

Douglas County Lakes Association

December 14, 2016

Public Works Building

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Beliveau at 1630 hours. The following were in attendance: Jim Peterson - Ida, Dian Lopez - Ida, Dick Sudmeier - Ida, Gene Rose - Miltona, Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa, Chris Risbrudt - Stowe, Mike Cleary - Stowe, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, Bill Rustad - Victoria, Stephen Henry - L'Homme Dieu, Jeanne Johnson - Brophy, Jan Beliveau - Mary, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Chuck Bokinskie - Viking Sportsmen, Danica Mazurek– Douglas County SWCD, Justin Swart AIS DC L&R, Bob Bowden - Red Rock, Mike Scarbough and Myran Larson. A quorum was present.

I. Agenda was approved by voice vote with Director & Officer Insurance item added.

II. Dian Lopez moved, seconded by Mike Cleary to approve the November, 2016, DCLA minutes as written. Motion carried.

III. Jim Peterson reported the checking account balance is \$ 13494.72. One payment made to R&B Labs for the amount of \$966.00. No bills submitted this month. Lake Carlos paid their dues. Maple Lake contact has resigned. At present there is no association due to lack of interest.

IV. A discussion was held on Not For Profit General Liability Insurance and Director & Officer Insurance. Mike Cleary moved, seconded by Gene Rose to obtain D&O Insurance coverage for a one year period for \$450.00 through Westbend Mutual Insurance Company, Larson Insurance of Alex. Motion amended by Mike Cleary to *include purchasing coverage* for General Liability Insurance not to exceed \$500.00 for a one year period. Motion passed by majority, one NO vote noted by Vern Lorsung.

V. Danica Mazurek, SWCD, reported that two of the four grant applications submitted received funding. Soil Investigation of Manure Management received \$93,000.00 and Lake Ida, Ditch 23 study received a grant for \$227,000.00. There were a total of 171 grant applications submitted statewide. Only 78 were funded.

Douglas County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan amendment public hearing was held last week. The BWSR Board is anticipated to take action on the Plan at its January 11th, 2017 meeting.

Danica has invited Anna Bosch from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to meet with DCLA and discuss the Long Prairie River Watershed. Meeting is in the USDA conference room (Douglas SWCD) on December 16th from 10:30am-12:00pm.

A draft report about water pollution in Lake Winona just outside Alexandria is open for public review and comment through Jan. 4, 2017. **A public meeting will be held to discuss the report Friday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. in the Douglas County Public Works building at 526 Willow Drive in Alexandria.**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) report is known as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study. A TMDL study establishes the maximum amount of a pollutant a water body can receive on a daily basis and still meet water-quality standards. The Lake Winona study focused on pollution resulting from excess nutrients (mainly phosphorous) that cause excessive algae growth, which has caused the lake to be impaired for swimming and other aquatic recreation.

The study identifies all sources of phosphorous in the watershed of the lake and where reductions will have the greatest impact on restoring the lake. By far the main problem is phosphorous that has settled into lake bottom sediments that can become re-suspended in the water column due to wave action or carp stirring up the bottom. Another significant source of phosphorous is stormwater runoff, from both urban and rural areas that surround the lake. Large reductions in these sources are needed in order for the lake to eventually return to meeting the state standard.

After reviewing the comments, the MPCA may revise the draft TMDL report before submitting it to the EPA for approval.

The Lake Winona TMDL draft report may be reviewed at the MPCA Detroit Lakes office, 714 Lake Ave., or online at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/lake-winona-%E2%80%94-excess-nutrients-tmdl-project>

Per Jerry Haggemiller, SWCD, the Latoka Sediment Pond clean out project was completed on December 9, 2016.

VI. Justin Swart, DC Land & Resource AIS/Shoreland Tech. reported that AIS 2016 Inspection Summary draft was done. It will go to review by the AIS Task Force then put out to the public. Lakes who requested additional inspection hours will receive a mini report on their individual lake also. These lakes include Red Rock, Lobster, Ida, Latoka, Chippewa and Miltona.

March, 2017 is the target date for the AlexandriaAreaLakes.com website to be up and running. The three main components: AIS information, Water Quality and Shoreland Information. The website will be a hub linked to many other sites for general information.

VII. Thursday, December 15th, at 10:00am, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers will host a [free Webinar](#) that will provide the basic tools and strategy for local lake associations and COLAs not only to increase their role in local civic life, position themselves as local policy leaders, BUT be better able to partner with MLR's statewide advocacy efforts to address lake and river preservation, restoration and protection at the State policy level. Go to www.mnlakesandrivers.org to register.

With no further business, the DCLA annual meeting was adjourned at 1745 hours.

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