



## **DCLA Board Meeting**

August 9, 2023

Douglas County Public Works Bldg.

**Call to order:** President Steve Henry called the meeting at 4 pm.

**Attendees:** 13 Board Members, 3 County employees, 1 guest

**Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** No business meeting was held on July 12. Lopez/Seiling Motion to approve Meeting Notes as emailed. **Passed**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Weber-Brown reported the current balance is \$16,068.86, with \$5,166 accounts receivable. Outstanding bills: RMB Labs for 2 months of water testing and renewal of contribution to Conservation Minnesota and MN Lakes and Rivers for \$100 each. Fuller/Lopez **MOTION** to pay bills totaling \$1283. **Passed**

**DSWCD:** Jessica Albertson reported that the annual Youth Outdoor Activity Day, held at the Shooting Park on Sunday, August 27 is in need of volunteers. Register at <https://www.youthoutdooractivityday.org/> to either volunteer or attend with children. The Bus Tour of the Sauk Watershed will be held September 7. Danielle Anderson's full report was emailed to the board prior to the DCLA meeting.

**DCLR:** The August 19 Starry Trek survey of starry stonewort is in need of volunteers from 8:30 -11:30am . No experience needed. Contact: See Justin Swart's full report emailed with 8/9/23 minutes. [JustinS@co.douglas.mn.us](mailto:JustinS@co.douglas.mn.us)

### **Committee Reports:**

**Douglas County Water Quality Legacy Fund:** Gene Rose will meet with the DC Commissioners on Aug 15 regarding the request of \$50,000 from the county for DCWQLF funding. Rose and Henry said they intend to reach out to other service groups regarding continued funding for the DCWQLF. Dokken-McFann, Leuhemann/Johnson **Motion** for DCLA to contribute \$5000 a year for the next three years to the DCWQLF. **Passed** Rose reported that Ottertail County Lake Nelson has again requested to lower the land locked lake's water. The DNR has not approved the project.

**DCLA Membership:** Rod Johnson contacted DCLA representatives or presidents of 12 lake association to determine why they were not attending DCLA meetings and what their impressions were of the DCLA. Seven representatives responded. Johnson read the reports to the Board. Contact Johnson if you still wish to respond to his report questions.  
lobsterrod67@gmail.com

**Weed/Excessive Plant Harvesting:** Kettler reported that seven lakes had property owners coordinate with Carlson Docks for the harvest of excessive plant growth. Swart asked if Carlson Docks considered AIS infestation when harvesting. Carlson Docks has one staff person trained in AIS.

**Communication:** KXRA Openline programs: Steve Henry is on Open line on 8/10.

**Old Bussiness:**

**Gravel Pit Lake Water Use:** Henry reported that the concrete plant has installed a well on site. Johnson reported that tanker trucks continue to take water from Lobster Lake.

**Nominating Committee:** DCLA members will vote on candidates for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Following discussion regarding meeting time and how it affects participation, a Seiling/Johnson **Motion** proposed future meetings to begin at 5:30pm **Failed**. To better accommodate the Douglas County Staff, Luenmann/Fuller **Motion** for future meetings to begin at 5pm **Passed**.

**Next meeting:** The Annual Meeting, on September 13 at 5:30pm, will be held at the Douglas County Public Works Meeting Room. Johnson/Luenmann **Motion** to seek Scott Gilbertson from the ALASD as speaker. **Passed** Along with the Annual Meeting invitation lake associations are asked to send to their membership the 2023 DCLA flyer which includes information regarding the purpose and projects of the DCLA. Flyer is attached.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara Benson, Secretary

(This is a Draft of Minutes...until approved at September 4th EX Mtg)

Note: Scott Gilbertson was not able to speak at the Annual Meeting. Henry was able to obtained Jeff Forster, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers to speak about legislation in the last MN State Legislature affecting lakes and rivers and the challenges ahead.

8/9/23- Draft of DCLA Minutes