



DCLA Board Meeting

October 12, 2022

Douglas County Public Works Bldg.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gene Rose at 4:00 pm.

Attendees: See sign-in list attached.

Agenda: Agenda was mailed to Board members.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of both the August 10, 2022 board meeting and the September 19, 2022 annual meeting were approved by the DCLA Executive Council on October 4. Lopez/Fuller-motion to accept the minutes of both meetings as approved by the Exec council. **Motion Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's August 10 and Annual reports were approved by the DCLA Executive Council on Oct 4.. Swanson/Kettler motion to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports:

Fisheries/Walleye: Rod Johnson, committee chair, reported that all 23 of the DCLA member lake associations are currently being stocked with walleye; funded by either the DNR Fisheries or by lake associations. A meeting of nine of 12 lake associations fish stocking representatives met in October. Topics discussed: Fish surveys confirm that walleyes in area lakes are plentiful, yet reports are that the walleye are hard to find. The committee agreed lakes should continue to be stocked. Big boat activity, excessive plant growth and zebra mussels are all affecting conditions for fish. The committee discussed the needs regarding area fish: Work to increase spawning areas; Develop a resource guide for the numerous entities with jurisdiction over area lakes; and Seek solutions to excessive plants. Currently lakes represented on the committee are: Carlos, Chippewa, CTSU, Ida, Irene, Jessie, LHD, Latoka, Lobster, Mary, Miltona, Victoria. **The next meeting will be on November 14 at 8:30 am at the Legacy of the Lakes Museum.**

Water Quality Legacy Fund: Rose reported that two of the projects on the list sent to Board members are expected to be completed in October. They are the Auel Gully stabilization and the restoration of 18 prairie pothole wetland basins. DCWQLF expects to receive requests for funding of two new projects at their meeting in November. Rose reported that the Ditch 23 project has been delayed due some DNR concerns about impact of the projects. See attached report.

DCSWCD: Danielle Anderson's full report was emailed prior to the meeting. Note the final Long Prairie One Watershed One Plan will be reviewed and approved by BWSR on October 26th.

DCLR: See Justin Swart's full report as emailed prior to the meeting. Board members expressed appreciation for receiving the reports prior to the DCLA board meetings.

Communication: Gene Rose reported that he and Marlene Schoeneck will be discussing the value of school/Lake Association programs on the KXRA Open Line program at 9:00 a.m. October 13th. Marlene is a retired high school biology teacher from Parkers Prairie who loves getting kids outdoors. She worked with Gene and the Lake Miltona Association to do field trips aimed at water quality questions. She is currently involved with a similar project on Lake Henry with their Lake Association.

Old Business

Stream Water Testing: Fuller reported that the Stream testing committee will complete a guide for testing as well as record keeping before the next season of testing. Carol Weber-Brown reported on the meeting of the lakes doing stream water testing with Dan McEwen of Limnopor Aquatic Science, Inc. The lakes that continued testing through the summer months are LHD, Mary, Victoria and CTSU. The main take away for the participants is that reducing phosphorus will affect filamentous algae. Excessive weed growth is affected by zebra mussels and light. To accurately determine the phosphorus load coming into a lake, requires at least two years of testing, May to September. Additionally, phosphorus load from other sources must be researched. Danielle Anderson expressed the importance of testing the oxygen level when determining the health of a lake. DSWCD has oxygen testing equipment available to area lakes.

U of M Prop Thrust Funding: Rose reported that the DCLA Executive council agreed to fund the study as the board directed. \$500 was sent to University MN Research Center.

Committees: Rose suggested the board consider where efforts for DCLA action might best be placed. By consensus the following actions were recognized:

- Examine Douglas County Ordinances governing permits and how variances or penalties for infractions affect water quality.
- Excessive Plant Growth research and action
- Steam Testing to understand impact of phosphorus/organic matter in streams and inlets on area lakes water quality. Rose asked that board members to determine in which of the issues their lake association wishes to be involved. Members are asked to contact Secretary, Barbara Benson, dclasecretary21@gmail.com, with their Lake Association members' interest in serving on one or more of these committees.

Annual Meeting: Rose noted that the minutes for the 2021 and 2022 Annual meetings were sent to all Board members following the annual meeting. He asked if there were any questions or discussion on them. (See Secretary's report above)

New Business

Election of Officers and Board of Directors: Rose reported that Steve Henry has agreed to remain as President through this year. Gene Rose will resign as Vice President as of this meeting. Treasurer, Carole Weber-Brown and Secretary, Barbara Benson will continue for one more year. Cynthia Fuller and Dian Lopez will continue as At Large members. There were no nominations from the floor. Dokken-Mcfann/Jerry Mahoney moved to elect. **Motion Passed**

Request was made to set the meeting dates for the next 12 months.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 4pm in the DC Public Works Meeting Room

Johnson/Kettler Motion to adjourn meeting. **Motion Passed 5:45 pm**

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Benson, Secretary

Draft of Minutes: Reviewed and approved on Tuesday, 11//1/22 by the DCLA Executive Council.