

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group  
Meeting Minutes – April 15th, 2019  
City of Isle City Council Room

Members Present: Paul Andrews, South Harbor; Perry Bunting, MLBO DNRE; Al Close, Round Lake; Barb Eller, Onamia; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Harmony Maslowski, Watershed Coordinator; Doug McCormick, Round Lake; David Oslin, Mille Lacs Co. Commissioner; John Pearson, South Harbor; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD; Chad Weiss, MLBO DNRE.

1. Volunteer Chair for the day, Barb Eller called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C David Oslin/Bob Janzen.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of March 18th, 2019 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of Financial Report, c. Information: Topic of the Month- *Native Shoreline Plants* by Jake Janski of MN Native Landscapes. The consent agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C David Oslin/John Pearson.

5. Discussion and Action

5.1. Coordinator's Report - Harmony Maslowski reported that MLLWMG has received the Aquatic Invasive Species Grant. The funding is for AIS Coloring Handouts/Crayons, refreshments at the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event, and for professional services for the website. Maslowski also discussed two upcoming Compass Membership House Party Events, and that a letter/e-mail has been sent to Lake Association contacts that provides MLLWMG and Compass information. Discussion on Round Lake data, septic and ordinances in Crow Wing County. Outcomes were to put the item on the next month's agenda and look at data from Round Lake Association. Also, to extend an invite to Bonnie Finnerty of MPCA for WRAPs data on Round Lake discussion. Maslowski provided updates on meetings including One Watershed One Plan, Rum River Watershed Landscape Stewardship Meeting, the Water Management Advisory Committee, and We Are Water. Discussion of May Topic of the Month, Perry Bunting will write about Adopt a Shoreline to promote the date May 29<sup>th</sup>, and back-up day June 5<sup>th</sup>.

5.2. Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event Discussion – Harmony Maslowski confirmed the date for the event August 17<sup>th</sup>. The date has been submitted for approval on the Mille Lacs Tourism Calendar. Maslowski confirmed that McQuoid's will allow the plant truck for the plant sale. Discussion of speakers, invites and promotion of We Are Water.

5.3. Website Preview Presentation – Invoice – John Pearson presented a preview of the website. Outcomes were that Pearson would continue the website transition, and the group will be informed via Maslowski when the website has gone live. MLLWMG is asked to provide comments on what they like and what might be improved on the website. A motion was made to pay the Pearson invoice in the amount \$178.20, the Reimbursement for Bluehost site hosting. M/S/C Bob Janzen/Al Close.

6. Updates and Comments

6.1. Media Committee –Harmony Maslowski is preparing to order from Minuteman the Crayons with the Clean Drain Dry Compass MLLWMG logo. These can be ordered with the AIS

Grant funds along with printing of a coloring sheets. Maslowski will follow up with the Macioch's and media committee on specific coloring sheets.

6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership –Discussion of funding the coordinator's position.

6.3. Updates and Comments: Discussion of capacity funding for SWCDs.

7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Maslowski will put the data discussion on next agenda, check with Susan Shaw as an upcoming speaker on One Watershed One Plan, email website once it is live, and follow-up on coloring sheet.

8. The next meeting - The next meeting will be March 20th at the Rolf Olsen Center. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. M/S/C David Oslin/Bob Janzen.