



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
LAKES ASSOCIATION**

Douglas County Lakes Association
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Online ZOOM 4:00 pm

Attendees

Attendance not recorded

Call to Order President Henry called the meeting to order. A request was made to modify the agenda by adding 'Vandalism at Public Accesses' under New Business.

Secretary Report Minutes from the June 10 meeting were sent out via email. Carole W. also stated that members should watch for minutes to be emailed within a week of the meeting.

A motion was made by Rod J. and seconded by Gene R. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Rod J. gave the following financial report. DCLA had \$7297.83 in the checking account as of the end of June. July bills are to RMB Labs in the sum of \$1029.00. Dues and water testing fees deposited in the amount of \$8218.00. In addition, the Executive Committee supports a \$100.00 donation to Conservation Minnesota, as we have done in the past.

A motion was made by Gene R. and seconded by Carole W. to pay the outstanding bill, make the donation to Conservation Minnesota, and accept the treasurer's report per audit. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

~ Water Quality Legacy

- In August, Jerry Haggemiller will report to the WQLF Board on grant proposals.
- Gene and Steve are discussing a possible donation with Wells Fargo. This is only in discussion phase.
- The Ditch 23 Project will be resubmitted with minor updates.

~ Government Liaison The Minnesota Legislature is discussing possible legislation regarding the use of wake boarding / wake surfing boats. Input can be made to the DNR if interested.

~SWCD Highlights:

- * Resubmitting Lake Ida Proposal
- * Applications coming in for 319 Grants
- * Office is still closed to public and employees are mostly working from home
- * Working on fall newsletter
- * Nitrate water testing clinic is free, from 9-4, on August 25 in SWCD parking lot
- * Long Prairie Watershed project – should know by end of August

~ DC Land & Resources Justin Swart highlights:

- 11 watercraft inspectors hired; completed about 2000 inspections so far.
- Zebra mussels found in Lake Aaron; Lake Moses also listed as infected since downstream.
- Zebra mussel settlement plates; none found so far.
- Aqua Weed Stations on order.
- Starry Trek is scheduled for August 15. Volunteer signup and information will be forward via email by Carole W.

Old Business:

Geneva Channel Project – no update; likely several years out if it does get approved

Storage Building near Lake Ida – Steve looked at the location, and said that other than making sure the drainage is properly taken care of, it is not really a DCLA issue.

New Business:

Vandalism

Elaine G. discussed vandalism at the public access. She wondered if the landings could have lighting to try to deter vandalism. DCLA will have to check with the DNR.

Future Meetings – ZOOM or in person

Due to the increase in COVID 19 cases in Douglas County, the Executive Board feels we should continue to meet with ZOOM.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 4:40 when meeting time ran out.