

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group  
Meeting Minutes – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
VFW Post #1816, Garrison

Members Present: Perry Bunting, MLBD DNR/ENV; Al Close, Hazelton Township; Lynn Gallice, Mille Lacs SWCD; Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Bob Janzen, Aitkin Co SWCD; Barbara Macioch, Citizen NE Mille Lacs Lake; Harmony Maslowski, Coordinator; Doug McCormick, Round Lake; David Oslin, Mille Lacs Co Commissioner; Don Ryan, Round Lake; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD

1. Vice Chair, Bob Janzen called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved with the deletion of invoices from the consent agenda, and the coordinators report moved from the consent agenda to item 5.3. M/S/C Barbara Macioch/Al Close.
3. Public Comment: No public comment.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of Financial Report and Expenses totaling \$2217.62 from the Clean Water Partnership Grant and AIS Education Grant (included Stream Monitoring, Aitkin SWCD services, photocopies, and printing of AIS materials), c. Approve Payment of Mille Lacs/Aitkin SWCD Invoice (deleted – no invoices) d. Information Only: Topic of the Month – *What is the Deal with Wetlands?* by Susan Shaw, e. Information Only: Coordinator's Report (Pulled for discussion with item 5.3). The consent agenda was approved. M/S/C Al Close/Doug McCormick.
5. Discussion and Action
  - 5.1. Clean Water Partnership Grant Wrap-up – Janet Smude reported that the Clean Water Partnership Grant will be ending on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>. There is one month remaining for final reports and invoices and to complete activities. Approximately 75% of the grant has been spent. Smude will provide a comprehensive report at next month's meeting.

Grants and treatment of curly leaf pond weed was discussed.
  - 5.2. Projects – Lynn Gallice reported on the Timber Bay project that was completed the first week of June. This project was focused on maintenance and work was done by a conservation crew.

Janet Smude had a reimbursement request for the Langley Project on Round Lake. Cost-share for 75% of the project totaled \$2850.31. Discussion followed on Cost-Share. Motion to approve \$2850.31 was made. M/S/C Al Close/Barbara Macioch.
  - 5.3. Compass Outreach/Coordinators report - Harmony Maslowski reported that the first Compass Meeting had 10 attendees. These attendees received direct invite from MLLWGM members, door-to-door outreach, and some were sent over from the Nitrate Clinic. Two phone calls and a Facebook Follow-up were received after for a possibility of three Shoreland Stewardship Plans. Feedback received from the attendees were interests in community clean up and getting help with planting. The next Compass meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rolf Olsen Center. Maslowski has sent out all seasonal post cards. She received response from Amy Klobuchar's assistant (from the Rivers and Lakes Fair invitations) who would like to be added to the mailing list.

Harmony Maslowski has received input and is exploring new names for the Lake Health Conference. Front runner is a citizen suggestion of "Healthy Land, Healthy Lake" with a tag line of, "Tips for protecting Mille Lacs Lake Watershed." She encourages input from the group.

Maslowski stated that Bonnie Finnerty will be attending the July meeting to answer questions on the WRAPS and Monitoring and Assessment Reports. Data Summary discussion. Mark Apfelbacher would like to show the CD3 Cleaning Station unit at the next meeting. CD3 cleaning stations were discussed.

6. Updates and Comments

- 6.1. Media Committee: No report.
- 6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership: No report.

Comments:

Janet Smude and Barbara Macioch gave an update on the Rivers and Lakes Fair. There was a great turnout of 564 people. The Macioch's and Barb Eller ran the booth and the dice game. The booth and Christina Thurston's watershed activity were both a hit!

7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Comments – Bob Janzen kept us on track, well timed meeting finished in time for the tour, Consent agenda is working well.

8. The next meeting will be **July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Isle City Hall**. Discussion of meeting date and time to accommodate citizens wanting to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m. M/S/C David Oslin/Al Close.