



## **DCLA Board Meeting**

June 14, 2023

Douglas County Public Works Bldg.

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

**Attendees:** 10 Board Members, 3 County employees, 1 guest

**Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were approved as mailed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Weber -Brown reported there are no outstanding bills. The current balance remains \$9,083.19. Lake associations have received their billing for WQ testing for a total of \$12,204. **Payment may be sent to DCLA, PO Box 1121, Alexandria, MN 56308.**

**DSWCD:** Danielle Anderson reported that Long Prairie Watershed 1W1P was approved in October 2023 and the work plan and budget is completed. The projects and resources will be awarded with state funding. The priority projects will be made public once the funding is awarded. Plans to proceed in 2023.

**DCLR:** See Justin Swart's full report as emailed with 6/14/23 minutes.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Douglas County Water Quality Legacy Fund**

**Water Quality Legacy Fund:** Henry reported that the Douglas County board voted to approve Ellis USFWS Conservation project matching funds meant to mitigate and improve water quality flow from Ditch Two into Lake Osakis. The Water Quality Legacy Fund board, along with federal and state agencies have already approved funding the project.

**Weed/Excessive Plant Harvesting:** Kettler reported that he has presented the harvesting power point presentation to several Lake Associations. Carlson Docks is now meeting with individual lakeshore owners to harvest excessive plant growth. Carlson Docks will begin harvesting before the end of June. Contact Carlson Docks to obtain their harvesting services. Kettler encouraged lakeshore owners to coordination if choosing Carlson Docks to harvest on their lake.

**DCLA Membership:** The current 2023 Membership stands at 24 lake associations (representing 27 Lakes) out of a possible 38 lakes.

**Communication:** KXRA Openline programs: June: How fish net counts are done in area lakes.

## Old Business:

**Stream & Lake Testing:** Fuller reported that 2022/23 data for stream testing has been accumulated and will be collated. Henry reported that along with DCLA sample collecting on Lake Jessie, the MPCA will collect from another incoming source. **Remeinder: DSWCD is closed on Monday June 17. WQ testing is delayed one week. Deliver coolers to DSWCD on June 26.**

**Alexandria Nature Trail (ANT):** Benson reported that on **Wednesday, June 21 at 3pm, there will be a meeting and 1.5 mile walk on of a portion of the ANT** already in use at Discovery Middle School. Everyone is welcome to attend. The trail has multiple benefits to nature and the larger community. Of special interest to Lake Associations is that the 13 mile corridor will be designed to retain and improve the water quality of excess water flowing into the chain of lakes. The meeting is meant to gather and encourage residents interested in forming a Friends of the Alexandria Nature Trail (FANT). The Nature Conservancy is working with the city to see this project to completion. Tim Schoonhoven, Alexandria city engineer, will be on hand to answer questions.

**Nominating Committee:** Candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at September 2023 annual meeting. All positions are open. Seiling/Kettler moved that a job description be developed for Lake Associations to use to approach their members to Identify potential leaders. Motions passed. Henry will develop the job description to be emailed to member associations. Henry and Weber-Brown will resign at the end of this summer. Currently there is no DCLA vice-president.

## New Business:

**AIS Treatment:** Kettler reported that a second AIS treatment of 164 acres on Lake Irene was completed recently at a cost of \$13,000. Areas tested showed significant reduction in AIS. The second treatment is part of a 5 year plan. Lakeshore owners report that "Irene looks great!"

**Gravel Pit Lake Water Use:** Regarding the states resurfacing on I94, Henry reported that the concrete plant used for the resurfacing does not have a well. Water will be taken from Lake Latoka and Lake Mary. Legally they can take up to 12,500 gallons a day.

**Lake Winona PFOAs in Carp:** Henry reported that, after finding PFOAs in carp and sunfish taken from lake Winona, the fish in Agnes and Henry will also be tested, If findings are significant, fish in Lake LHD will be tested for PFOAs.

**Next meeting:** **The next DCLA Board meeting will be a presentation by the DSWCD on how lakeshore owners can impact water quality of their lakes with shoreline restoration and rain garden projects. LAs are encouraged to invite all their members to this meeting on July 12, 4pm. Lakeshore owners will learn about water quality improvement methods and possible grants. Following the presentation we'll discussion DCLA board nominations.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara Benson, Secretary