

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

Members Present: Perry Bunting, MLBO DNRE; Al Close, Round Lake; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Barbara Macioch, NE Mille Lacs Lake; Mike Macioch, NE Mille Lacs Lake; Harmony Maslowski, Mille Lacs SWCD Coordinator; David Oslin, Mille Lacs Co. Commissioner; John Pearson, South Harbor; Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD; Janet Smude, Aitkin SWCD; Wes Thomas, Big Pine Lake; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co. Commissioner.

1. Chair Laurie Westerlund called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C David Oslin/John Pearson.
3. Guest Speaker: Susan Shaw presented on the civic approach to planning for sustainable clean water. Discussion of the process and the desire for representation of key implementers in the watershed to be involved in the process including the outreach strategies to get them at the table.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of June 17th, 2019 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of Financial Report, c. Information only: The July Topic of the Month by John Pearson, *A Visit to Mille Lac Moraine Scientific and Natural Area*. The consent agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C David Oslin/Barbara Macioch.
5. Discussion and Action
 - 5.1. Coordinator's Report - Harmony Maslowski gave One Watershed One Plan updates. Maslowski invited all to the upcoming Public Kickoff Meetings, the Public Kickoff Meeting for the northern end of the watershed will be August 3rd at the Rolf Olsen Center. From 10:00am -12:00pm. Maslowski provided a We Are Water update including the kickoff date of Sept 21st and the closing date of November 2nd with both dates having an opportunity to promote Compass at the events. Maslowski will also cross promote the We Are Water display at the upcoming Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event. Maslowski discussed the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers booth. It was successful and others were very interested in the Compass Stewardship Program and had requested materials. Discussion followed including Topic of the Month reminders, Aitkin Rivers and Lakes Fair had 489 people in attendance, Barbara Macioch reported that the coloring sheets were a success.
 - 5.2. Compass Update – Harmony Maslowski and Janet Smude discussed the current projects going in and the site visits occurring. Maslowski mentioned outreach to realtors and invitations going out to the Healthy Land Healthy Lake event.
6. Updates and Comments
 - 6.1. Media Committee – John Pearson has updated the website with Healthy Land, Healthy Lake headline on the home page. Pearson has also handed out HLHL invites. Maslowski to send him a list of speakers for the event.
 - 6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership – Clean Water Funding Discussion.
 - 6.3. Updates and Comments: Comment “Good presentation by Susan!”
7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps: Extend invites to the One Watershed One Plan Public Kickoff and invites to Healthy Land Healthy Lake. Maslowski to send invite language to group.
8. The next meeting - There is no meeting in August, see you all at Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event August 17th at McQuoid's Inn from 9:00am to 12:00pm. MLLWVG will meet September 16th, location to be determined, possibly Kathio or Gov't Center. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. M/S/C Mike Macioch/David Oslin.