



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
LAKES ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022

Douglas County Public Works Building

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Henry at 4:00 pm.

Attendees: Steve Henry-LHD, Gene Rose-Miltona, Carol Weber-Brown-LHD, Dian Lopez-Ida, Chad Swanson-Latoka, Rod Johnson-Lobster, Cynthia Fuller-Victoria, Steve Lovrien-Henry, Gary Waller-Red Rock Lake, Linda Dokken-McFann-Mary, Mike Cleary-Stowe, Bruce Luehman-Latoka, Wayne Horntvedt-CowdryTaylorStonyUnion, Jay Schults-CTSU, Brian VanNevel-Lobster, John Lederman-Guest Speaker, Jessica Albertson & Danielle Anderson-DCSWCD, Justin Sword-DCLR

Agenda: Rose moved and Snell seconded a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion Passed

Secretaries Report:

Minutes were approved following the November 10 meeting by the DCLA Executive Council. Secretary Benson apologizes for not sending the minutes along with the 4/13/22 meeting agenda. The minutes from this April 13, 2022 meeting will be included with the agenda for the next meeting.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Weber-Brown reported there has been very limited winter activity in the account. Balance on 4/13/2022 = \$8797.67 Associations may expect statements for dues and water testing to be sent soon. Johnson moved and Snell seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports:

Water Quality Legacy Fund: DCWQLF is seeking projects to improve lake water quality. The DCWQLF **matches** the grants received by potential Federal or State grantees for water quality projects. The usual grant amount is about 25% but can be more or less. Contact: Gene Rose or Steve Henry or <https://www.dclamn.org/douglas-county-water-quality-fund/> for information.

DCSWCD: Danielle Anderson mentioned grants with a 60% match are available for rain garden and other run-off prevention projects. Anyone may contact Danielle Anderson, DCSWCD, **320-763-3191** for more information or go to: <http://www.douglasswcd.com/services/cost-share-opportunities/> See attached brochure. Further DCSW reports were included with DCLA agenda.

DCSWCD: Jessica Albertson, reported that DCSW has available the new maps, and educational brochures available for AIS and new rip-rap guidelines. Quantities of brochures may be obtained for Lake Association Annual meetings by contacting Albertson at **(320) 763-3191**. **DCLRM:** Albertson reported for Justin Swart. Douglas County is hosting one of only two MN in-person Aquatic Invasive Species workshops on Friday, May 13 at Public Works. Swart would love to see each lake have an AIS Detector to serve as a local resource.

Register at <https://maisrc.umn.edu/detectors-core>

DCLR is now hiring watercraft inspectors;...help spread the word, apply to:

<https://www.co.douglas.mn.us/employment-opportunities>

DCLA: On the second Thursday of each month DCLA is hosted by KXRA at 9 am on the Open Line program. The April talk is regarding the ALASD (Sanitary Sewer) Chloride Plan. Discussed will be the program that provides grant assistance to homeowners for switching to on-demand water softeners. Along with road salt, softener salt is a major contributor to the chloride in area lakes. FMI: <https://alasdistrct.org/chloride-information>

Geneva, Le Homme Dieu, Victoria : Cynthia Fuller reported on the Three Lakes Project, a diagnostic survey by Limnopro. Four steps include: 1. Nutrient budget, 2. Opinion survey 3. Plant survey 4. Historical assessment of data. This will be followed by a Management Plan which will be done by the end of April. The plan will help set goals for managing the three lakes which includes managing the levels of different elements (chlorophyll, phosphorus, chloride) in the lakes which in turn can help manage the aquatic plants. The process also makes the lakes eligible for grants that may be available. DCLA Members present expressed interest in knowing about the Three Lake Project survey results.

New Business:

Lake Association Survey: Results were summarized. In general associations agreed that most concern for the lakes were 1. Aquatic Invasive Species. 2. Aquatic Plants. Survey participants indicated they want education regarding these and other issues. Lakes indicated a common interest in learning what other lakes were doing regarding lake issues. Many LAs said they would like to participate in committees created to bring information to the board for further action. The survey indicated a desire for fewer meetings. **Gene Rose moved and Rod Johnson seconded a motion that the DCLA meet monthly from April to October. Motion passed.** There was some interest expressed that there may be a need for one meeting during the winter months.

Wakeboat Study: New research from the University of Minnesota suggests wakesurf boats would need to run at least twice as far from shorelines, docks and other lake-goers for their waves to have the same impact as other common recreational boats used for sports like tubing, waterskiing and wakeboarding. The university raised more than \$140,000 through a crowdsourcing effort in order to do the study. Jeff Marr, associate director of engineering and facilities at the university's St. Anthony Falls Laboratory said the study is the first step to a greater understanding of the waves that boats produce, but there's more work to be done to understand their impacts. In the next phase, researchers plan to study the effects of propeller wash or turbulence caused by boat propellers. They also want to better understand how waves interact with the lake bottom and aquatic vegetation, Marr said. The study results can be found at **UMN St Anthony Falls Laboratory website** or with a "MN wakeboard study" google search.

Water testing at stream, culvert, inlets: Gene Rose outlined equipment needed and process for testing water quality at waterways connected to area lakes. More study is needed before purchasing equipment for this purpose.

See the DCLA website for information and contacts regarding water quality information:
<https://www.dclamn.org/basic-resources/>

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Benson, DCLA Secretary