

**LMBIA June 23, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 7pm  
VIA WEB CONFERENCE**

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

**Minutes:** The May minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting by all. A motion was made to accept the secretary's minutes by Julene and 2nd by Tom. All were in favor of the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Todd gave the treasurers report and presented the bills. He mentioned that we have received the balance of \$14,000 from Meeker County for AIS. Todd has transferred \$22,622 from general checking to AIS checking, which is for payments made last year out of the wrong account mostly for AIS access inspection fees and AIS treatment. He transferred \$11,979 from general checking to AIS checking to AIS checking. This is the portion of the membership dues that belongs in the AIS account. **Bills:** Meeker County Hwy Dept. for \$1,221.52 for the culvert. Todd asked the board if we should pay Conservation MN \$200 annual membership since we did not in 2019. Stan made a motion to pass on this membership and not pay and Todd 2<sup>nd</sup> it. All were in favor of this motion. LMBIA is a member of MN Lakes and River with annual fee of \$200.

Julene asked for a motion to approve and pay these bills for payment and Laurie so moved and 2nd by Kristi.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Directory & Membership Update:** Directors have been mailed out. There are about 25 extras. Kristi has received 5 new memberships. She will give them to Todd for deposit.

**Clark Weed Treatment:** Don gave the weed treatment report. 6 acres have been treated in East Bay and the Lagoon for Milfoil and Curly Leaf by Clark.

**Zebra Mussel Traps:** Don said mussel traps were put out in 10 locations, some which are new.

**Elections:** Terms up this year are: Don, Kristi, Robert H, and Karen. Karen is willing to serve and Robert Krueger has come forward to be on the ballot.

**In-Kind Hours:** Julene stated we need to keep tract of our hours on the updated spreadsheet. Kristi has set up on the Web Site a google drive spreadsheet. Julene asked Kristen to keep tract on time she spends with meetings and grants. Also Tom's research on the cleaning stations he has done in hours. All articles in newsletters on AIS count. **MCAL** is separate from AIS. Tom says he keeps track of his hours anyway. Karen is keeping track of her hours of the MB9 project. Limno-Pro survey has to be specific with an explanation. Julene says Adriana says we need to be specific on what is documented on what is done. Don reported that he has talked to Steve Stepien and he is keeping track of his time on what he does. Julene did send Steve an email asking for his documentation.

**MCAL** grant deadline is October. **AIS** grant deadline is November. Any articles should count for In-Kind Hours. Don has time to report on Zebra Mussel traps with his son helping.

**July Annual Meeting:** will be July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the Beckville Church picnic grounds. Outdoors do to social distancing. Bring your own chairs, no food and beverage, and get gift certificates was discussed. Final plans will be made on July 14<sup>th</sup> at our next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MBO9 Project:** Karen has been working with the new owner, John Martin on the Chuck and Pam Anderson land. John has contacted Joe Norman Meeker County SWCD on the options for CRP. Joe says it's a maybe qualify for a 50 feet width along the curve next to the road ditch. Karen mentioned that Joe informed her that there are Lake Associations around that pay incentives to land owners to put land into CRP. There was discussion amongst board members and may make a decision at a future meeting. Karen also suggested in writing a grant on MBO9. She said John will talk to Joe Norman to see how much he is willing to put into CRP.

**Christensen Land Update:** Julene had contacted Vic by email concerning his decisions on his CRP reenrollment. Vic has met with the Meeker County FSA considering reenrolling in CRP. The US Fish and Wildlife is interested in purchasing it but have no money.

**Blind Curve** is dangerous on 190<sup>th</sup> Street. Stan reported that the grasses on the ditches have been cut. Dan Barka has asked Stan to address the trees down on this curve.

**Communication** with the past board members was discussed. Don says that Steve Stepien is working on lake issues so Don keeps Steve in the loop. There are some past board members, now listed as advisors that do not want to be on the email lists. Julene said she will email Dick Baril, Larry Rewertz, Marilyn Buboltz, Linda Larson, Steve Hatlestad, Tom Hess, Roger Jergens and Cliff Willhite to get their response.

**Next Monthly Meeting:** will be July 14<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday for final preparations for the Annual Meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Julene and 2nd by Karen

**Respectfully Submitted: by Laurie.**