



Minutes of Meeting Monday, August 16, 10 – 11:30 a.m. CT

Members present: Laurie Westerlund, Chair; Janet Smude, Aitkin SWCD; Dianne Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD; Bob Janzen, Aitkin SWCD; Barb Eller, Rum River Watershed citizen; Perry Bunting & Chad Weiss, MLBO DNR; John Pearson, East Side Mille Lacs citizen

Members absent: Barb Macioch & Mike Macioch, east side lake citizens; Margaret Vos, east side lake citizen; Dave Oslin, Mille Lacs County Commissioner; Angie Moen, citizen Isle; Carol Jacobs, citizen IsleAllan Close & Doug McCormick, Round Lake Association; Bonnie Finnerty, MN Pollution Control Agency; Harmony Maslowski, Lynn Galice, & Susan Shaw, Jake Janski Mille Lacs SWCD

**1. Meeting called to order by Chair Laurie Westerlund at 10 am. Thanks to Garrison Vet's Club for hosting.**

**2. Agenda approved M. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> Perry**

**3. Consent Agenda approved M. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> Perry**

- a. Approved of July 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approved Financial Report by Janet Smude. Attached below.

**4. Discussion and Action**

**Outreach and education efforts**

- Healthy Land, Healthy Lake conference plan finalization and assignments
  - MNL plant preorder is on website: <https://mnnativelandscapes.com/product-category/plants/mlwmg-healthy-land-healthy-lake-plant-sale-event-pre-order/>
  - Yes, it is O.K. to plant natives in September
  - Lead Tackle Exchange: Janet loaned to Round Lake Association. John will order more. This is an educational opportunity emphasis on proper disposal of lead tackle, harm to kids. Janet will manage the Lead Tackle Exchange
  - Lynn & Harmony not able to attend; need to confirm Susan Shaw
  - Draft Compass Member invitational letter drafted by John and sent to Harmony for emailing to Compass Member list
  - Jake to pickup SWAG and MLWVG Display Board
  - Parking Lot: Plant truck (Jake), lead tackle (Janet), CD3 Demo (Perry & Chad)
  - Inside Conference Room/optional outside (?) for Compass Round Table: Margaret, John, Susan
  - Marketing: See HLHL 2021 Promotion Plan under separate email. Barb doing FB promotion with boost/advert after Labor Day. Ask SWCDs, MLACF, Mille Lacs Group, ML Tourism, MLBO to share. John did flyer, Janet to print, Barb to pickup & distribute (needs help).
  - Possible that Aitkin SWCD intern can assist with AIS Field Manual Drawing.
- Informational Topics of the Month
  - Water testing by Chad Weiss: Tested twice this summer, 3<sup>rd</sup> testing soon. Need photos for topic
  - Compass experience by Margaret Voss: Submitted and on website. Excellent article!

**Compass Program activity: No update**

**Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program activity**

- Aitkin County AIS Education Grant (Janet Smude) : Copy of AIS Field Manual for HLHL drawing. Crow Wing County paid half and Dianne paid half. **Thank you!**
- “Stop Spiny” effort by Minnesota AIS Research Center: Starry Trek, Northside of Mille Lacs <https://aitkincountyswcd.wordpress.com/2021/07/09/starry-trek-2021-august-21st/>
- Perry noted that MN is comparing different methods of identifying AIS using eDNA

**Project Water quality trends and reporting**

- Summary report for website (Perry Bunting)
- Survey of current monitoring activity (Barb Eller): Effect of fires, smoke, mercury update (see Facebook)

**5. Updates**

5.1 Media & Communications

Website (John Pearson)

Facebook (Barb Eller): Request members review & share. Invite your friends to HLHL event. Thanks.

5.2 Fundraising / Grant Writing / Membership

Mille Lacs Area Community Foundation grant request (Barb Eller): total budget update \$2285, includes volunteer and SWCD staff time. Grant submitted by Janet. We should hear by November.

5.3 Rum River One Watershed, One Plan : Expect draft for review soon.

5.5 New Business:

- **The City of Wahkon will hold an Open House on September 11th from 10am to 12pm at the Wahkon Community Hall (151 2nd St. E.) to introduce the new Stormwater Management Plan to the citizens of Wahkon.** Lynn will be presenting. Get HLHL flyers to her.
- Wild Rice harvest opens Aug 15 for nonreservation lakes; still illegal to harvest green rice. MLBO sets harvest for Ogechi, Onamia, Shakopee lakes. Wild rice is doing well everywhere this year with low water. Barb do Wildrice FB post.

**6. Next Meeting Plan : Oct 18, 2021, 10 am-1130 am via Zoom (?)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Eller, Temporary Secretary

**Attachment 1. Financial Report**

MLLWMG Financial Report June 2021	Budget Balance	Spent Previous Periods	Spent This Period	Current Balance
<b>MLLWMG FUNDS</b>				
All previous combined	\$ 1,219.36			\$ 1,219.36
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,219.36</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,219.36</b>
<b>2021 Aitkin Co. AIS Educational Grant</b>				
HLHL Event - Advertising	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
HLHL Website Consultant - Event Promotion & Production	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
HLHL - Event Hosting - Mtg Space, Zoom, Refreshments	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
Electronic Education Effort - Website Domain Registration	\$ 25.00	21.17		\$ 3.83
Electronic Education Effort - Website / Media Consultant	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,625.00</b>	<b>\$ 21.17</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,603.83</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,844.36</b>	<b>\$ 21.17</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,823.19</b>