

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group
Meeting Minutes – April 26th, 2018
Interpretive Center, Kathio State Park

Members Present: Barb Eller, Mille Lacs SWCD; Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Bob Janzen, Aitkin Co SWCD; Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD; Harmony Maslowski, Coordinator; David Oslin, Mille Lacs Co Commissioner; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co Commissioner.

1. Chair, Laurie Westerlund called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved with the addition of Harmony Maslowski's Coordinator's report, Laurie Westerlund's Agenda Changes, and Janet Smude's Cost Share project to discuss under item 5.2. M/S/C Bob Janzen/Barb Eller.
3. Minutes from March 22nd, 2018 were approved as presented: M/S/C Barb Eller/Bob Janzen.
4. Financial Report: A report for the month of March was shared. Expenses totaled \$655.94 and were from the Clean Water Partnership Grant (included the annual website payment, McQuoid's payment for Compass Meeting, printing, staff time, and postage). This report included the addition of the AIS Education Grant 2018. The report was approved as presented. M/S/C Bob Janzen/Barb Eller.
An invoice was presented from Aitkin Soil and Water Conservation District for BMP Technical Assistance, Water Quality Monitoring, and photocopies for the amount of \$84.30. A motion to approve the payment of the invoice was made. M/S/C David Oslin/Barb Eller.
5. Discussion and Action
 - 5.1. AIS Grant Implementation – The application for educational funds was approved. Implementation of the grant includes the printing of Christina Thurston's AIS Brochure and Children's game Cube. The final items are ready to print. Harmony Maslowski will follow-up with Christina Thurston on the Foldable Item and Christina's Work Invoice. Implementation also includes ordering the AIS towels and floating keychains. Janet Smude and Harmony Maslowski will be ordering these items. Barb Eller suggested staying in contact with Mark Apfelbacher from CD3 for a possible partnership in the future. Discussion.
 - 5.2. BMP Projects/ Round Lake Projects – Janet Smude has received four responses from the Round Lake mailings that were sent out. Janet Smude provided a project proposal for landowners that are experiencing erosion of their shoreline due to ice push. Coir logs and native vegetation would be used to protect the shoreline. Smude requested from the Clean Water Partnership Grant, 75% of the total project cost in cost share assistance. A motion was made to approve the amount of \$3000.00. Discussion. M/S/C Bob Janzen/Barb Eller.
 - 5.3. Spring Watershed Tour – Janet Smude requested guidance for the Spring Watershed Tour. Outcomes were that the Spring Tour would be after the June 28th meeting and would look at projects. Bus options were discussed. Possible location discussed was Garrison's VFW. It was suggested that the meeting could start at 9am and the tour could wrap-up around noon.
 - 5.4. Topic of the Month and Guidelines – Harmony Maslowski reported that Steve Hughes provided the April Topic of the Month, "AIS what can we do?" and that volunteers were still needed. Discussion followed on possible topics for the articles. Harmony provided the requested Topic of the Month Guidelines sheet as a guide for volunteer's on making their Topic of the Month publishable. One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) was discussed as a possible topic. Diane Jacobson reported on where Crow Wing/Cass County were at in the process of their 1W1P.
 - 5.5. Aitkin County Rivers & Lakes Fair – Janet Smude gave an update on the Aitkin County Rivers and Lakes Fair. Discussion on booths and costs followed. Outcome was that MLLWMG would donate \$50.00 to the Aitkin County Rivers and Lakes Fair from the Clean Water Partnership Grant. A motion for the donation was made. M/S/C Barb Eller/David Oslin.

6. Updates

6.1. Media Committee: Barb Eller reported that the Media Committee hasn't met in Barbara and Mike Maciochs absence. Janet Smude reported that she will be on KKIN radio with Steve Hughes and Harmony Maslowski. They will be promoting the Rivers and Lakes Fair along with Compass. This will be at 8am on May 18th.

6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing: AIS Grant Approval. Discussion on available project funds and looking for future educational fund opportunities.

6.3. Membership – Discussion.

6.4. Citizen Comments / Member Comments / Fisheries Input Group - Discussion.

7. Agenda Additions – Harmony Maslowski gave a verbal Coordinator's Report. Items included were revisiting the group's Mission Statement at the upcoming May meeting, communication with Christina Thurston, communication with Bonnie Finnerty, a draft letter to Senators/Legislation in form of an invitation to the Rivers and Lakes Fair, the requested update on RIM from Susan Shaw, Lake Health Conference Funding Approval, and Compass Outreach. Discussion.

Laurie Westerlund introduced changes to the agenda in form of a consent agenda. Harmony Maslowski provided examples of a consent agenda. Discussion on accommodating speakers at future meetings and agenda changes followed. Ideas included a public comment section and a meeting evaluation item on the agenda.

8. Meeting Recap and Next Steps - Discussion included AIS grant implementation, follow-up on tour buses, and booking meeting locations in advance.

9. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 24th at 10:00a.m. at the Rolf Olsen Center (if available). The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. M/S/C David Oslin/Bob Janzen.