

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group  
Meeting Minutes – October 15th, 2018  
Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club

Members Present: Perry Bunting, MLBO DNR/ENV; Barb Eller, Supervisor Mille Lacs SWCD; Lynn Gallice, Mille Lacs SWCD; Carol Jacobs, SE Mille Lacs Lake; Mitch Lundeen, Regional Clean Water Forester; Barbara Macioch, NE Mille Lacs Lake; Harmony Maslowski, Coordinator; David Oslin, Mille Lacs Co Commissioner; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD; Chad Weiss, MLB DNR; 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 item 6.3. by Barbara Macioch. M/S/C Barb Eller/David Oslin.
3. Guest Speaker: Mitch Lundeen is the Regional Clean Water Forester and presented on the connection between forest and water quality.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of September 17th, 2018 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of September Financial Report, c. Information Only: Topic of the Month- *Trees- Partners in Watershed Health* by Barb Eller. Discussion - Can project money from CWF 2017 –ML SWCD Grant be reflected on financial report? The consent agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C David Oslin/Barbara Macioch.
5. Discussion and Action
  - 5.1. Election of Officers – Barb Eller nominated Barbara Macioch for Secretary. Barb Macioch accepted the Secretary Position. M/S/C Barb Eller/David Oslin.
  - 5.2. Plan of Work – Goals for 2019 – Discussion on Plan of Work. Outcome was to discuss one section of the Plan of Work at each meeting. Discussion of section #3 of the Plan of Work related to the development and implementation of the Compass Program. Harmony Maslowski reported that her grant goals are largely focused on Compass and that the 2018 goals are on track to be accomplished. This includes 6 Compass Surveys between Aitkin and Mille Lacs SWCD, and 6 Stewardship Plans. Discussion followed on outreach target areas, adding resort members as a goal, other outreach topics including boat ramps and alternatives to impervious surfaces.
  - 5.3. Website Discussion – Harmony Maslowski shared that the website is currently funded until April of 2019. Discussion of possible funding. Maslowski shared that the Minutes and Agendas for the group could be posted on a MLLWGM section of the Mille Lacs SWCD website for the group to access. Discussion on “sub-domain” possibilities.
  - 5.4. Compass Outreach and Coordinator’s Report – Harmony Maslowski reported on door-to-door outreach. She had met 211 people through outreach and had longer conversations with 63 of them. Of those, 29 have expressed some level of interest in Compass, projects, community, and conservation. Harmony Maslowski and Lynn Gallice reported on what was working and not working for outreach. Janet Smude suggested more outreach on the north side of the lake and that outreach in the Spring over the Fall may have more success. Discussion on 2019 Spring Outreach Strategies on the north end of the lake and other lakes in watershed. Discussion on phosphorus reduction numbers.

## 6. Updates and Comments

6.1. Media Committee – Barbara Macioch reported that the group had met and received a quote for printing coloring sheets for the Rivers and Lakes Fair. Barb Eller reported that the sub-committee was excited about creating an AIS/Watershed Board Game. Discussion of University of Minnesota’s Extension Board Game. Eller reported that the media committee will meet at the end of October to continue working on the board game.

6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership –Discussed in section 5.3.

6.3. Updates and Comments: Barbara Macioch reported that she had attended a committee through the Lutheran Church where she had the opportunity to discuss the many contributions of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Discussion on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe testing air for Mercury.

7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Harmony Maslowski continues to encourage input on the meeting itself. Media Committee will meet next week to discuss further projects. Maslowski will update the Plan of Work with edits/additions. Discussion on upcoming holidays and meeting dates.

8. The next meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of November is the 19<sup>th</sup>, location possibilities could be Kathio State Park or the Rolf Olsen Center. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m. M/S/C David Oslin/Barb Eller.