



Call-in/ZOOM Meeting Monday, August 17, 2020 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Those in attendance: Perry Bunting, MBO DNR; Bonnie Finnerty, MPCA; Jake Janski, Supervisor Mille Lacs 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; Dave Oslin, Mille Lacs Co. Commissioner; John Pearson, Citizen South Harbor Mille Lacs Lake; Janet Smude, Aitkin Co. SWCD; Chad Weiss, MBO DNR; Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin Co. Commissioner.

1. Welcome: Introductions and Orientation to Zoom Platform

Laurie Westerlund, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Meeting approvals would be done by voice vote.

2. Approval of the Agenda: Approval M/S/C Bob Janzen/Mike Macioch

- Additions: NONE
- Deletions: NONE

3. Consent Agenda: Approval M/S/C John Pearson/Jake Janski

- a. Approval of July 20th Meeting Minutes – Correction – Diane Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD
- b. Approval of Financial Report – Harmony reported “no expenses”, Janet will send out the Financial Report

4. Discussion and Action

4.1 Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Event

The **Healthy Land, Healthy Lake** event summary was presented by 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 have been confirmed. The event has been posted on the MLLWMG website and Facebook. It will be promoted through a Press Release. A poster will be circulated which can be posted. Will put a sign-up page on MLLWG’s homepage. The same Zoom link will be used for each night. Will have a waiting room with announcements on upcoming nights or MLLWMG info or Topic of the Month; a suggestion of pictures of the lake was made. A practice session of speakers will be done.

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 of Hwy 18 & 47. Laurie handled reservations. Directional signage will be provided. A citizen requested a list of plants that will be for sale and will be provided via EM.

The available \$300 AIS grant will be used for expenses, i.e. Zoom subscription and promotional expenses via an upcoming itemized 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 (Aitkin Independent Age, Mille Lacs Messenger and The NewsHopper).
- Lynn is promoting the HL/HL event to COMPASS members in Mille Lacs County

5.2 Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership

- Janet will link the AIS grant for advertising promoting the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event stipulating the promotion of the video on the CD3 Decontamination Unit made by MBO or MBO DNR onto the MLLWMG web page.

5.3 Additional Updates

- Lynn is working on COMPASS projects in Mille Lacs County. Will put on the September agenda. There are two COMPASS projects in Aitkin County.
- Portable Cleaning Stations – Chad reported that two more CD3 units will be ordered.
- Road Salt & Lead Tackle will be handled under the Healthy Land, Healthy Lake event.
- Bonnie participates in technical meetings for the One Watershed, One Plan. Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD, is working on strategies on how to present this project to the neighborhoods.
- Jake is a Liaison on the One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee. They are prioritizing activities and working on the implementation schedule.
- John represented MLLWMG on the Rum River One Watershed, One Plan Advisory Committee meeting made up of many local citizens working on strategies of future protection of landscapes and habitats providing a citizens' perspective on what is proposed.
- Barb E. wants more Facebook quotes from SWCDs.
- Wahkon Bog no report.

8. Next Meeting Plan

The next meeting will be **Monday, September 21** via Zoom – extending our own account. M/S/C Barb E./Dave

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

Compiled by Barbara Macioch, Secretary