



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
LAKES ASSOCIATION**

Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, February 12, 2020
Publics Works Building 4:00 pm

Attendees

Carole Weber-Brown- Le Homme Dieu	Gene Rose- Miltona	Bill Rustad – Victoria
Steve Henry- Le Homme Dieu	Craig Calhoun - Geneva	Rod Johnson - Lobster
Justin Swart – DC Land & Resource Mgmt	Jessica Albertsen – DC SWCD	Bob Bowden – Red Rock
Danielle Anderson – DC SWCD & LRM	Jerry Raap –DC Commissioner	Gregg Mathei - Victoria

Call to Order President Henry called the meeting to order. He introduced our Speaker, Jim Barrett from the Lobster Lake Association, who spoke on loon nesting stations and experiences.

Secretary Report Minutes from the January meeting were sent out via email. A motion was made by Gene R to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Rod J. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report Rod J gave the treasury report.

The treasurer’s report included a beginning January 1 balance of \$8,145.33, the annual Cyber Sprout bill of \$382.50 was paid. The ending January 31 balance was \$7,762.83. A check in the amount of \$35 for the filing fee which was sent back will be deposited next month. .

Rod J received a request for membership from Conservation MN. After discussion, the request was denied. Craig C. suggested that if there were requests for funding, they should first go to the Executive Committee and then brought before the full board. After discussion the group agreed to this process.

Motion made by Bob B and seconded by Carole W to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit. Motion carried

Committee Reports:

~ Water Quality Legacy 2 proposals have been funded, which means the fund is nearly depleted. However, Gene R announced that the Douglas County Commissioners agreed to forward the next \$50,000 to the Water Quality Legacy Fund.

~ Government Liaison no report

~SWCD

Jessica reported on SWCD Office updates. She handed out a calendar of dates and events. Topics of her report included wetland restoration, tree open house, annual newsletter, grant updates, school sessions/ education and CRP.

Jessica stated that the upcoming Kids Groundwater Festival is scheduled for May 6. She noted that the entire program costs about \$6,500. Last year the DCLA gave a donation. A motion was made by Gene R and seconded by Rod J to donate \$500 for the festival again this year. Motion carried.

Danielle gave updates on the Clean Water Legacy Fund Grant which targets sediment control. She stated that they had over \$600,000 for water quality. Watershed projects included the Long Prairie River Watershed, Lake Carlos Watershed and Chippewa Watershed projects.

~ DC Land & Resources Justin S gave updates on

~the AIS Planning Advisory Committee,

~watercraft inspector positions are open,

~lake services provider's criteria,

~off-site decontamination station, and

~the plan to complete 30 aquatic plant surveys this coming year (15 were completed in 2019.)

The group discussed having the Aquatic Survey person speak at the April DCLA Meeting.

~ Website Volunteer Gene R wants to work with the website coordinator to clean up some items, such as meeting time and contact information. Also, he would like to see a link to the West Central Initiative Fund and WQLF.

Old Business:

Ditch 23 Update - The Ditch 23 project did not get funded, so will try again next year.

New Business:

- AIS Treatment Funding Applications are available. See Justin.
- Lakeshore Restoration Projects – what is the role of the DCLA? Danielle said they will allow grants in this area if they are erosion-related.
- Liability insurance – keep it under individual control of lake associations.
- Fish stocking supplies - keep it under individual control of lake associations.
- MPCA – Get the Lead Out Program

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 5:30.