



Call-in/ZOOM Meeting Monday, July 20, 2020 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Those in attendance: Perry Bunting, MBO DNR; Bonnie Finnerty, MPCA; Jake Janski, Supervisor Mille Lacs SWCD; Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Barb Eller, Farmer Mille Lacs Co; Bob Janzen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Barbara Macioch, Citizen NE Mille Lacs Lake; Mike Macioch, Citizen NE Mille Lacs Lake; John Pearson, Citizen South Harbor Mille Lacs Lake; Ida Rukavina, Amy Klobuchar's Office; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co. SWCD; Margaret Vos, Citizen East Side Mille Lacs Lake; Chad Weiss, MBO DNR; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co. Commissioner and Clementine, Ginger & Riggley.

1. Welcome: Introductions and Orientation to ZOOM platform

Laurie Westerlund, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Meeting approvals would be done by voice vote.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Approval M/S/C Jake Janski/Mike Macioch

- Additions: NONE
- Deletions: NONE

3. Consent Agenda: Approval M/S/C Bob Janzen/Margaret Vos

- a. Approval of June 15th Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of Financial Report

4. Discussion and Action

4.1 Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event

The **Healthy Land, Healthy Lake** event summary was presented by Jake Janski and John Pearson. It will be held virtually (via ZOOM not as an "in person" event) **4 evenings, August 24-27, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. Speakers are being confirmed.

Mon Aug 24 Aquatic Invasive Species
Tues Aug 25 Salt in the Environment
Wed Aug 26 Get Out the Lead
Thurs Aug 27 COMPASS Program

Saturday, August 29 -- 10:00 am – 2:00 pm the **Native Plant Truck** will be at the **Lakeside Town Hall in Malmo**, Junction Hwy 18 & 47. Laurie will handle reservations. Jake or Brea, Mille Lacs SWCD, can do a brief Native Plant presentation. Possible inclusion of lead tackle exchange was discussed. Potential need for directional signage was discussed.

There is a \$300 AIS grant available for expenses. Funds will be used for ZOOM subscription (\$14.99/mth, take for 2 mths.) and promotional expenses such as newspaper ads; Facebook ads and post boosting; posters; and plant truck signage if needed. Additional event outreach ideas were discussed. There was a motion to obtain a Zoom account now and to prepare an itemized budget later. M/S/C Margaret/John. John to purchase ZOOM now. John will put together and circulate a promotional budget.

5. Updates

5.1 Media Committee

- John will put together a press release with schedule for the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event and send out to be published in the local media.
- The MLLWMG Topic of the Month articles on Rip Rap and DIY Shoreline Restoration written by Lynn Gallice were run in the Mille Lacs Messenger. It was reported that the DIY article was posted on the 16th @ on the ML Messenger website. (The Aitkin Independent Age also published the DIY article and the “Aitkin County Rewarding Efforts to Curb AIS” by the Aitkin AIS Committee.)
- Portable Cleaning Stations – Chad reported that funds were received for the CD3 Decontamination Unit. It is all set up and running at the Shah-Bush-Kung, Mille Lacs Co. Public Lake Access. The unit was purchased by Mille Lacs Co. and MBO/DNR is maintaining. Funds for two more units have been approved but are awaiting receipt; when ordered, units could be received as early as mid-August to install then or in the spring. A video of this unit was posted on Facebook of MBO or MBO DNR.

5.2 Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership

MLLWMG has received an AIS grant for advertising to promote the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event that stipulates the promotion of the video on the CD3 Decontamination Unit made by MBO or MBO DNR. Janet will link to the MLLWMG web page.

5.3 Additional Updates

- Wahkon Bog no report.
- Road Salt & Lead Tackle will be handled under the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event.
- Bonnie is working with other watersheds also and arranging speakers for the One Watershed, One Plan event.
- Ida reported that in June a statement was put out that the Great American Outdoors Act passed the U.S. Senate which means that the Land & Water Conservation bill has been permanently funded. (Although it still has to go through the U.S. House.)
- In early July Chad collected H2O samples and is planning to do again the week of July 27.

8. Next Meeting Plan

The next meeting will be **Monday, August 17th** and will be via ZOOM – using our own account. Final plans for the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event will be discussed.

Adjourned: 10:54 am M/S/C Jake/John.

Compiled by Barbara Macioch, Secretary