



Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, February 10, 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: Dick Kuehn – Miltona, Jim Peterson – Ida, Virg Batesole – Agnes, Jan Belivea – Mary, Karen Cook – Latoka, Keith Dougherty – L’Homme Dieu, Marilyn Bayerl – Mary, John Cady – Andrew, Bonnie Huettl – Lobster, Sue Engstrom – Darling, Emily Siira – Douglas SWCD, Jerry Haggenmiller – Douglas SWCD, H. Dan Ness – Vermont, Mike Kopitzke - Vermont and Executive Secretary Dorothy Klemann.

Bonnie Huettl requested a change to the 2nd page of the January 2010 minutes regarding the grant application. Remove Dave Robley. She also asked that the following be added “... and water craft inspections” to the list of things we’re asking for. There was a motion by Keith Dougherty, second by Jan Beliveau to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jim Peterson distributed and reviewed the financial reports. Bills to pay include Country Secretary - \$191.54, Info link website - \$125.75, Bonnie Huettl for the AIS conference (2 meetings) \$142.50. There was a motion by Bonnie Huettl, second by Keith Dougherty to approve the Treasurer’s report and pay all bills. Motion carried.

Emily Siira reported for Water Planning. She asked the Douglas County Lakes Association to fund scholarship awards again this year. First place prize would be \$500, second place \$300, \$500 for the school and approximately \$50 for posters and mural. Bonnie Huettl moved to approve these expenditures. It was seconded by Sue Engstrom and the motion carried. Emily asked the DCLA to follow the same dates for water sampling. There was a motion by Sue Engstrom, second by Keith Dougherty to approve water sampling every three weeks June through September. The motion carried. Emily said there will be a change in the pickup schedule for the experienced monitors this year. The lab will drop off the coolers on Monday and the monitors can pick them up at will throughout the week. On Thursday, March 18, there will be a free Rain Garden Workshop. The Water Plan meeting will be on Feb 23. There is going to be an Eco Fair on April 22 at Woodland Elementary. It will be open to the Public. The cost of registration for a booth for non-profits is \$50. We will need volunteers to man it. Registration must be paid by Feb 19. There was a motion by Keith, second by Bonnie Huettl to pay the \$50 registration. Motion carried. There was considerable discussion of rain gardens in the area. Virg Batesole asked for a list of gardens available for public view. Landowners would have to grant permission. Emily will work on this. Marilyn Bayerl suggested a 1 day shot open to the public, rather than simply publishing addresses. There was

mention of participating in the Master Gardener tour. Virg Batesole volunteered his land as a rain garden site and offered \$1,000 to create a rain garden. He also suggested there might be city land available. Emily will work with Virg.

Bonnie Huettl reported for LARP. Dan Ness and Gary Thoennes have resigned from the Committee. She reported it has been quiet for most townships. Brandon Township spoke of a high tech septic system located on Chippewa. They asked that it be looked at to see if it can be used elsewhere.

President Kuehn reported that Dave Rush was present earlier. There is nothing new on the comprehensive plan. We will leave it on the agenda for March.

Keith Dougherty reported that he met with Dennis Anhalt of Open Line. He has speakers lined up for April through June. April will be Nate Olson, May – Dean Beck, June – Bill Ingebrigtsen.

Marilyn Bayerl read into the record the letter she composed to Mark Holsten, Commissioner of the Dept of Natural Resources supporting the state shoreland rule update. President Kuehn signed the letter and thanked Marilyn for her efforts.

Zoning reported it has been quiet. A controlled access lot was denied on Lake Carlos. There is a potential for a county park on Brophy and Union. Al Feiffort has been approached to have the county purchase a parcel of land along the Central Lakes Trail.

They have heard nothing back yet on the grant application. They are trying to compile a list of restaurants in the area. Then we will need volunteers to take orders for placemats. There was discussion of when to publish our position paper. April was suggested. Nathan is to speak on April 1st. Bonnie urged those present to watch for likely locations to post our stop Aquatic Hitch hiker signs.

Bonnie Huettl briefly reported on the Legacy meeting she attended in Fergus Falls. It was put on by the DNR and its purpose was to discuss Cola priorities and to educate. She asked everyone to log into wrc.umn.edu to take the survey on where legacy monies should be spent.

President Kuehn asked Virg Batesole to report on the City Storm Water Committee. Virg gave a comprehensive outline of the history of the Storm Water Committee. He stated that the Committee has no direct authority but makes recommendations to the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Klemann
Executive Secretary
DCLA