

Douglas County Lakes Association

October 11, 2017

Public Works Bldg.

The meeting was called to order at 1630 hours by President Jan Beliveau. The following were in attendance: Jim Peterson - Ida, Gene Rose - Miltona , Bob Reynolds - Devils/Little Chippewa, Don Stallman - Irene, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, John Kes - Victoria, Stephen Henry - L'Homme Dieu, Jeanne Johnson - Brophy, Steve Kogler - Lobster, Mark Meuwissey - Jessie, Jan Beliveau - Mary, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Chuck Bokinskie - Vikings Sportsmen Club, Justin Swart - DC Land & Resource Dept. AIS/Shoreland Tech, Bruce Luehmann - Latoka, Danica Derks - SWCD Water Plan Tech, Jessie Albertsen - SWCD/DC AIS Education Tech. , Mike Cleary - Stowe.

I. The agenda was approved by voice vote. Lorsung moved, seconded by Rose to approve the September 13, 2017 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

II. Jim Peterson, Treasurer, reported that the current balance is 12,450.79 as of September, 2017. Rose moved, seconded by Stallman to approve payment of 880.00 to R&B Labs for water testing fees. Motion carried. V. Lorsung and J. Johnson reviewed the financial statements of the DCLA, 501-C3 Non Profit Organization for the period of September 2016 through September 2017 and in their opinion, believe that they are accurate, complete and in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Principles. Signed statement placed into the records.

III. Danica Derks reported that an engineer firm has been hired and work will begin this fall on the Ida Project. There is still the question of where the 30,000.00 matching funds will come from.

- There will be an Environmental Trust Fund meeting on October 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at SWCD. Meeting is open to anyone interested.
- Pomme de Terre Watershed is holding an open house in October for anyone who reside in this watershed who desires to provide public comment on clean water issues.

Jessica Albertsen and Dave Rush are working on Shoreland Information pamphlets that target different groups such as real estate agents, resort/lake associations and visitors to the County.

Douglas SWCD Clean Water Projects for 2017 updates were reported as the following:

- Wetland Restoration - 7 different landowners with a total of 37 wetlands restored. Total cost \$139,031. Grant Funds provided \$122,422.
- Ag Waste Systems - 2 different landowners, 2 feedlots brought into compliance. Total Cost \$428,000. Grant Funds provided \$326,500.
- Erosion Control Projects - 5 different landowners, 18 sediment retention structures 2 grade stabilization structures and 2 terraces. Total Cost \$125,000, Grant funds provided 93,342.

- Cluster Septic Update - 21 landowners South side of Lake Miliona. Total Cost \$474,579, Issued Ag BMP Low Interest Loans.

Danica Derks provided the following to anyone interested in reading the Douglas SWCD Water Plan, please go to the following links: SWCD website: <http://www.douglasswcd.com/> : Direct Link to Water Plan: http://www.douglasswcd.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Water_Plan2016.pdf . Note that the Implementation Action Items are on pages 44 – 53.

The Douglas County LWM Plan is developed and written under the legislative authority of the “Comprehensive Local Water Management Act” (Minnesota Statutes sections 103B.301 to 103b.355). The purpose of the Douglas County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan is to:

- Identify existing and potential problems and opportunities for the protection, management, and development of water and related land resources;
- Identify priority concerns to be addressed during the effective time frame of the plan;
- Develop goals and implement actions that improve water quality and quantity and related resource management and planning in the County.

The goal of the Douglas County Comprehensive Local Water Management (LWM) Plan is to serve as a guide for resource protection and preservation in Douglas County for the next 10 years. An assessment of the progress made toward the completion of the goals will be completed in 2016 to revise or update any necessary implementation actions.

In addition, this plan will become effective upon final approval by the Board of Soil and Water Resources and after official adoption by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. The LWM Plan will be in effect through 2019 and covers the entire county.

IV. Justin Swart reported that the 2017 Inspection Program has concluded. Approx. 9400 inspections were completed. Drain plug compliance was 97%. Summary sheets for individual lakes on inspection hours will be prepared and sent out. The veliger monitoring program has concluded. R&B Labs will provide veliger density study results later this year. The permanent DECON site on Kruger Creek is under construction. Mr. Swart reported that he is checking on permits issued earlier this year for compliance. If you observe construction on a property that you have questions about, contact the Land & Resource Department for follow up.

V. Jan Beliveau provided update on the Winona TMDL. It appears that no one has a viable solution to eliminate the carp in the lake. Beliveau will contact Dr. Bajer, U Of MN, and request his assistance.

VII. J. Johnson moved, seconded by S. Henry, amended by L Dokken-McFann to revise draft recommendations to include today's comments and language changes. Motion carried.

It was mentioned that there are other regulatory bodies in addition to Douglas County that need to get our message. For example, both the City of Alexandria and Alexandria Township have their own zoning

bodies and also issue variances, etc. In addition, all other townships get to weigh in on the County's variances in their townships. So, rather than narrow our recommendations to just Douglas County, it was suggested that we broaden our approach in the form of a "Position Paper" that could be presented to other governmental units and possibly included in Gene Rose's power point presentation. Membership agreed with the idea of a position paper.

With no future business, S. Henry moved, seconded by L. Dokken-McFann to adjourn the meeting at 1545 hours.

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