

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group  
Meeting Minutes – December 17th, 2018  
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Government Center

Members Present: Jeannine Brueswitz, Isle; Perry Bunting, MLBO DNR/ENV; Al Close, Hazelton Township; Barb Eller, Onamia; Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Shelley Larson, Hayland Woods Shoreline Consultant; Harmony Maslowski, Watershed Coordinator; John Pearson, South Harbor; Don Ryan; Round Lake; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co. Commissioner.

1. Chair, Laurie Westerlund called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C Al Close/John Pearson.
3. Guest Speaker: Jeff Forester of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers discussed Sustainable Shoreline Efforts including Tax incentive ideas that could roll out in a pilot program connected to a stewardship plan and also help to promote the Compass program. Discussion of membership with MN Lakes and Rivers.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of November 19th, 2018 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of November Financial Report, c. Information Only: Topic of the Month- *Don't let your septic system freeze* – by Janet Smude. The consent agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C Barb Eller/John Pearson.
5. Discussion and Action
  - 5.1. AIS Grant Final Report – Harmony Maslowski provided the Final Report handout prepared by Janet Smude/Maslowski. Smude reported the amount spent on items including the foldable cube, AIS brochure, “Clean, Drain, Dry” Towels, and floating keychains. Smude confirmed that the money we did not spend will go into the pot for next year, and encouraged ideas for the February meeting. The next deadline for AIS application is March 15<sup>th</sup> of 2019.
  - 5.2. Website Discussion – Harmony Maslowski gave a quote from Arcstone for cost of hosting, domain, and a consulting transfer fee. John Pearson reported on his research into other hosting options including reviews. Discussion. Outcomes were to request funds for the transfer and upgrade of the website. Motion made to request \$500 from the Aitkin County Water Planning Task Force. M/S/C John Pearson/Bob Janzen.
  - 5.3. Plan of Work – Goals for 2019 – Harmony Maslowski made all edits to date to the Plan of Work document. Discussion followed on Sections 1,2 and 5 of the plan. Maslowski will present a draft with all edits for approval at the February meeting. Discussion on allocating funds to partnership memberships/website/other at the February meeting.
  - 5.4. Topic of the Month – Topic of the Month Volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around for 2019. Discussion on possible topics and distribution/getting in the paper.
  - 5.5. Coordinator’s Report – Harmony Maslowski discussed One Watershed One plan, what the sub- committees might look like, a recap of who is on what committee, and discussed the possible number of meetings with role involvement. Maslowski reported that this is still in a formative process, with no set structure yet, but she can provide MLLWVG input to the steering committee. Discussion. Outcomes were that the group would like a list of lake associations in the watershed at the next meeting.

6. Updates and Comments

6.1. Media Committee – Barb Eller reported that the media committee wants to move forward with work on an AIS/watershed game. Eller is working on video conferencing the Macioch's into the meeting. Smude suggested trying a tablet/hot spot. Discussion. Outcomes were to continue to explore options.

6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership –Janet Smude suggested grant seeking to continue to fund the coordinator's position.

6.3. Updates and Comments: Discussion on MLBO ongoing project of tracking walleye.

7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Ms. Maslowski will make edits to Plan of Work Document, will work on putting together a Lake Association list.

8. The next meeting - Changed to 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February which is the 11<sup>th</sup>. Meeting suggestion Garrison VFW. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. M/S/C Don Ryan/Barb Eller.