

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group
Meeting Minutes – November 30, 2017
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Government Center

Members Present: Perry Bunting, MLBD DNR/ENV; Al Close, Hazelton Township; Lynn Gallice, Mille Lacs SWCD; Dillon Hayes, Mille Lacs Co; Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin Co SWCD; Barbara Macioch, Citizen NE Mille Lacs Lake; Mike Macioch, Citizen NE Mille Lacs Lake; Harmony Maslowski, Watershed Coordinator; Stephanie Reynolds, Mille Lacs Co; Don Ryan, Round Lake; Christina Thurston, Onamia Township; Chad Weiss, MLB DNR; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co Commissioner.

1. Chair, Laurie Westerlund called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Administrative Details: An attendance sheet was circulated and introductions were made. The agenda was approved with changes to move item #3 after item #7.1. and the addition of the Tax Incentive for Shoreland Stewardship Update and the E-mail Encryption for Monthly Mailings Update. M/S/C Mike Macioch / Al Close. There was no pertinent correspondence.

4. Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented: M/S/C Bob Janzen / Don Ryan.

5. Financial Report: A report for the month of October was shared. Expenses totaled \$4138.43 and were from the Clean Water Partnership Grant and the Aitkin County AIS 2017 Grant. They included expenses related to stormwater control BMPs, seminars, the tour, stream monitoring, invoices, and handouts. The report was approved as presented. M/S/C Al Close / Barbara Macioch.

An invoice #2017-40 was presented from the Mille Lacs Soil and Water Conservation District for technical services and copies. The invoice was dated November 13th, 2017. A motion approving the payment of the invoice for \$113.70 was made. M/S/C Mike Macioch / Bob Janzen.

6. Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group Ten Year Plan Review/Approval: The Ten Year Plan was presented with all previous corrections for final approval. The plan was approved as presented. M/S/C Al Close / Mike Macioch.

7. Old Business

7.1. 2018 Annual Plan of Work Draft: The Annual Plan of Work Draft was presented for discussion and input. The targeted date column has been added to the plan and Harmony Maslowski discussed connecting the items on the Annual Plan to the items in the Ten Year Plan with the example of the addition of the Children's Activity book to component #4 and the connection to the education plan component of the Ten Year Plan. Input was to remove Bob Williams from component #4 of the work plan. Al Close updated the group on Bob William's condition and the group wishes to send him a card on their behalf.

3. Special Presentation: Mark Apfelbacher, CD3 Watercraft Cleaning Station: Mark Apfelbacher of CD3 gave a presentation on the Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose "CD3" Waterless Cleaning Stations. The message is to empower boaters to take action to prevent the spread of AIS at boat launches. He discussed the features of the station, customized message options, pilots, use, and feedback. Mark fielded questions from the group and discussion ranged from electric connection, internet connection, cost, maintenance, portability, vandalism, winter care, and the marketing message on the station used as an awareness tool. CD3 will be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

7.2. Children's Activity Book Update – Christina Thurston presented two handouts she has designed for the possible use at the Lakes and Rivers Fair following the last meeting of the Media Sub-Committee.

The handouts included a dice game and cutting/folding interactive handout. Christina also had the group participate in the hands-on watershed activity designed as a demonstration for kids and could be an example of a break-out session for an educational piece at the Lakes and Rivers Fair.

7.3. Mille Lacs Compass Program/Promotion Update - Harmony Maslowski updated the group on the Mille Lacs Compass Facebook Page she has created and the connection to the Mille Lacs SWCD Compass Content Page. This completes an action item in the Compass Promotion Plan in connection with item #3 of the Ten Year Plan. The next step in the promotion plan is to create a seed packet door hang that Harmony Maslowski and Lynn Gallice are designing. Concerns of the legal ramifications of hanging something on doors was discussed. Lynn Gallice will be checking with the City of Wahkon and the City of Isle ordinances as a follow-up.

7.4. Aitkin County AIS Grant Final Report was distributed to the group for review before the submittal by Janet Smude. There were no concerns.

8. New Business: There was no new business.

9. Subcommittee Reports:

9.1. Media Committee: Barbara Macioch, Mike Macioch, Barb Eller, and Christina Thurston are continuing work on the Children's activity project (see 7.2.).

9.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing: Harmony Maslowski discussed possibilities for future funding. She suggested the Aitkin Co AIS Grant may be an option for the AIS Children's handout.

9.3. Membership – There was no new membership.

9.4. Citizen Comments / Member Comments / Fisheries Input Group: No comments.

10. Agenda Additions: Harmony Maslowski informed the group on behalf of Barb Eller that their thoughts and input were encouraged regarding the Tax Incentive for Shoreland Stewardship Plans and that the MASWCD voting will take place on Tuesday. Harmony Maslowski also informed the group about the feedback she had received with the monthly meeting items that were e-mailed. The Mille Lacs County e-mail has a security feature that does an encryption when attachments are sent out. Harmony discussed options for accessing meeting items via the MLLWMG website or via the Mille Lacs SWCD. Discussion followed on how to access the items with the encryption. Harmony asked for input from the group on how they would like to receive the meeting items in the future.

11. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 25th at 10:00 am. A location suggestion was the Rolf Olsen Center in Onamia, if a room is available. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 pm. M/S/C Don Ryan / Bob Janzen.