LMBIA BOARD MEETING Sept. 18, 2018 @ Bonfire

Members Present: Cliff Willhite, Tom Rotz, Laurie Boll, Robert Hantge, Steve Hatlestad, Stan Kittelson, Todd Kuechle, Steve Stepien, Julene Schatz, Kristi Ties. Newest member later elected, Don Kotila,

Vice President Cliff Willhite called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. August 18th minutes were reviewed by all prior to the meeting. Cliff asked for a motion to accept the Secretary's minutes and Steve S. so moved and Kristi seconded it.

Treasurer's report was handed to everyone and report was given by Todd Kuechle. Todd reported expenses paid from RMB for $136, Reimbursement for Annual Meeting charcoal for $48.03, Automatic Center Bank reorder of LMBIA checks for $20.95.

New bills are RMB for $16, Clarke Co. AIS treatment for $4345.64, Annual Picnic food expenses at Econo-Foods paid by Linda Larson for$183.66, North Star Insurance E&O policy renewal $324. Robert Hantge presented the $264 bill from Piehl, Hansen, Beckman P.A. , $150 to the Beckville Church for the use of the Picnic grounds. Income: LMBIA received a check for $25 in honor of Debbie Jergens who recently passed. Cliff asked for a motion to approve the treasures report and Steve H. so moved and seconded by Julene.

New Member to be elected for fill Linda Larson's 2 year term. Both Don Kotila and Jeff Bullert each came forward and gave their reasons why they wish to serve on the LMBIA board. After listening to each of them the board conducted a paper ballot. New member elected is Don Kotila to fill Linda Larson's 2 year term.

Web Site Update by Kristi: Web Page has been up and running since mid-August. Ability to pay membership dues on-line will be available October/November. Todd is explained that it is handled thru a Pay Pal account, with a link on the Web Site with a fee of 30 cents per transaction plus 2.2 % if using a credit card. Kristi needs new photos of Tom & Don.

Moving the LMBIA meeting date. There was discussion on moving the LMBIA meeting date from the 3rd Tuesday to the 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be October 23rd. Dock Side and the Bonfire will need to be informed. Stan made a motion to approve this change and Steve H. 2nd it.

Update the Bylaws 1.7.1 to elect board officers at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting. Robert Hantge handed out copies of the Bylaw changes for the election of officers. There was a lot of discussion if the board should make these changes and hire our lawyer. It would be costly. There was more discussion on the Annual Meeting to change it to coffee and rolls in the morning instead of a noon dinner with a speaker. This would not take as long with not such a large cleanup so the election of the board members will take place immediately after the Annual Meeting. Then the Bylaws would remain as stated. Laurie asked for a motion to rescind the minutes of the June 2018 minutes and Stan 2nd it. The Bylaws 1.7.1 will remain as originally stated.

MCAL: Tom Rotz has volunteered to replace Tom Hess as the new MCAL representative. Tom Rotz came forward and asked what this was all about. Steve S. said MCAL is our voice at the state level.

AIS Inspection Update: Steve S. said there were over 3,000 boat inspections this year on Minnie-Belle.

MBO Update: Steve S and Steve H. said that Phase 1 permit has been sent into the State for approval. We are waiting for Ethan the hydrologist to approve dredging that need to be done in February 2019 when the water/cattails are frozen.

Update on the Chuck and Pam Anderson farmland property possible purchase: The board discussed that it could be up to 15 acres that needs to be purchased. Cliff talked to Joe Norman from Meeker SWCD and he needs to wait for the soybeans to be off the field to do a survey to see how many acres are needed to take care of the runoff of the MB9 project. Auction sale is November 9th. Board will discuss at the next meeting on October 23rd. Steve S. said there is grant money available for this type of purchase. Stan said we have good data on the runoff on the MB9 project.

New Business

Steve informed the board that AIS maximum is $12,500 per year. BWSR maximum is $5,000 for 2 years, and that the CPLGP which is t the "Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program" is limited by project but up to $100,000 for 4 years.

Adjournment: Cliff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Julene so moved and Steve S. seconded it.

September Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Boll.