



DCLA Board Meeting

May 10, 2023

Douglas County Public Works Bldg.

Presentation: President Henry introduced Emelia Thielman, from RMBLabs. Her power point presentation outlined why we monitor the phosphorus and clarity of our lakes and how to assure the testing is accurate. Lake Associations were able to pick up the coolers for the first testing of the season at the meeting. Questions regarding lake testing may be directed to Emelia at: <lakes@rmbel.com> Questions regarding stream testing may be directed to Nicole Erickson at: <Nicole.Erickson@rmbel.com> RMBEL information is attached.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Steve Henry at 4:10 pm.

Attendees: 9 Board Members, 3 County employees, 2 visitors

Agenda: Agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report:

Corrections: Replace *Bruce Luehmann* with *Bill Luckmeyer* on the Fisheries committee. Replace 2nd sentence in Property Value with *Current values show that 47% of the DC 2023-24 market value comes from water/lake property*. Luehmann/Johnson motion to approve minutes of the April 12.2023 board meeting with two corrections. **Motion Passed**

Treasurer's Report:

Fuller presented budget report in Treasurer Weber -Brown's absence. There are no outstanding bills. Expenses include: \$500 donation to Kids Groundwater Festival, \$50 Purchase of projector, \$84 WQ testing of Lake Jesse. Balance \$9,083.19

DSWCD: Danielle Anderson reported that the design for Ditch 23 is complete. The project awaits DNR approval. The goal remains to complete the project in 2023. Jessica Alberts reported the tree planting has begun. All trees were ordered last fall, however if you still want trees call the DSWCD to be placed on a waiting list in the event trees are left over after planting.

DCLR: See Justin Swart's full report as emailed with 5/10/23 minutes.

Committee Reports:

Douglas County Water Quality Legacy Fund

Water Quality Legacy Fund: Rose reported that one additional project, the Alexandria Nature Trail, was approved for match funds. So far, 1.5 million dollars worth of projects have been completed, with WQLF contributed funds of \$25,700.

Excessive Plant Harvesting: Kettler reported that the committee has a power point presentation and has so far met with four Lake Associations to present information regarding permitting and a cooperative way for lakeshore owners to harvest excessive plant growth. The information to be emailed along with the minutes. Contact Kettler if you want more information.

Stream Water Testing: Fuller said she has received new information and will be updating a data entry form/guide for the testing of phosphorus and solids of streams as they enter a lake. Stream testing samples need to be delivered to the DSWCD by May 22.

Communication: Henry reported KXRA Openline programs: 9 am, 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings.
May: The Devil's Element, Phosphorus and a World Out of Balance book review
June: How fish net counts are done in area lakes.

Committees Needed:

1. **Lake Association Development:** Henry reported that there are 2000 voting lake association members represented in the DCLA. Lake association members support awareness and action for their lakes. He encouraged recruitment of lake associations not currently represented in the DCLA.
2. **Nominating Committee** is needed to establish candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at September 2023 annual meeting. Henry encouraged the board to seek potential candidates. He asked Lake Associations to approach their members to identify potential leaders. Henry will resign at the end of this summer. Currently there is no DCLA vice-president.

Next meeting: The second Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 4 pm at DC Public Works. The DCLA Executive council meets the first Wednesday of the month.

Luehmann/Kettler moved the meeting be adjourned at 5:15pm. **Motion passed**

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara Benson, Secretary

Provisional Minutes to be approved at the June Executive Council meeting.