



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 4:30 p.m.
Public Works Building
Alexandria, MN 56308

President Dick Kuehn called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following people present: Karen Cook – Latoka, Jerry Haggemiller – Douglas SWCD, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Adam Hjelm – Sauk River Watershed, Verne Weiss – Irene, Bob Reynolds – Devils/Little Chip, Harry May – Geneva, Dave Foley – Rachel, Tom Brunner – Red Rock, H. Dan Ness – Vermont, Mike Kopitzke – Vermont, Mike Bruzik – Geneva, Hank Janz – Mina, Keigh Dougherty – L’Homme Dieu, Donna Bergner, Jeff Stabnow – Ottertail County, Jan Beliveau – Mary, Orville Lamb, Dick Kuehn – Miltona and Executive Secretary Dorothy Klemann.

The April 2010 minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Jim Peterson was not able to attend this meeting. President Kuehn distributed copies of the Treasurer’s report. He asked for additions to the e-mail listing. There was a motion by Keith Dougherty, second by Sue Engstrom to approve the Treasurer’s report and pay all bills. Motion carried.

Jerry Haggemiller briefly reported on behalf of Water Planning. He showed the group a sample of the Table tent that we will be placing in area establishments. Monies have been received for three projects. They are working with Dave Rush at Douglas County Land and Resource Management on the Committee for updating the septic ordinance. They are also getting a work plan put together for the clean water legacy dollars for upgrading the ordinance and other educational activities. The Envirothon for high school kids took place in Spicer last Wednesday. They had the Kids Ground Water Festival the end of April.

Dave Rush was not present.

Jerry Haggemiller gave an update of the Sub Surface Treatment System grant. (SSTS). They can start using the grant money once the ordinance is passed. The target date is prior to June 30. Another meeting has been scheduled for the 10 year county comprehensive plan.

Sue Engstrom reported on behalf of zoning. She expressed concern regarding maintenance on pervious pavers. Reports are only required for three years. Variances are considered on a case by case basis.

AIS grants should be finalized this week. They are still waiting for the paper work. There was discussion of the table tents, volunteers, and preparations.

Dean Beck was the guest speaker in May. Emily was also present. It went well. Senator Ingebrigtsen is the scheduled speaker on June 3. He serves on the Clean Water Committee. Keith Dougherty and Dick Kuehn will also be there with the Senator. Dave Rush is scheduled for July.

Adam Hjelm of the Sauk River Watershed District was present. He is available to set up free workshops. Some possible topics include: rain barrels, rain gardens, native plantings, water chemistry and invasive species. His goal is to educate adults, especially. It was suggested that he speak at individual annual lake meetings.

Marion Bender is our scheduled speaker for the DCLA Annual meeting in September.

There will be a public hearing on channel closings at Discovery Middle School and LaGrand Town Hall. There was considerable discussion of this topic. There was a motion by Jan Beliveau, second by Sue Engstrom that we do not take an official position regarding possible channel closings. We will leave it up to the individual stakeholders involved. The DCLA discussed channel closings at great length as we are very concerned about Zebra Mussels and invasive species. We encourage all reasonable methods of control. Motion carried with Keith Dougherty opposed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA