

LMBIA BOARD MEETING – February 17, 2016 @ 7:30 pm LOCATION - THE BONFIRE

Members present:

Tom Hess, Laurie Boll, Dick Baril, Robert Hantge, Dan Fitterer, Larry Rewerts, Stan Kittelson and Cliff Willhite Absent: Shirley Kronbeck, Linda Larson Tim Plehal

President Tom Hess called the meeting to order.

January minutes were reviewed, corrected and approved and Tom asked for motion to accept the Secretary's report. Robert made a motion and Cliff 2nd the motion. In Shirley's absence Tom gave the treasure's report. Tom asked for motion to accept the Treasures report which Dick so moved and Dan 2nd the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: MB2 Project: Tom was informed everyone at the AIS meeting that Joe Norman from SWCD informed him that the MB2 projected may funded after all. The Meeker SWCD might have up to \$10,000. Joe Norman said to get 3 contractor bids to submit to the office. The 3 contractors that were mentioned were: David Ludtke Construction of Hutchinson, Gerald Whitcomb Constructions of Grove City and Lindberg Construction of Cokato. Tom went on to summarize that with the possible \$10,000 from SWCD, \$5000 from Greenleaf Township, and the \$7700 from MCAL would total a possible \$22,700 toward the MB2 project.

County AIS Meeting: Tom was informed at the meeting that the CROW will be constructing Zebra Mussel Samplers and area lakes will be given 3 each.

AIS treatment notification: Tom informed the board that DNR approved our use of the "LMBIA Winter/Spring Newsletter Article" and the "Notification/ Waiver Form" in the newsletter as the proper method for lake wide AIS treatment notification. Tom asked the board if we should also do a public notification in the Meeker/McLeod Advertiser. It was decided that we should stay with what DNR approved.

State of Water Conference: Tom announced that on April 14 & 15 he will attended the conference. He asked for volunteers to go with him to the conference in Alex at the Arrowwood.

Governor's Clean Water Summit will be held on February 27th. This event will likely set the Governor's water agenda in coming months and years.

Water Quality: Stan said the water sample bags are coming in March.

Directory Advertising Update: Shirley has sent the letters to businesses that advertise in the LMBIA Directory. Dick mentioned that former board member Dean Olan as a possible person that may go out and promote advertising in the directory.

Annual LMBIA Meeting in July: There was discussion to leave the Annual Meeting as Saturday morning coffee and rolls as was done in 2015. Tom mentioned that B & B Sports from Hutchinson may volunteer to supply coffee. DNR speaker will be at the Annual Meeting.

Lake Stewardship: Tom brought up the idea to try to form a group of Lake Stewards that would be our “Ambassadors” for about 12 areas of the lake to promote membership similar to our “Lake Captains”. Cliff brought up the idea to send a letter out to the Lake Captains asking for volunteers. Board was happy with this idea.

DNR AIS Watercraft Inspections:

Tom asked the board if we want to spend some money and try to get some DNR Watercraft Inspections in addition to what the County would help provide in 2016. The board vetoed this and decided to just go with the Meeker County Sheriff Department’s help with AIS inspections.

Newsletter: Larry stated that the Winter/Spring LMBIA newsletter will be going to be mailed in March.

In-Kind Hours: Robert gathered the total “In-kind Hours” for tonight’s meeting for grant applications.

Adjournment:

Stan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Robert seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted – Laurie Boll, Secretary