

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group

Meeting Minutes – June 17th, 2019

Mille Lacs Trails Snowmobile Club, Aitkin

Members Present: Al Close, Round Lake; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Harmony Maslowski, Watershed Coordinator; Doug McCormick, Round Lake; John Pearson, South Harbor; Don Ryan, Round Lake; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co. Commissioner.

1. Chair Laurie Westerlund called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. followed by introductions.

2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C Al Close/John Pearson.

3. Public Comment: One Watershed One Plan discussion.

4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of May 20th, 2019 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of Financial Report. The consent agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C Bob Janzen/Al Close.

5. Discussion and Action

5.1. Coordinator's Report - Harmony Maslowski reported that the last rain barrel has been sold! Maslowski also discussed that they are in the process of doing interviews and stories for the We Are Water exhibit. Maslowski gave One Watershed One Plan updates. Maslowski discussed the upcoming Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Annual Meeting in which she will work the Compass display booth. Maslowski discussed that the June Topic of the Month by Barb Eller will be distributed on the following Wednesday and provided upcoming Topic of the Month reminders. Maslowski participated in the Adopt-A-Shoreline event and reported that it had a good turnout. Maslowski suggested follow-up with Perry for the official number of participants and pounds of garbage collected. Maslowski also provided a Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Flyer to be distributed and will email it out to the rest of the group to extend invitations to the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event.

5.2. Compass Update – Maslowski discussed the upcoming meetings and events with Compass promotion, including Lynn Gallice speaking at the Whitefish Lake Association meeting. The meeting will be at Timber Bay providing the opportunity to show Timber Bay's projects. Maslowski discussed the plans from last summer that have been provided cost estimates, also the upcoming projects and upcoming site visits.

5.3. Rivers and Lakes Fair Event – Maslowski suggested follow-up with Janet Smude for the official number of fair attendance at the July meeting. Bob Janzen and Harmony Maslowski commented on the success of the fair with many in attendance. Many children in attendance received coloring sheets and Janzen was complimentary of the volunteers! Maslowski shared the interest of Cedar Lake Conservancy in the game cube and shared 30 game cubes with them to give to their stewards. There was also interest in sharing Compass with garden club members and possibility of an invitation to the group to speak on Compass.

6. Updates and Comments

6.1. Media Committee –John Pearson is able to put Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Flyer on the website and will distribute some flyers.

6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership – Discussion on questions for meeting introductions. Example: What is your favorite body of water?/First car? Or fun questions that provide a way to get to know each other and new members.

6.3. Updates and Comments: None.

7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Send introduction question ideas to Maslowski.

8. The next meeting - The next meeting will have Susan Shaw speaking on One Watershed One Plan participation. The next meeting will be July 15th at Isle City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m. M/S/C John Pearson/Al Close.