



Minutes of Meeting Monday, August 19, 2024

Present: Margaret Vos, Chair, East Mille Lacs; Jake Janksi, ViceChair, Supervisor Mille Lacs SWCD, Chair, Rum River Watershed Partnership; Barb Eller, Secretary; John Pearson, Communications, South Mille Lacs; Sue Lyback, South Mille Lacs; Lydia Godfrey, Isanti SWCD, Outreach Rum River Partnership; Dianne Jacobson, Supervisor, Crow Wing SWCD; Lynn Gallice, Mille Lacs SWCD; Bonnie Goshey, MN Pollution Control Agency; Ann Brucciani Lyon, MLACF, Keep It Clean Coalition; Cynthia Johnson, Platte Lake, Sustainable Food Systems; Pat Murphy, Pres. ACLARA, Long Lake; Bob Jansen, Supervisor Aitkin SWCD; Chelsey Koebernick, Watershed Management, Aitkin SWCD; Sam Seybold, Aitkin SWCD; Angie Moen, Depot Studios, Isle; Tara Bayerl

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Agenda. M. Barb 2nd Jake Approved.

3. 7/15/24 Meeting Minutes. Corrections: Bonnie Goshey was present, add; Correct spelling of Vos. M. Ann 2nd Approved with corrections.

4. Financial Report . See attachment 1. M. Ann 2nd Jake Approved.

- Barb and Margaret opened MLLWG Checking and Savings Accounts with Blaze Credit Union, Isle. Requires annual use of debit card to have free checking.
- Received balance of funds from fiscal agent Aitkin SWCD of \$1368.59
- Margaret donated \$200 to open accounts. \$190 to checking; \$10 to savings to establish our membership in Blaze.
- Total funds: \$1568.59. ML Compass Brochures. Cost: \$139.59 Balance: \$1429 which matches current balance from Blaze.
- Expenses projected:
 - \$100 still pending payment for KIC website. Ann let us know how to spend.
 - 2024 website expense approved 3/18: \$450
 - Membership, Mn Lakes and Rivers Advocates: \$100
 - Reserve funds for HLHL'24: \$91.63 This is lower than previously projected, thanks to assist from the Rum River Partnership (Lydia).
 - Total projected expenses: \$741.63
- Total donations received (Margaret); \$1025. Met our goal. Will only launch another campaign when the need arises. This may be sufficient for 1-2 years.
- Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Budget:
 - Available funds: Aitkin County AIS grant \$2030, Rum River Partnership \$500, Gen Operating Funds reserve \$91.63. Total: \$2622
 - Projected expenses: \$2622. Of this, \$174.59 spent. Balance: \$2447

5. Organization

- Bylaws follow-up: John updating name change. Updated logo is available from John. Currently working on website updates.
- Updates
 - Fundraising campaign for operating expenses: See above. Thanks to all. Future donations to "Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group"

- Organizational memberships: Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates TBD September 7.

6. Outreach and Education

- 2024 Healthy Land, Healthy Lake Update, Sat, Sept 7, 9-1, setup 8:30.
 - Jake: Plant sale live, link is active. \$20 discount. Jake bringing orders to event.
 - Event activities: AIS. Perry/ Chad will bring CD3, Aitkin SWCD to assist. Table presentation along side the CD3. Chelsey will follow-up.. Jake Plant I.D. Ann on KIC update. John doing Get Out the Lead. Mille Lacs Compass. Barb doing trifold update. Guy and Lily Haglund will staff the Compass table with photos of their projects.
 - Lunch and learn program: Peter Willis, DNR Forestry (ret) 'How to Care for Your Trees in a Small Woodlot'. Lunch from Smokin' Mortar.
 - Bonnie is attending and will bring MPCA information.
 - Pat not able to attend. AIS banner will go to Ann to bring.
 - Barb will email Chelsey with details for AIS assist.
 - Flyers went out 8/14. Distributed around lake 8/15.
 - Promotion: Send request for flyer to John, website updated with event, MNL link up for discounted plants, press release going out, Lynn email to ML Compass (done 8/16), Margaret distributed flyers to her neighbors taking advantage of 1:1 contact. Brochures will go to all.
 - Thanks to Sue Lyback for walk about Fjordhaven. Sue extends an open invitation to the group to visit. Guy & Lily Haglund have invited folks to walk about on their property September 4. Details to follow.

7. Continuing Projects and Activities

- Mille Lacs Compass Program: Lynn working with Wahkon person on storm water management; Pine Island owner reached out; working on data from ML Drone Study.
- Activity Check-ins
 - Rum River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Jake): Lydia is promoting HLHL on their platforms.
 - Get the Lead Out Tackle Exchange (John): N/R
 - Keep it Clean Campaign (Ann) Collin West, Clean Up The Lake, will be here 16-29 September to identify garbage hotspots; Mark Olsen provided coordinates of high fishing areas; underwater videographer is helping; reached out to MLBO and others for press coverage; will need boat to collect garbage; local diveshops involved; volunteer divers contact Ann and she will forward. Work underway for '24-'25 ice season.

8. New Business & Public Comment

9. Action Summary and Next Meeting Plan

- October 18 in-person Meeting, MLBO Government Center, Peter Okura is speaker. Agenda to follow.
- Adjourned 10:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Eller
Secretary, MLLWG

Presentation: Mille Lacs Prioritizing Study, Sam Seybold, Aitkin Soil and Water Conservation District

Attachment 1.

MLLWMG Financial Report January-August 2024

Corrected 10.18.2024 Corrections underlined.

MLLWMG FUNDS INCOME

	Budget Balance	Spent Previous Periods	Donations	Spent This Period	Current Balance
Balance transfer from Aitkin SWCD					\$ 1,368.59
Vos donation to open checking account			\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
Savings Interest					
Subtotal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,568.59

EXPENSES

Lakeland Printing-ML Compass Brochure				\$ 139.59	\$ (139.59)
Keep it Clean Website	100.00				
2024 Website approved 3/18/24	450.00				
Member MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates	100.00				
Reserve Funds for HLHL '24	91.63				
Subtotal:	741.63				

BALANCE: \$ 1,429.00

Blaze Checking Account \$ 700.00

Blaze Share/Savings Account \$ 710.00

BALANCE: \$ 1,429.00

Healthy Land, Healthy Lake 2024

Aitkin County AIS Education Grant 2024					\$ 2,030.00
Rum River Partnership Contribution					\$ 500.00
Gen Operating Funds					<u>\$ 252.59</u>
Newspaper Ads	\$375.00				
Social Media- Facebook Ads	\$100.00				
Printing - Flyer	\$35.00			\$35.00	
Printing - Compass & MLLWG Brochure	\$139.59			\$139.59	

MLLWMG Website/Social Media Consultant 12 hrs @ \$ 34.47	\$414		
Host venue rental (McQuoid's)			
Rent	\$301.00		
<u>Smokin Mortar Lunch</u>	<u>236.15</u>		
<u>Lunch Items</u>	<u>57.21</u>		
Buns	\$100.00		
BBQ Sauce			
Cookies			
Chips, OG Blue Corn Tortilla, 3#			
Compostable Sporks, 100 cnt			
Plates Compostable (Margaret)			
Caboo Tree free Compostable Napkins 250 cnt			
Compostable cups (last year supply)			
Speaker Stipend	\$100.00		
CD3 UNIT SUPPORT via AIS Grant	\$1,025.00		
TOTAL:	<u>\$2782.59</u>	\$174.59	\$ <u>2782.59</u>