



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
LAKES ASSOCIATION**

Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, March 11, 2020
Publics Works Building 4:00 pm

Attendees

Carole Weber-Brown – LHD
Steve Henry- Le Homme Dieu
Dick Quitmeyer – Andrew
Janice Beliveau – Mary
Dean Beck - DNR
Danielle Anderson – DC SWCD

Gene Rose- Miltona
Craig Calhoun - Geneva
Gary Waller – Red Rock
Jim Phillips - Ida
Cynthia Fuller – Victoria

Bill Rustad – Victoria
Bill Paulzine - Lobster
Bill Luckemeier – LHD
Dian Lopez – Ida
Linda Dokken-McFann – Mary

Call to Order President Henry called the meeting to order. He introduced our Speaker, Dean Beck from the DNR, who spoke on fish populations and stocking.

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

Treasurer’s Report Rod J was absent. He did communicate that there were no bills to be approved for payment. Therefore, no treasurer’s report was given.

Committee Reports:

~ Water Quality Legacy Gene Rose reported that there are nominations needed for the WQLF Committee positions which are now vacant due to expired terms. The expired terms are for Gene Rose, Dean Beck and Sara Carlson. Gene Rose and Dean Beck are interested in serving a second term. Roger Thalman has agreed to serve since Sara C is not interested in a second term. A motion was made by Carole W-B and seconded by Janice B to recommend those three persons for the WQLF Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

~ Government Liaison Janice B reported that there was a variance request for some lots on Lobster Lake. The variance was due to the lots being odd-shaped.

~SWCD Danielle reported on the following:

- A partnership between Soil & Water, ATCC, and area Farmers
- There new SWCD brochures were handed out, which outlines shoreline projects
- The Millerville Manure Pit Replacement
- Lake Chippewa Watershed

~ DC Land & Resources Justin Swart was gone, but sent an update which Carole printed and handed out to attendees. Highlights included:

- 2020 AIS budget approved by the County Board
- Contract with Blue Water Science to conduct aquatic plant surveys on 15 additional lakes in 2020 was signed and approved.
- Application for Additional Watercraft Inspection Hours is available. Contact Justin if you are interested.
- Watercraft inspector positions are currently posted. First batch of interviews this week.
- AIS Detectors registration will begin on March 27. He will host an AIS Detectors Workshop on May 29. Douglas County will cover the cost of the workshop. Contact Justin to register.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Geneva Channel Project – Craig Calhoun, a member of the Lake Geneva Association, reported that their board is working on a request to increase the size of the channel between Lake LeHommeDieu and Lake Geneva. This would involve replacing the current structure with a larger box culvert. A group gave a presentation to MN DOT and Senator Ingebrigtsen to discuss possible costs and funding options.
- RMB Labs discussion regarding testing incoming waters from Lakes Smith, Geneva, Jessie, and Burgen on a monthly basis for \$500 per site @ 6 sites or \$3000. Tabled to later meeting.
- MPCA – Get the Lead Out Program - Carole will gather information and look at developing a project.

Items from the Floor: Janice B asked if there was any help for north end of Lake Mary. She discussed the situation and asked for any advice. Janice will discuss further with Danielle, as the situation may qualify under the Lakeshore Restoration Projects .Danielle said they will allow grants in this area if they are erosion-related.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 5:30.