

Douglas County Lakes Association

February 8, 2017

Public Works Building

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Beliveau at 1630 hours. The following were in attendance: Jim Peterson - Ida, Chris Risbrudt - Stowe, Mike Cleary - Stowe, Vern Lorsung - Latoka,, Jan Beliveau - Mary, Danica Mazurek– Douglas County SWCD, Justin Swart AIS DC L&R, Gene Rose – Miltona, David Jones - Rachel, Juanita Bolinger- Mary, Polly Perkins - Lake Irene, David Christianson - Lake Irene, and Dean Beck –Glenwood Area Fisheries Manager. A quorum was present.

I. Agenda was approved by voice vote.

II. The December, 2016 minutes were approved on a motion by Lorsung with a second by Risbrudt. The January, 2017 minutes were approved on a motion by Cleary with a second by Risbrudt.

III. Jim Peterson reported the checking account balance is \$ 10,012.72. Payment of \$100.00 to MN Lakes & Rivers was approved on a motion by Risbrudt with a second by Rose. A donation of \$500.00 to the Kids Groundwater Festival was approved on a motion by Lorsung with a second by Bolinger.

IV. Discussion was held on the various bills aimed at changing the existing buffer laws being discussed in the MN State Legislature. Motion was made by Rose with a second by Risbrudt for the DCLA to draft a strong statement supporting the existing laws.

V. Dean Beck, Glenwood Area Fisheries Manager, presented support for a modest increase in “ user based fees” being considered in the 2017 Legislative Session. Dean pointed out that this is not a “tax” but is paid by the people purchasing fishing and hunting licenses. The increase is needed to continue to fund the important programs of the agency. Even with the proposed increase, some programs will need to be reduced in scope, such as the frequency of performing “Lake Surveys” which will be changed from every four years to every six years on lakes other than those considered “prime fisheries”.

VI. Justin Swart, DC Land & Resource AIS/Shoreland Tech. distributed and discussed information on AIS Control Project Grants available through Douglas County. Applications must be submitted by April 10, 2017 to the Douglas County Land & Resource Management Department. Funding will be announced prior to May 1, 2017. A total of \$10,000 is available. Justin also distributed a listing of Commercial Aquatic Pesticide Applicators.

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

Minutes recorded and prepared by Mike Cleary, DCLA Vice President