfoil. Other species are quickly approaching Minnesota to further threaten our lakes

and rivers. *Starry stonewort, discovered last year, has the potential to severely impact Minnesota's \$2.8 billion angling economy, particularly bass and panfish angling.*

Per Danicia, On October 19, 2016, the Water Quality Tech Team met to discuss the Douglas County Water Plan amendment.

VIII. Justin Swart, DC AIS/Shoreland Tech. reported that the inspection data is not compiled at this time. He will forward the information when completed. The DNR are done for this year with the DECON unit. His department continues to work on AIS and Clean Water educational curriculum for area schools. Alexandria Lakes website is still under construction. The focus will be AIS and water quality information. The website will act as a hub for the County to redirect and/or be linked to other agencies as not to duplicate services or information. Dave Rush continues to work with the top 10 counties to develop statewide AIS programs.

IX. Mae Petrehn, DC Feedlot Coordinator provided an update on the proposed feedlot in Millerville Township. She addressed concerns of ground water protection. It should be noted that there was a negative declaration on the EAW thus the proposed expansion application can move forward. 6800 animal unit increased to 8000 with 1/3 confinement, 1/3 partially confined and 1/3 on earth and lots with run off pads. Adjacent areas have set back requirement and comply with the buffer law. If you have any questions regarding zoning or land use in Douglas County, please e-mail Douglas County Land and Resource Management at [LandResMngmt@co.douglas.mn.us](mailto:LandResMngmt@co.douglas.mn.us). Ms. Petrehn can be reached at 320-762-2932.

X. The revised bid to clean out the Latoka sediment pond is 15800.00. At a prior meeting, DCLA had approved a contribution payment of 600.00 toward the cleanup cost. With that said, DCLA is waiting for the County's approved contribution amount toward this project as the bid amount has increased. SWCD is working with this land owner to pick up 75% with their cost share program for clean water projects.

XI. It was agreed minutes should be presented at the DCLA monthly meeting from the ad-hoc committee for Water Quality as they represent DCLA. High priority is to solicit public groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, Realtors, Hospital Association, Nature Conservancy and Land Stewardship groups to promote clean water projects for the Long Prairie River Watershed. We still do not have a strong voice in the County. Clean Water is everyone's business. SWCD will be focusing on One Watershed One Plan approach in the near future.

With no further business, Gene Rose moved, seconded by Linda Dokken-McFann to adjourn the meeting at 1730 hours. Minutes prepared by Linda Dokken-McFann, Lake Mary Association Director, DCLA member.

Approved 11/09/2016