

Douglas County Lakes Association

November 10, 2021 4pm

Douglas County Public Works Building

Presenter: Dan McEwen from Limnopro spoke about the causes of excessive plant growth and deteriorating water quality. His presentation included ways his company works with lakes to develop Lake Management Plans. See the Limnopro website for more information: <https://www.limnopro.com>

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Henry at 4pm.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Attendees: Cynthia Fuller-Victoria, Joas Poos-Geneva, Craig Calhoon-Geneva, Chad Swensen-Latoka, Harvy Huettl-Lobster, Rod Johnson-Lobster, Mike Cleavy-Stowe, Jay J Schultz-CTSU, Chad Christensen-Vitoria, Andy & Dian Lopez-Ida, Elaine Grew-Ida, Tom Peterson-Geneva, Linda Dokken-McFann-Lake Mary, Jim Barritt-Lobster, Lucy Schermann-Lobster, Randy Meyer-Jessie, Tim Aarsvold-Geneva, Gene Rose-Miltona, Justin Swart-DCLRM, Jessica Albertson & Danielle Anderson-SWCD

Secretaries Report: Shultz moved and Swanson seconded a motion to approve the October 13, 2021 Minutes as mailed. Motion Passed

Treasurers Report: Rod Johnson reported for Treasurer, Carol Weber-Brown

Balance October 2021 \$17,186.05

Deposits: 0

Checks/Debits

Account fee	\$8.00	
WQLF	\$5000.00	<u>-\$5008.00</u>

Balance 10-31-2021 \$12,178.05

Approval of Invoices to be paid

RMB Labs Total \$3,315

- July \$1173
- Aug \$1173
- Sept \$ 969

Dokken-McFann moved and D. Lopez seconded a motion to approve the paying of RMB invoice and the treasurers report subject to audit. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Water Quality Legacy Fund

The WQLF has funds available and is looking for projects to fund. Gene Rose encouraged lake associations to consider working with SWCD to develop water quality plans for potential funding.

Website Update

DCLA webmaster Jackie Bloom-Hagmire is working with CyberSprout to update the DCLA website and create an Events calendar. Lake associations are encouraged to update their association's information on the DCLA website. Contact Jackie: thehoggies@aol.com for assistance.

Communications and promotions

Henry and Rose will be on Open line this month.

Soil Water Conservation District Report

Danielle Anderson

Jessica Albertson

See Report Attached

Those interested in ordering trees are encouraged to do so ASAP. Call 320.763.3191.

DC Land & Resource Report

Justin_Swart reported that the DCLR offices will be moving to the lower level of the courthouse in the next months.

Old Business

Issue Focus for 2022

Henry requested that we hold discussion to allow Lake Associations to survey their members and bring their top three priorities to the January Board meeting...using this list or other ideas from your LA. Thank you to those associations that have responded. See attached for a list for distribution to your association members.

- Excessive aquatic plants/weeds
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- Water Safety
- Fish Stocking
- Water Quality Legacy Grant Application Process
- VRBOs
- PUDs
- Lake Improvement Districts (LID)
- Variances
- Water Quality Testing
- Promotion of DCLA
- Township involvement in building code variances
- Township involvement in road runoff control
- Alexandria Lakes Area Sewer District (MPCA)
- Wakeboats

New Business

Douglas County Planning Commission

Henry attended the DCPC meeting and reported he was very impressed with the questions and seriousness of the commission as the PC required changes in a plan from an applicant before considering approval.

Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2022

Adjourn: There being no further business Henry adjourned the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Let your DCLA Board representative know your top 3 priorities

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- Other
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**Updates for DCLA's Monthly Meeting
Douglas SWCD**

Grants

- 319 Grant for \$300,000 in the Long Prairie River Watershed, Lake Carlos [Landowner Projects]
- 2020 Clean Water Legacy Funds Grant \$338,000 [Landowner Projects]
- 2021 Clean Water Legacy Fund Grant \$683,867 [Lake Ida County Ditch 23 Wetland Project]
 - Project is in the planning and permitting phase, preliminary design has been completed
- 2 Clean Water Legacy Fund applications were submitted. Both are for landowner sediment reduction projects. Will not know anything until December or January.
 - Lake Ida Watershed
 - Chippewa Lake Watershed

Watersheds

- Pomme De Terre
 - 1W1P: Projects are being implemented
 - WRAPS II: Ongoing
- Sauk Watershed
 - 1W1P: Working on budget and workplan, project funding anticipated for early 2022.
 - WRAPS II: Document currently receiving internal review
- Long Prairie
 - 1W1P: Working on measurable goals. Modeling will be completed
 - WRAPS II: Sampling scheduled for summer 2022
- Chippewa
 - 1W1P: Application for planning grant has been approved. Houston Engineering has been selected for plan writing.
 - WRAPS II: moving into public participation phase

Other

- The Building is still closed to the public for the foreseeable future.
- USDA Building is closed tomorrow November 11th for Veterans Day.
- Tree Sales going on! Get your orders in ASAP!
- Winter newsletter is being worked on and will be sent out first part of January.
- Forbs and Food plot seed pre orders being taken for 2022
- Construction happening on a few sites yet this fall
- No Till drill still out and about till the snow flies
- Education in schools put on a halt till after the holidays, then virtual education will resume!

*1W1P (One Watershed One Plan)

*WRAPS (Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies) – Watershed wide analysis that is completed every 10 years through the PCA.