

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group  
Meeting Minutes – March 18th, 2019  
Kathio State Park Interpretive Center Classroom

Members Present: Jack Anderson, Guest from Garrison; Marilyn Anderson, Guest from Garrison; Perry Bunting, MLBO DNRE; Barb Eller, Onamia; Lynn Gallice, Mille Lacs SWCD; Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Shelley Larson, Hayland Woods; Harmony Maslowski, Watershed Coordinator; John Pearson, South Harbor; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD.

1. Vice Chair, Bob Janzen called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved with the detail addition of item 6.1 Media Committee Website Update and the 6.3 Update on Adopt a Shoreline. M/S/C Jake Janski/Barb Eller.
3. Guest Speaker: Shelley Larson of Hayland Woods presented on the impacts of severe weather and warming temperatures on shorelines. Discussion followed on projects and plant types.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of February 11th, 2019 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of Financial Report, c. Information: Topic of the Month- *Why Should I Care About Runoff*. and M. V. Project Summary. The consent agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C Barb Eller/John Pearson.
5. Discussion and Action
  - 5.1. Coordinator's Report - Harmony Maslowski reported that the Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Application was submitted. Maslowski also discussed Compass Membership, House Party Events, and a draft letter to Lake Associations that provides MLLWGM information. It was suggested to send e-mails along with the informational letters. Maslowski provided updates on meetings including One Watershed One Plan, and We Are Water. Maslowski has registered MLLWGM a booth at the Rivers and Lakes Fair. Reminders on Topic of the Month. The sign-up sheet was circulated. Discussion on funding the coordinator's position.
  - 5.2. Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event Discussion – Harmony Maslowski presented a tentative plan for the event on the proposed day of August 17<sup>th</sup>. Maslowski discussed the current budget for the event, the speakers contacted, and content for presentations. Discussion of events being added to Mille Lacs Tourism Calendar. Jake Janski made a motion to approve the date, time and location of the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event. M/S/C Jake Janski/Barb Eller.
  - 5.3. Events Calendar – Harmony Maslowski displayed an events calendar that had been requested to track the local events including the county fairs, local “play day” events, and farmers markets for possible volunteering opportunities. Maslowski informed the group that they have received an invite to have a booth promoting the Compass Program at the June annual meeting for Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. Maslowski encouraged anyone interested in working the booths or volunteering at events to contact her. Maslowski reported that the Maciochs have been in contact via email and intend to work the Rivers and Lakes Fair booth.

5.4. Plan of Work Goals for 2019 – Discussion of One Watershed One Plan Advisory Committee participation. Discussion of recent edits to the Plan of Work document. Barb Eller made a motion to approve the Plan of Work document subject to further revisions. M/S/C Barb Eller/Jake Janski.

6. Updates and Comments

6.1. Media Committee –John Pearson displayed the upcoming Bluehost website showing the theme and content. Pearson showed what the transferred website will look like and is open to recommendations on the content. Pearson is preparing the website to go live in April.

6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership –Already discussed in item 5.1. AIS grant application and discussion of funding of the coordinator’s position.

6.3. Updates and Comments: Perry Bunting reported that the MLBO DNRE will be putting on the Adopt a Shoreline Program this year. The date of the shoreline clean-up is to be determined. This event has normally been coordinated by the casino, but is now taken on by their department. Bunting provided an updated to the group on Adopt a shoreline Program. Discussion of possible timing in May and accessible areas to pick up garbage. Bunting is looking for input on possible dates and when people are available.

7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Maslowski will send out letters and e-mails with MLLWMG information to the lake association contacts she has found. Maslowski requests if members know of other contacts to send them to her.

8. The next meeting - The next meeting will be April 15th at the Isle City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. M/S/C Barb Eller/John Pearson.