



**DOUGLAS COUNTY
LAKES ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2022

Douglas County Public Works Building

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

Attendees: LA Reps; Steve Henry-LHD, Dian Lopez-Ida, Rod Johnson-Lobster, Cynthia Fuller-Victoria, Linda DokkenMcFann-Mary, Bruce Luehman-Latoka, Barbara Benson-CTSU, Paul Anderson-Big Chip;

Guests; Andy Lopez-Ida, Jessica Albertsen & Danielle Anderson-DCSWCD, Justin Swart-DCLR

Guest Speaker; Mark Ranweiler from MN DNR, shared information about four Aquatic Invasive Plants in area lakes and how they are detected and managed. Plants include Curly Leaf Pondweed, Flowering Rush, Water Milfoil (Eurasian), and Starry Stonewort. The chemicals used vary for type of plant.

Meeting Agenda: Agenda was approved as presented. Motion Passed

Secretaries Report:

Minutes were approved following the April 13, 2022 meeting by the DCLA Executive Council.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Weber-Brown reported the balance on 4/30/2022 = \$8756.67

Committee Reports:

Water Quality Legacy Fund: DCWQLF: Dokken-McFann moved/P. Anderson seconded a motion to appoint Kayli Skinner, as the new Nature Conservancy representative to the **DCWQLF** Advisory Committee. **Motion Passed** R. Johnson requested that Lake Assc. be notified regarding candidate qualifications before voting. Henry will provide information about the established composition of the board.

DSWCD: Danielle Anderson mentioned that lake water testing will start the following week. The full DSWCD report is included with the minutes. Jessica Albertson, made available new maps, and educational brochures that are 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**.

DCLR: Justin Swart's report is attached. Swart said that citizens who witness violations of code should report the violation to Law Enforcement.

DCLA: On the second Thursday of each month DCLA is hosted by KXRA at 9 am on the Open Line program. Henry is seeking a volunteer to schedule the monthly program.

New Business:

New Committees:

- Fish Stocking: Committee would likely meet during the summer months, providing for the sharing of methods, funding and results of LA's conducting fish stocking on their lakes.
- Membership: Dick Quitmeyer will chair a committee to reach out to Douglas County lakes associations that are not currently members of DCLA.
- Communications: A committee would schedule Openline speakers, DCLA meeting speakers, and relevant press releases for the Echo Press.

Lake Association members who value and wish to see these efforts supported and realized may contact Pres. Henry with your interest in serving on a committee.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7. Location and speaker information will follow.

Water testing at stream, culvert, inlets: Rod Johnson reported the plan in place for determining the Velocity Flow Rates (VFR) at waterways connected to several area lakes. The Lake Associations should be informed that the LA is responsible for water sampling at the same location as the VFR is performed. The flow rate and water test together will determine the concentration of tested nutrients. Henry will get sampling materials from RMB Labs and notify Lake Associations of need for this additional sampling. The goal is to sample and test VFR monthly during the summer.

President Henry expressed his plan to retire as president effective at the DCLA Annual Meeting. He will continue to serve on the WQLF.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Benson, DCLA Secretary