

Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group
Meeting Minutes – November 18th, 2019
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Government Center

Members Present: Perry Bunting, MLB DNR/E; Harmony Maslowski, Mille Lacs SWCD Coordinator; John Pearson, South Harbor; Sam Seybold, Aitkin SWCD; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co SWCD; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co. Commissioner.

1. Chair Laurie Westerlund called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval: Agenda was approved as presented. M/S/C John Pearson/Perry Bunting.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Consent Agenda: A consent agenda included: a. Approve of October 21st, 2019 Meeting Minutes, b. Approve of Financial Report, c. Approve Payment of Invoice: J.P. Website development/AIS in amount of \$112.50, d. Information only: The November Topic of the Month. The minutes were approved with the striking of line “There was no financial report.” The consent agenda was approved with the noted change. M/S/C Perry Bunting/John Pearson.
5. Discussion and Action
 - 5.1. Transition of MLLWMG Admin Role – Discussion of roles included general funds and possible support of the printing of meeting materials, identifying potential grant opportunities, possible reduced number of meetings in 2020, rotating “host method” of meetings, point of contact for the group, templates for simplification, editing agenda templates, contact sheet for members, website- possible location for meeting materials, posting only approved minutes to website, consideration of a reduced role in admin duties by members.
 - 5.2. By-Laws – Motion to approve proposed changes. M/S/C John Pearson/Perry Bunting. Document will be available for Officer signatures at the December meeting.
6. Updates and Comments
 - 6.1. Media Committee – John Pearson is exploring sharing MLLWMG meeting invites to other Mille Lacs groups on Facebook.
 - 6.2. Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership –
 - 6.3. Updates and Comments: Suggested Topic of the Month topics were subwatershed/impairments/what is a watershed related information, and a One Watershed One Plan update. Janet Smude volunteered to write December’s topic of the month and Harmony Maslowski volunteered to write January’s topic of the month. Suggestion to bring a sign-up sheet for Topic of the Month in 2020 to next meeting. Harmony Maslowski will bring a sign-up sheet and will mail out the Topic of the Month separate from the “business end” of mailings. A letter has been drafted on behalf of MLLWMG stating the group would not support the removal of native vegetation near the lake. This letter has been sent to MNDOT. It was requested to share the letter with the group and Laurie Westerlund is to send it on to appropriate representatives.
7. Meeting Evaluation and Next Steps:

Outcomes were that John Pearson would work on template editing and a MLLWMG email account. Harmony Maslowski will send John Pearson available templates. For the December meeting, Harmony Maslowski will bring sign-up sheets for Topic of the Month and to set the meeting dates for 2020.
8. The next meeting - Agenda requests: Work Plan review and available 10-year plan for reference, Topic of the Month sign-up sheets for 2020, confirm 2020 MLLWMG meeting dates. Margaret Vos will be a guest speaker at the December meeting. The meeting will be held at the Rolf Olsen Center on December 16th. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. M/S/C Laurie Westerlund/John Pearson.