



## **Minutes of Meeting Monday, August 15, 2022; 10 – 11:07 a.m. CT**

**Present:** Jake Janski, MLLWMG ViceChair and Mille Lacs SWCD Supervisor; Barb Eller, MLLWMG Secretary; John Pearson, south side Mille Lacs; Pat Murphy, Pres. Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Association, Long Lake;; Perry Bunting, Dir Environmental Programs, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; Todd Haas, Pres Camp Lake Association; Janet Smude, Aitkin SWCD; Ann Brucciani Lyon, Mille Lacs Area Community Foundation; Tara Bayerl, Westside Mille Lacs; Dianne Jacobson, Crow Wing SWCD Supervisor

**1. Meeting called to order by Jake at 10:03 am. Introductions and welcome.**

**2. Approval of the Agenda – M. Ann 2<sup>nd</sup> John. Approved.**

Add discussion of MLACF grant round

**3. Consent Agenda- M. Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup> John. Approved.**

- July 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes Janet notes correction: Bob Janzen was present.
- Financial report. Attachment 1.

**4. Activity Updates and Discussion**

- **Mille Lacs Compass Program:** NR
- **Rum River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P):** (Jake) The Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) has been initiated for all members who have joined. Staff and the Technical Committee are working on the workplan to be done for the September Advisory Committee meeting. Jake is Chair. All SWCDs participating; Mille Lacs County Board is not; Aitkin is participating and Crow Wing is involved. Jake notes the State is funding only a fraction of 1W1P. Will need other sources of funding.
- **AIS Grant:** Remaining funds available for HLHL this fall.
- **Get the Lead Out:** (John) Will do lead tackle exchange at HLHL. Exploring how to use lead tackle exchange as part of KIC. Topic of the Month on Get the Lead Out posted and to local papers.
- **Keep It Clean (KIC) campaign** (Ann):
  - Ann spoke with MASWCD Board Members to discuss Area 8's KIC resolution, provided additional information, received enthusiastic response. The Resolution Committee meets in August; SWCD balloting occurs in September
  - Thanks to Todd Haas, Major League Fishing will do Blog on their website and announcers will do daily KIC messaging during 5 days of Bass Tournament
  - MN Fishing Expo: Mark Olsten (DNR) is meeting with Robin Dwight (Red Lake KIC) to discuss how to highlight at the fall expo.
  - Regional KIC Team Meeting is end of August. Discussing the media campaign for Nov-Dec. Looking at combined purchasing power. The DNR plan to handout KIC brochure during creel surveys. Will attach nontoxic tackle thanks to MPCA. Tackle is all season.
  - AIS bait bags were distributed, well received. Working with Janet to distribute additional bags from Aitkin SWCD.
  - Aaron Fallon, Naturalist, Kathio & Fr Hennepin State Parks, noted much trash in Ogechie. Goal is to do spring clean-up next year. Needs partner to apply for grant to MLACF.

- KIC mission statement to be revised to include “protection of public waters, wetlands, and wildlife habitat”
- Tedd Haas noted there is a shortage of AIS inspection staff. Major League Fishing has kids activities Sept 10-11. Will broadcast live all 5 days on their website: <https://majorleaguefishing.com/>

## 5. Outreach and Education

- **Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Expo (HLHL):** Booked at McQuoids 9am-12pm Sept 17. Planning committee: Margaret, John, Barb, Jake. Schedule:
  - 10-11 Jake 1W1P update, 11-12 Roundtable Discussion with Compass members and folks involved in shoreland stewardship.
  - Jake to do Plant I.D. Folks to bring their “weeds”.
  - MN Native Landscapes discounted online plant sale: <https://mnlcorp.com/product-category/plants/mlwmg-healthy-land-healthy-lake-event-pre-order/> for pickup at event. Jake can also help with ordering on-site.
  - AIS presence? Perry will talk with Chad r.e. CD3 unit on-site.
  - KIC Campaign presence/handout?
  - Lead Tackle Exchange
  - Janet has signage and handouts. Ann offered to pickup.
  - John invited SD10 candidate Cekala. Barb to invite Sen. Carrie Ruud and Dale Lueck. (check with Margaret). Pat notes it’s good to keep legislators involved. He, Jeff Forestor, & Sen Ruud are meeting to discuss plan.
  - Committee will meet to finalize details: 12 noon, Aug 18 via Zoom.
- **Outreach to resorts, lake associations:** Janet and Dianne plan to do bag of goodies for handouts and for HLHL.
- **Topic of the Month:** Get the Lead Out topic done. John invites all to submit their topic. John distributes to local media, posts on website.

## 6. Tracking and Posting Water Quality Data

- Report on current monitoring activity: (Perry): Monthly water quality samples are done at 16 sites to include Mille Lacs, Lakes Ogechie and Onamia. DNR, Nature Conservancy, his office, fellow tribes met Aug 3 to discuss the monitoring of Wild Rice density. Since the 2014 Ogechie Lake restoration, Wild Rice has come back excellent north and south. John noted use of water temperature in climate change models. Ann notes pharmaceuticals found in surface water. MPCA has done longterm monitoring of pharmaceuticals and personal care products. : <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/nla-reports>

## 7. Organization

- **MLACF grant application:** Barb needs ideas for this application. Suggestions from the Community of Stewards Picnic included a shorter 2 hr session over lunch with ML Compass participants. Other ideas for venues: Combine with Isle Farmers’ Market; promoting at City celebrations around the Lake; partner with James Dauhtery , Red Door Resort, an excellent lake steward; Lakeside Township Hall;; Malmo access. Barb to followup.

## 8. New Business: Bonnie, MPCA notes this fall will gather local partners for next 2 years of MPCA water quality monitoring in our area to begin 2024. They are on 10 year cycle for Rum River watershed. Last done 2013.

## 9. Public Comment : Congratulations to Perry for 31 years of Service!

## 10. Next Meeting October 17, 10-12 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Eller, Secretary, 218-839-4489

**Attachment 1. Financial Report**  
**MLLWMG Financial Report June & July 2022**

|   | <b>Budget<br/>Balance</b> | <b>Spent<br/>Previous<br/>Periods</b> | <b>Spent This<br/>Period</b> | <b>Current<br/>Balance</b> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>MLLWMG FUNDS</b>   |                           |                                       |                              |                            |
| All previous combined   | \$ 1,004.36               | \$ 131.32                             | 0.00                         | \$ 873.04                  |
| Community Stewards Picnic 2022  | \$ 115.00                 |                                       | 46.39                        | \$ 68.61                   |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$ 1,119.36</b>        | <b>\$ 131.32</b>                      | <b>\$ 46.39</b>              | <b>\$ 941.65</b>           |
| <b>Community of Mille Lacs Stewards Picnic - Mille Lacs Area Community Foundation</b> |                           |                                       |                              |                            |
| Space Rental  | \$ 50.00                  |                                       | \$ 60.00                     | \$ (10.00)                 |
| Catering / Meal   | \$ 750.00                 |                                       | 500.00                       | \$ 250.00                  |
| Speaker Stipend   | \$ 200.00                 |                                       | 200.00                       | \$ -                       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$ 1,000.00</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>                           | <b>\$ 760.00</b>             | <b>\$ 240.00</b>           |
| <b>Aquatic Invasive Species Education Funding, Aitkin County</b>                      |                           |                                       |                              |                            |
| Activity # 1). Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Expo  |                           |                                       |                              |                            |
| Advertising - Newspapers, Social Media, Banners                                       | \$ 1,000.00               |                                       |                              | \$ 1,000.00                |
| MLLWMG Website Consultant - Promotion & Production                                    | \$ 1,000.00               |                                       |                              | \$ 1,000.00                |
| Event Hosting - Mtg Space, Zoom Subscription,<br>Refreshments                         | \$ 375.00                 |                                       |                              | \$ 375.00                  |
| Activity # 2). Website / Facebook / Marketing Expenses                                |                           |                                       |                              |                            |
| Website Hosting & Domain Registration   | \$ 300.00                 | 296.73                                | 0                            | \$ 3.27                    |
| Keep It Clean Campaign Support  | \$ 500.00                 | 500.00                                | 0.00                         | \$ -                       |
| MLLWMG Website / Social Media Consultant  | \$ 300.00                 |                                       |                              | \$ 300.00                  |
| Activity # 3. CD3 Watercraft Cleaning Station Support                                 | \$ 1,025.00               |                                       | 1,025.00                     | \$ -                       |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$ 4,500.00</b>        | <b>\$ 796.73</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,025.00</b>           | <b>\$ 2,678.27</b>         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>\$ 6,619.36</b>        | <b>\$ 928.05</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,831.39</b>           | <b>\$ 3,859.92</b>         |