



Minutes of Meeting Monday, January 22, 2024

1. Roll Call: Margaret Vos, Chair, East Mille Lacs; John Pearson, Communications, South Mille Lacs; Barb Eller, Secretary, Rum River Watershed; Mary Kay and Nick Tinker, Wahkon; Veronica Lundquist, Aitkin SWCD; Bob Janzen, Aitkin SWCD Supervisor; Cynthia Johnson, Platte Lake; Dianne Jacobsen, Crow Wing SWCD Supervisor; Chad Woolson, Lake Restore; Bonnie Goshey, MPCA; Chad Weiss, Water Resource Manager, MLBO DNR; Perry Bunting, Director Environmental Programs, MLBO DNR; Pat Murphey, Pres. Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Assoc, Long Lake; Ann Brucciani Lyon, MLACF, Keep It Clean, East Mille Lacs

2. Agenda : No additions or corrections. Approved by Chair.

3. Minutes of 8/21/23 : M. Ann 2nd John Approved
Minutes of 11/20/23 : M. Ann 2nd Pat Approved

4. Financial Report : See attachment 1. M. Barb 2nd John Approved.

- Ann: Keep It Clean dollars were rolled back to budget. Janet plans to reapply in 2024.
- Veronica : Unspent \$1689 from 2023 AIS grant returns to Aitkin County. John's expenses have been paid.
- **2024 AIS grant is due Mar 4. Barb to draft by Feb 15. Cynthia, Margaret, John, and Pat to review. Veronica will review, cosign, and send to AIS coordinator. Chad to send Barb funds needed for CD3 maintenance. John to send info r.e. website costs.**

5. Organization

- **By-Laws update: M. Barb 2nd John. Approved.**
 - Changes Officer election to October meeting, 2 year terms
 - Membership remains separated between regular members and our advisors to avoid any conflicts of interest related to funding.
- Budget planning and spending approvals
 - John: Annual renewal of website Mar 5 est. \$350. **M. Ann 2nd Pat Approved payment not to exceed \$350**
- 2024 organizational focus, goals, and objectives
 - Barb suggests focus on tree and forest management outreach for 2024 in line with our 10 year plan update. Pat agrees. Barb will send letter of inquiry to Mille Lacs SWCD for potential funding of 2-3 Lunch & Learns, the fall Healthy Land Healthy Lake Expo, website and advertising expenses. Funds: Rum River Watershed Implementation Funds
- 2024 Meeting schedule (2023 met Jan., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Nov.): **Next meeting Feb 26, 10-11:30, April Planning meeting.** Need October meeting for Officer elections. Other meeting dates to be confirmed at April planning meeting
- **April Planning Meeting : Friday April 19, 1-5 pm.** Tentative location: MLBO Government Center. Perry will check schedule and request.
 - Agenda to include funding, kitchen sink topics, face2face meetings

6. Activity Updates

Compass Program and Other Preservation and Improvement Activities

- Mille Lacs Compass Program : See Lynn Gallice update attachment 2.
- [Rum River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan](#): Recommend that the group review the resources available. Barb recommends review of minimum [the Workplan](#) and the [Landscape Stewardship Plan](#) that informs the Watershed Plan.

- AIS grant for 2024 (Veronica): See under Financial Report.
- Get the Lead Out Tackle Exchange (John) : Opportunity for any/all events this year.
- Keep it Clean Campaign (Ann) : Mille Lacs business participation is 100% this year; Geofencing Ad started last week; 3 billboards up-Reed's (south facing), west mille lacs near Twilight Road, Lyback's (east); social media reach 18,300; Joe Henry & Ann featured in Lake Country Journal; Gull Lake Chain of Lakes (8 lakes) joined; Ann's interview in Her Voice; Bonnie & Ann meeting with Collin West with Clean Up The Lake for assessment dive of garbage and AIS in Mille Lacs now scheduled for September 2024; Castle's Resort has added garbage cans along ice roads; Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management ran radio ad incorporating KIC; Ann did WCCO 15 minute segment on KIC
- Loon platform and other updates and proposals: N/R

Outreach and Education

- 2024 Activities and events outlook and planning : See #5

7. Presentation (11 a.m.): Chad Woolson from [Lake Restore](#) on nanobubble technology for improving water quality and clarity. Uses technology from <https://www.moleaer.com/> and contributes to sustainable lake management. Thanks for excellent presentation.

Chad Woolson, chad@lakerestore.com, 612.961.9854

8. New Business & Public Comment: N/R

9. Action Summary and Next Meeting Plan:

- AIS draft grant due Feb 15 (Barb)
- Next meeting Mon Feb 26, 10-11:30

Respectfully submitted,
 Barb Eller, Secretary
 218-839-4489

Attachment 1. Financial Report

MLLWMG Financial Report November & December 2023	Budget Balance	Spent Previous Periods	Donations	Spent This Period	Current Balance
MLLWMG FUNDS					
All previous combined	\$ 733.04	\$ 341.28	\$ 458.53	0.00	\$ 850.29
Lunch & Learns - Printing, Facebook Ad	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00		0.00	\$ -
Keep It Clean Website	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00
Subtotal	\$ 873.04	\$ 341.28	\$ 458.53	\$ -	\$ 950.29
Lunch & Learns 2023 - COMPLETED					
Venues (3)	700.00	900.00		\$ -	\$ (200.00)
Speaker Stipends	300.00	100.00			\$ 200.00
Subtotal	1,000.00	1,000.00		\$ -	\$ -

Aitkin County AIS Education Grant 2023 - COMPLETED

Healthy Land Healthy Lake Expo

				\$	
Advertising	1,000.00	730.34	292.77	(23.11)	\$
Website Consultant	1,000.00		375	625.00	\$
Event Hosting	475.00	301	0.00	174.00	\$
Lunch	250.00	250.22	0	(0.22)	\$
Website / Facebook / Marketing				-	\$
Website Hosting, Domain Name					\$
Registration	300.00	261.05	0	38.95	\$
Keep It Clean Campaign Support	650.00			650.00	\$
Website / Social Media Consultant	300.00		75	225.00	\$
CD3 Watercraft Cleaning Station Support	1,025.00	1,025.00	-	-	\$
Subtotal	5,000.00	2,567.61	742.77	1,689.62	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grand Total	6,873.04	3,908.89	458.53	742.77	2,639.91

Attachment 2. Mille Lacs Compass Program Update, Lynn Gallice, Mille Lacs SWCD



Mille Lacs SWCD Compass Up-Date January 2024

The Mille Lacs SWCD has applied for 1W1P Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) for Project Development and BMP Project Funds for shoreline work in Isle Harbor and East Side Township. Deliverables include 320 linear feet of shoreline restoration and/or protection on Mille Lacs Lake. These projects will include a 20 ft shoreline restoration for a landowner identified during Project Development for DIY No-Mow Buffer project from previous WBIF request. Additional projects may include establishment of native plant buffers in place of turf grass and restoration of eroding shorelines. Projects may be identified from Aitkin SWCD drone survey of Mille Lacs Lake shoreline.

Project development will target shoreline on Mille Lacs Lake in Isle Harbor and East Side Township. These townships are mainly small, privately owned parcels. The shoreline on these parcels has exhibited erosion, many parcels have a bluff at the shoreline and many landowners in these townships have shown interest in site visits in the past. Staff will also work with the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group to connect with landowners interested in shoreline improvements. This work will include attending Healthy Land Healthy Lake events sponsored by the MLLWGM in order to meet interested landowners.

Site of Shoreline Restoration to be installed in 2024



Target Area for Project Development and BMPs

