



DCLA Board Meeting

November 9, 2022

Douglas County Public Works Bldg.

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

Attendees: Rod Johnson, Paul Wheeler, Mike Kettler, Gene Rose, Dian Lopez, Any Lopez, Steve Henry, Linda McFann, Barbara Benson, Danielle Anderson, Cynthia Fuller

Agenda: Agenda was mailed to Board members. Approved with additions.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October 12, 2022 board meeting were approved by the DCLA Executive Council on November 1, 2022 and mailed to the DCLA Board. Lopez/Johnson-motion to accept the minutes as approved by the Exec council. **Motion Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's October report was approved by the DCLA Executive Council on Nov 1.?? Motion to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion passed.**

Fuller/Rose moved to appoint Rod Johnson to audit the DCLA Treasurers Books for 2021-22.
Motion Passed

Fuller/Johnson moved that Lake Associations be billed in the spring for expenses incurred for five water quality tests. No refunds will be granted for testing not carried out with the stipulation that any major issues regarding missed water quality testing may be brought to the DCLA Executive Council. **Motion Passed** Danielle Anderson will notify Lake Associations of this change in DCLA policy in the spring when testing kits are ordered.

Committee Reports:

Water Quality Legacy Fund: Rose reported that two WQLF funded projects were completed this fall; 1. A \$30,000 matching grant for the restoration of 18 prairie potholes wetland basins totaling 88.73 acres on new USFWS perpetual grassland conservation easements. 2. A \$10,723 matching grant for the Auel Gully stabilization project. Funding is available for all of the Ditch 23 project. More fund raising will take place for anticipated new projects.

Rose/Kettler moved to recommend to the West Central Initiative the DCLA approval of three candidates for the DCWQF Advisory Board; t Jay Seiling, Alex Letein and Roger Thalman. **Motion Passed** Rose will confirm with the candidates their availability.

DSWCD: Danielle Anderson's full report was emailed prior to the meeting. The final Long Prairie One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) was approved by BWSR on October 26th. The 1W1P plan will replace the Douglas County Water Plan. DSWCD conducted water testing on Lake Burgen and its streams. Anderson will make the PCA compiled results available to DCLA.

DCLR: See Justin Swart's full report as emailed prior to the meeting. Henry emphasized the early deadline of Dec 12, 2022 for Lake Assc. interested in the DNR AIS Control Grants. (The grant information was emailed to all Lake Associations prior to today's meeting.)

Fisheries/Walleye: Rod Johnson, committee chair, reported **The next meeting of the Fisheries/Walleye committee will be on November 14 at 8:30 am at the Legacy of the Lakes Museum.** On the agenda are two efforts: 1. A Resource guide to be **would be available to everyone for easy access to contacts and information for projects they may be planning.** 2. National Spawning Bed effort

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. November 10 Marlene is a retired high school biology teacher from Parkers Prairie who loves getting kids outdoors. She worked with Gene and the Lake Milona Association to do field trips aimed at water quality questions. She is currently involved with a similar project with Lake Henry Association.

Old Business

Excessive Plant Growth Committee: Henry noted that Wayne Horntvedt (CTSULA) has volunteered to Chair a DCLA Excessive Plant Growth committee. Henry and Kettler have volunteered to serve on the committee. Others interested in serving on the committee should contact Pres. Henry at sghenry1@yahoo.com. The intension is to meet within the next 10 days.

Variance Committee: Currently Linda McFann sends Do.Co permitting reports to Lake Associations. The issue of variances and the results of non-compliance were discussed. Proposed is a DCLA committee with a goal of how to tackle and affect issues relating to variances affecting lakes in Douglas County. **By consensus** it was decided to seek members interested in leading or assisting on such a committee. Contact Steve Henry with your interest.

Stream Water Testing: Henry reported that he had mailed an inquiry to RMB Labs, expressing concern for the poor quality of services and delay in information for lakes doing water testing.

Johnson reported the stream testing results on Lobster inlets came in well under the highest level of phosphorus permitted by state guidelines. The inlet test results were similar to in-lake tests. **Lobster did water testing in the shallows in 2022 and saw no major change from the standard testing in the deepest spot. Lobster will continue this testing for the next couple of years.**

Position of DCLA President and Vice President: Position description were made available by Henry. President: schedule and conduct Board and Executive Council meetings, outreach to lake associations, interact with the community, and partner with other agencies. Vice President: consult on agenda, conduct meetings as needed. Current shared responsibilities: Appoint and arrange for; Water Quality Legacy Fund, website, communications, fisheries, excessive plant growth, water talks and education with Legacy of the Lakes Museum. The DCLA Vice President position remains unfilled. If you have questions about the position contact Pres. Henry.

Next meeting: Meeting dates for 2023 will be the second Wednesday **of the five months of June through October.** The DCLA Executive council will meet during the off months as needed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Benson, Secretary

Draft of Minutes: Minutes will be Reviewed and approved at the next meeting of the DCLA Executive Council. This Draft of the Minutes is mailed prior to approval.

Questions: Danielle asked if the next mtg was suppose to be April?