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AGENDA
Douglas County Lakes Association
Public Works Building
Wednesday, November 9, 2011, 4:30 P.M.

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of Council Meeting minutes
- III. Approve Agenda
- IV. Treasurer's report
- V. Water Planning Update (Jerry Haggemiller & Emily Siira)
 - a. Water monitor recognition
- VI. Douglas County Update (Dave Rush)
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - Public Relations – Harry May, Geneva
 - Membership - Jim Peterson, Ida
 - Zoning/Environment – Sue Engstrom, Darling - Bonnie Huettl, Lobster, Marilyn Bayerl, Mary
 - Restore the Shore – Steve Henry, LeHommeDieu
 - Lakes Area Regional Planning – Marilyn Bayerl, Mary
 - Water Quality – Steve Henry & Dennis Cin, LeHommeDieu
 - Newsletter – Jan Beliveau, Mary
 - COLA Collaborative-Bonnie Huettl, Lobster
 - Day at the Lake – Jerry Haggemiller, SWCD
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Update on Brophy pumping-Carol Paterson Smith
 - b. Grant update-Bonnie
- IX. New Business
 - a. 2011-2012 projects
 - b. DNR grant
 - c. Day at the Lake
- X. Other
 - a. Items from the floor

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Oct 12, 2011
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I. Introductions - Didn't do.

II. Approval of Council Meeting minutes from August 10, 2011. Steve Henry to approve. Bob Reynolds second. Unanimous.

III. Approve Agenda. Steve Henry: add ALASD discussion. Jerry Haggemiller: add Lake Irene issue (Z. M.). Jan Beliveau to approve. Marilyn Bayerl second. Unanimous.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Jim Peterson: as of 9/30/2011 we have \$5,302.39 in checking. In October we took in \$670 from Lake Darling dues. Lake Mina is the only unpaid member.

Expenses paid included: Lobster Lake expenses, mileage to Bonnie, RNB Labs water tests, County Secretary, Jim Peterson copies, Post Master for box rent, Dr. Molloy's Z.M. video which is available for members to borrow.

Jim passed a member list and asked for corrections.

Bills to pay include the \$500 scholarship and the Country Secretary.

Motion to approve, and Jan Beliveau second. Unanimous.

V. Water Planning Update. Jerry Haggemiller: We have been busy writing grant applications for erosion control in the Chippewa Watershed, erosion control at Smokey Timbers in partnership with the Township, high water erosion problems in the Long Prairie Watershed, and feedlot problems.

We will announce when the next batch of cost-share grant money is available.

VI. Douglas County Update. Dave Rush: the Commissioners have adopted the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (which has been in the works for a long time.) The final copy from the consultant should be ready in a week or so, and will be on the Douglas County website. Dave would like to bring the final copy to us for discussion. Right now, the final plan and our zoning regulations are not in agreement. More work to do!

Contractors are making up for lost time because of the beautiful fall weather after a wet spring. Septic systems are being upgraded. ATCC is working with us to devise a data base for septic systems. Should be ready by next year.

Things to keep on our radar:

1. The new Shoreland Rules that the state has been working on for many years finally made it to TPaw's desk and was shelved until its time limit expired. Now there is no funding to work on them, and there is a push to make them voluntary. Douglas County already has them in our Comp Plan and in our ordinance.

2. Short term rentals of private lake homes. A powerful lobby is pushing to make this a permitted use in spite of small business resort owners' objections. Resorts are regulated (Public Health), but these rentals are not, and are drawing business away from resorts. So, talk to your legislators if you have thoughts on this! Dave thinks it would make sense to allow it, but some conditions need to be placed on it to protect neighbors and to level the playing field with resort owners.

There followed a discussion on this with the Victoria member complaining about too much government regulation.

3. Zebra mussels: A boat lift was placed in Lake Irene with adult zebra mussels from Le Homme Dieu attached to it.

Rose Lake in Ottertail County has zebra mussels, and the DNR is trying copper sulfate in a 10acre spot they have cordoned off. The DNR will use three doses of copper sulfate on the Irene infestation – they are diving today to try and remove the adult mussels.

Douglas County is working on getting a cleaning unit, but hope to improve on the DNR's by cleaning faster with less water. Problems: a. the used water has to be filtered before it can be released, b. the units the DNR has are very big and take up too much space at the accesses, c. boats are all so different from each other, and d. wake-board boats have such huge ballast tanks (to produce the large wakes) that they use up the hot wash water very fast. All this slows the process down greatly. We hope to have one washer unit in place by next spring for fishing tournaments. (52 lakes in the state are infested, and 10 of them (20%) are in Douglas County.)

4. Zequanox test is being conducted on Carlos. "Baskets" are placed in the water until mussels attach. The "baskets" are removed from the lake and placed in "aquariums" holding lake water, and the Zequanox is added to the "aquariums".

5. Field/feedlot runoff. Sharon Underhill's property on Ida was questioned. Jerry Haggemiller said they have separated the clean runoff from the feedlot runoff, and have devised a buffering/regrading attempt to clean the feedlot runoff. This was done with financial support of the Lake Ida Association. Dave stated that runoff will probably have to be looked at as a watershed issue - not just a lot-by-lot issue – because many of the tilings are so old and so remote from the lakes that no one today even knows for sure where they are or where they drain.

VII. Committee Reports. Members signed up for chosen committees as follows:

Membership-Jim Peterson

Zoning/Environment – Sue Engstrom, Bonnie Huettl, Marilyn Bayerl

Restore the Shore- Steve Henry

Public Relations- Harry May

Lakes Area Regional Planning- Marilyn Bayerl

Water Quality-Dennis Cin

Executive/Visioning- Bonnie Huettl, Marilyn Bayerl, Dick Kuehn, Arland Harman, Steve Henry, Karen Cook, Jim Peterson, Sue Engstrom

Newsletter-Jan Beliveau

MN Cola Collaborative- Bonnie Huettl

Day of the Lakes- Jerry Haggemiller

VIII. Old business.

a. Position paper on Winona TMDL: Dean Beck (DNR Fisheries) is OK with what ALASD was proposing for the TMDL. After MUCH discussion of the fact that the EPA and the MPCA have not nailed down standards for chlorophyll a or for phosphorus, Dick Kuehn suggested we not write a position paper until those standards have been decided. No vote.

b. Brophy CTSU challenge of resolution: no one here to update.

IX. New business.

a. Committee reorganization: see above VII

b. Project ideas for 2012: continue scholarship program and perhaps revive the Day of the Lakes we used to do with DCSWCD. No vote.

X. Other: Should DCLA assist the DNR cleaning Z.M. from the DNR docks pulled from the public accesses. Several of us questioned the need because the docks stay at the access and the Z.M. are killed over winter. No vote.

XI. Adjournment 5:50

Respectfully submitted for Dorothy Klemann
Sue Engstrom