

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group
Meeting Minutes – July 26th, 2018
City of Isle, City Council Room

Members Present: Barb Eller, Supervisor Mille Lacs SWCD; Bonnie Finnerty, MPCA; Bob Janzen, Aitkin Co SWCD; Harmony Maslowski, Coordinator; David Oslin, Mille Lacs Co Commissioner; Don Ryan, Round Lake; Chad Weiss, MLB DNR; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co Commissioner.

1. Chair, Laurie Westerlund called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved with the deletion of Financial Report from the consent agenda. M/S/C David Oslin/Barb Eller.
3. Public Comment: No public comment.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of June 28th, 2018 Meeting Minutes, b. Information Only: Topic of the Month – *Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event*, c. Information Only: Timber Bay Project Summary. The consent agenda was approved. M/S/C David Oslin/Barb Eller.

5. Discussion and Action

5.1. WRAPS and Monitoring/Assessment Report Summary – Bonnie Finnerty provided two handouts and a verbal presentation of data in the reports that focused on the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed. Discussion followed about the reports, charts and maps. Outcomes were that Bonnie Finnerty will work with the group on creating one page summaries that feature a “blown up” map of a lake and sub-watersheds to aid in communication of the data.

5.2. Mission Statement – Harmony Maslowski provided a list of input for the MLLWMG “tag line” and mission statement. Outcomes were that voting on the tag line and mission statement can be done at a future meeting with higher attendance. Barb Eller suggested to add “Healthy Land, Healthy Lake,” to the list of tag lines. The topic will be revisited at the August meeting.

5.3. AIS Grant – Harmony Maslowski inquired if the media committee and Christina Thurston will still be working on the development of children’s educational tools or if the projects were complete. Barb Eller reported that the sub-committee had previously discussed a long term educational component to the project and a possible game board. With the Maciochs being leads in the project, Eller suggested the media committee should have a meeting to decide what to do going forward. Eller suggested the committee meet one hour prior to the August MLLWMG meeting.

5.4. Compass Outreach and Coordinator’s Report – Harmony Maslowski shared the Thank You letter received from the Rivers and Lakes Fair. Maslowski also discussed the MLLWMG and Compass news releases and the upcoming Topic of the Month Volunteers. Maslowski reported that the second Compass Open House meeting, door-to-door outreach, and the input received. Discussion followed on the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event. Maslowski communicated Lynn Gallice’s report on Compass site visits and stewardship plans. Maslowski showed an example of a recently completed Shoreland Stewardship Plan.

6. Updates and Comments

- 6.1. Media Committee: Will meet prior to MLLWMG August meeting.
 - 6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership: Discussion.
 - 6.3. Mark Apfelbacher of CD3 – Harmony Maslowski reported that a representative will be here following the meeting to show the group a CD3 Cleaning Station Unit. Chad Weiss discussed that the MLBO DNR are in the process of working with Mille Lacs County on a purchase of the cleaning station. Mille Lacs County would purchase the unit and the MLBO DNR would take on operation and maintenance costs. Discussion followed on possible MLLWMG partnership.
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7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Doodle Poll for finding the best day of the month for future meetings, setting up the sub-committee meeting, and working with Bonnie Finnerty on summary pages.
 8. The next meeting will be on August 23rd at 10:00am with possible location of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Government Center if it is available. M/S/C David Oslin/Don Ryan.