

**MINUTES OF MLLWVG MEETING HELD 10-21-19 @
MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE GOVERNMENT CENTER**

Present: Perry Bunting, MLBO DNR/E; Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Barbara Macioch, NE Mille Lacs Lake; Mike Macioch, NE Mille Lacs Lake; John Pearson, Onamia/St. Paul; Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD; Sam Seybold, Aitkin Co SWCD; Chad Weiss, MLB DNR; Laurie Westerland, Aitkin Co Commissioner.

1. Meeting began @ 10:08 a.m. with introductions. Mike Macioch acted as Chair. Laurie Westerland attended via cell phone. Refreshments were provided by the Hosts, Perry and Chad. Attendance Sheet was circulated.
2. Approval of the Agenda was discussed with responsibility of "Next Meeting" clarification of Host responsible for finding a location and providing refreshments. Administrative responsibilities would be handled by the officers or delegate [Agenda, Topic of the Month, Email list & website and financials].
3. Public Comment: An approved \$100 check donation for Education Day was not sent. Janet will follow-up and clarify.
4. Consent Agenda: Laurie moved to approve the agenda, 2nd by John, approved by the group. Topic of Month was discussed and there was hope that it would make the local newspapers.
5. Discussion and Action:
 - 5.1 Transition of MLLWVG Admin Role: Harmony's position of Coordinator of MLLWVG will be completed at the end of 2019. How to handle her responsibilities for this group were discussed. She submitted a Template Example, Hosting Sign-up Sheet & Meeting Notes Sheet as examples of how meetings were handled during her tenure. Officers will be responsible for setting up future meetings and developing the agenda. It was felt that Emails were the best way to handle notification of meetings. Periodically, future meetings could be more informal. Jake moved, 2nd by John, approved by the group.
 - 5.2 By-Laws: There was much discussion about each segment of the By-Laws and it was felt that they should be amended as such:
 - The **Preamble** should remain the same.
 - ARTICLE I – Name** should remain the same.
 - ARTICLE II & ARTICLE III** locations should be switched around one for the other.
 - ARTICLE II** should become **PURPOSE AND GOALS** should remain the same.
 - ARTICLE III** should become **BUSINESS OFFICE / FISCAL AGENT**
 - Section 1. At MLLWVG's inception, Aitkin County, in addition to Soil & Water, had been named as its fiscal agent. Depending upon the grant sponsoring the activities of this group, it could reside in another location (county). This will be monitored. Address will need to be updated for Aitkin County SWCD location, update By-Laws when this happens.
 - Section 2. Budget changes/Expenditure approval by SC prior to use was based on the original diagnostic plan (1998 -- Plan to be made available for reference -- Perry will

send a digital copy to John). The 5 Year Plan is now the plan used. Decide if necessary to update this section. Post to website? Janet and John will work on.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.a.3. Steering Committee – Other interested parties (representing an entity vs personal) as approved by the SC. Designate a person by name or department, not elected officials. Perform this action without amending the By-Laws.
- Section 1.b. Technical Committee – In case of a future need to have a voting member, MLLWMG could designate 2 Mille Lacs tribal government representatives to the Steering Committee. Motion by Jake, 2nd by John, approval by group.

ARTICLE V – STEERING COMMITTEE

- Section 2 – Voting Eligibility: “must have attended 2 prior meetings to become a voting member” means “eligible at the 3rd meeting” – cut out “within the last 12 months”
- Need electronic votes (phone, etc.)?

ARTICLE VI – TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION OF ENTITY

ARTICLE X – CERTIFICATION

ARTICLE XI –

- May make consistent part of By-Laws. Will deal with when come to.
- Electronic voting would need appropriate technology available.

Motion to Amend the By-Laws was made by Jake, 2nd by John, approved by group:

1. Article II vs III – switch locations in list. Update Fiscal Agent.
2. Article II -- New Steering Committee member must attend 2 meetings prior to becoming a voting member.
3. Article IV Section 1 a.3. – MLLWMG could designate 2 tribal government representatives as voting members.
4. Article V Section 1 -- Remove forlorn “comma” after “full”.

Janet will update By-Laws – additions – cross outs – and will send to Harmony for inclusion to agenda for November’s meeting. It was suggested to post drafts on Website.

5.3 Election of Chair – Laurie Westerlund nominated by John, 2nd by Bob, carried by vote.

6.1 Media Committee – John brought to groups attention the possibility of posting MLLWMG notices to sites that might be helpful: “Scenic By-ways” will be posted. “Mille Lacs Facebook” will wait for approval from this group.

6.2 Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership – No activity.

6.3 Updates and Comments -- Perry was contacted by the Scenic By-ways group wishing to remove vegetation between the lake and Hwy 169 S of Garrison in an effort to make the area more park like. MNDOT did not give approval. MLLWMG would also oppose because this native

vegetation holds the bank structure. Sam will draft a letter for Laurie's signature to be sent to MNDOT.

– There were 22 AIS inspectors doing over 11,000 inspections in Aitkin County during the summer of 2019.

7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps:

-- Margaret Dass is willing to present her COMPASS experience @ the December 16 meeting. Harmony to host.

8. Next Meeting: Monday, November 18th – Location Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Government Center – Harmony will be notetaker. Laurie will help mock up meeting notice. Do regular business agenda, meeting sequence, how many times to meet (every month or two months?). Approve By-Laws. Members Email comments/ideas. Host provide treats. Laurie will provide sweet rolls. January & February regular meeting dates are Holidays.

Motion to adjourn by Barbara, 2nd by Bob, carried. Meeting adjourned @ 12:17 p.m.

Barbara Macioch, MLLWVG Secretary 11-08-19