

**LMBIA May 26, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 7pm
VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Julene Schatz. Members present: Kristin Jaquith, Karen Peterson, Tom Rotz, Don Kotila, Stan Kittelson, Laurie Boll, Robert Hantge, , Jeff Bullert and Kristi Ties. Absent was: Todd Kuechle

Minutes: The April minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting by all. One correction was noted. A motion was made to accept the secretary's minutes by Robert and 2nd by Karen.

Treasurer's Report: Todd was absent for a treasurer report. The bills: Clark Company for AIS treatment: \$2589.05, Graphic Designs: \$70.71 and \$350 for Rickert to finish removing the culvert. Julene asked for a motion to approve and pay these bills for payment and Tom so moved and 2nd by Kristi.

OLD BUSINESS:

Directory Advertisers: Jeff gave a report that he is starting for next year.

Membership: Kristi has 15 extra Directories left from 2019 in her possession. Julene had one more paid membership for 2020. Julene has been contacted by back lot owners wanting to have a LMBIA directory at a reduced rate. Kristin brought up that all people should pay the FULL Membership dues to receive a directory. The board agreed.

Christensen Land Update: Julene had emailed Vic by email concerning his decisions on his CRP reenrollment. Vic's response was: "I am still working with Josh at the FSA and with Fish and Wildlife....my hopes are to firm up what we are going to do in the next few weeks. If we decide to go with another CRP program I would like for the Minnie Belle Association to assist in some of the expenses (Burn, mow, reseed or whatever) they ask us to do to be included in the next CRP program". The board discussed this request and they came to the conclusion that if LMBIA starts paying a share of the CRP costs we would be asked to pay for other CRP owners. Stan brought up that maybe US Fish & Wildlife may want to purchase this CRP land.

Nygaard CRP: Stan mentioned that he found out the old Roy Nygaard CRP land is being re-enrolled into CRP by his daughter who now owns it. Also she hired someone from Kimball.

Clark Weed Treatment: Clark treated 2.7 acres of Curly Leaf. Milfoil survey has not been completed yet. Don cannot meet with them yet do to social distancing.

Inspections/Don: Julene had contacted Ariana from AIS who reported 87 boat inspections from 7am to 5 pm for the county. Julene expressed concern about the fishing leagues that are coming in later in the evenings. Don K. will check with Ariana on extended hours.

Adopt a Highway and Zebra Mussels Report by Don: Adopt the HWY Clean-up was held Thursday May 21st. 17 total volunteers, all went well, lots of wood ticks. Don said the zebra mussel traps will be out the week of June 1st.

Elections: Terms up this year are: Don, Kristi, Robert H, and Karen. Karen is willing to serve again. Kristi and Robert will not be able to serve. Interest lake owners that have express interest to be on the ballot for LMBIA board are: Mrs. Tom (Carrie) Bauman on the southeast side of the lake. Carrie has emailed Robert Krueger to see if he is still interested.

New Business

In-Kind Hours Spreadsheet: Jeff B. downloaded the hours as of 05/26/20. Julene asked what is counted as in-kind hours for reporting proposes. AIS & MCAL meetings should count, along with inspectors and Clark Co., AIS Grants, \$20/hour is the calculated for 1000 hours so keep good records. Julene said so this is our assignment.

2020 Annual Meeting 3rd Saturday July 18th: Due to COVID-19 we discussed going back to the Beckville Church Picnic grounds. Kristin will contact Beckville Church on our options whether it even can be the church or should be the picnic grounds. There was discussion on whether or not to have again or have something individually per packaged.

Next Monthly Meeting: will be July 14th the 2nd Tuesday for final preparations for the Annual Meeting.

Lock Box: Kristi said the lock box for the east landing isn't working. She said it does have a one year warranty so she will check on it or buy a new one. A motion was made to approve Kristi's purchase if needed, and Karen so moved and Julene 2nd it.

New Project needed for an upland farmland drainage project on the south-side by Stan's. We need to know what is needed for grant applications. Also we need to visit with the new owner of the land. Contact Joe Norman at Meeker SWCD for ideas.

June Meeting Online: There will be a **Zoom** meeting on June 23rd. There will be two virtual meetings in June and we did in May using the web back to back at 7:00 and 7:45pm.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Stan and 2nd by Don

Respectfully Submitted: by Laurie.