



DOUGLAS COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION
Public Works Building
December 13th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1630 hours on December, 13, 2017 by President J. Beliveau. The following were in attendance: Jim Peterson - Ida, Gene Rose - Miltona, Don Stallman - Irene, Vern Lorsung - Latoka, John Kes - Victoria, Stephen Henry - L'Homme Dieu, Jeanne Johnson - Brophy, Steve Kogler - Lobster, Don Clausen - Rachel, Bill Rustad - Victoria, Rod Johnson - Lobster, Jan Beliveau - Mary, Linda Dokken-McFann - Mary, Bruce Luehmann - Latoka, Justin Swart - DC L&R AIS/Shoreland Tech, Jerry Haggemiller - SWCD, Jessica Albertsen - SWCD/DC AIS Education Tech, Bob Bowden - Red Rock, and Paul Anderson - Big Chip, Dave Rush - DC Land & Resource. A quorum was present.

I. The agenda was approved by voice vote with the following additions: DCLA position paper and Water Quality presentation update.

II. V. Lorsung moved, seconded by D. Stallman to approve the November 8, 2017 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

III. J. Peterson reported all lake associations have paid their dues to date with exception of Lake Winona. At present there are 24 members. The bank account is 11,997.49. The following bills were submitted for payment: Info Link (website) 131.25, Westbend Insurance (B.O.D. Insurance) 450.00, LD McFann (Sept, Oct, and Nov 2017 DCLA minutes) 450.00. G. Rose moved, seconded by V. Lorsung to pay the bills. Motion passed.

IV. DC Land & Research Department: Justin Swart reported that the permanent DECON station at Kruger Creek public access is completed. It will be fully operational next summer season.

Zebra Mussel Veliger Density Study update: This is the second year of samples taken on 6 area lakes which include: Darling, L'Homme Dieu, Irene, Miltona, Ida and Turtle. Lake Osakis was added in 2017. These lakes were picked as they have different trophic states and depths. Samples are collected from late May to late August. Veliger density appears to spike mid June through mid July. Food supply and water temperatures dictate reproduction. Consensus of the membership is that the County/SWCD continue the study and suggested that other lakes might be added. This study does not look at the impact zebra infestation has on a lake. *For full report go to AlexAreaLakes.org website, click on AIS, scroll down to Douglas County Veliger Density Study.*
http://alexarealakes.org/Uploads/Public/Documents/Alex_Area_Lakes/VeligerDensityStudy_2017.pdf

V. SWCD update: Jerry Haggemiller reported that Danielle Anderson was hired for the Water Planner/Land Use Technician position. She will begin 01/02/2018. SWCD interviewed 5 out of the 22 applicants. SWCD believes Ms. Anderson should be a good fit with her grant writing experience and prior employment with SWCD out of Todd County. Other activities in SWCD included: Barr Engineering Company has begun field work shooting elevation of the inlets and outlets on Ditch 23 (Lake Ida project). Two land owners restored a total of 18 wetlands around Pocket Lake. They participated in a Cost Share Program offered through SWCD and Fish & Wildlife Department. Through the Community Partners Cost Share program a shoreline restoration was completed on Lake Ida.

VI. Jan Beliveau reported that MPCA and ALASD have come to an agreement on their differences on the TMDL findings on Lake Winona.

VII. Membership Committee met last week. Still exploring how to reach out to all lake associations. One concern identified was the lack of funds for dues. It was suggested that they be able to attend as a nonvoting party.

VIII. Don Clausen reported that Dynamic 14 Company submitted a quote to redesign DCLA website for 1875.00 up to 2657.00 depending upon what DCLA wants. Both SWCD and Alex Area Lakes had their websites created by Dynamic 14 and are very impressed with the quality of work done. Info Link has not submitted a quote as of this meeting. DCLA pays 150.00 annual fee for the current website hosted by Info Link. To update the fee is 25.00 each occurrence.

IX. G. Rose reported that 10 Clean Water Quality presentations have been given to a variety of area businesses and organizations. The committee reported that having an Environmental Trust Fund created would be beneficial when people ask how they can help. Jerry Haggemiller is heading up a work group on how to create and manage such a fund. Next meeting will be in January, date not determined yet.

X. J. Johnson moved, seconded by G. Rose to approve the DCLA position paper draft. After a lengthy discussion on the content and wording, there was a general consensus that the paper lacked quantitative information for the reader. No vote was taken on the item. The discussion was tabled at this time. Dave Rush has offered to provide data and training on three of the bullet points outlined in the draft. Variances will be addressed at the DCLA's January meeting. Followed by shoreline regulations and septic system inspections.

With no further business, V. Lorsung moved, seconded by L D. McFann to adjourn the meeting at 1730 hours.

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