

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

#### East Battle Lake Watershed Association Meeting

Members Present: Carl & Brenda Loge, Eleanor & Leonard Smith, Wayne Hilchen, Carol Overvold, Bob Fritz, Don Wick, Barb Young, Greg Seaburg, Mary Robar, Jennifer Hilton, & Glenn Scott.

Previous meeting's notes read & accepted.

Financial report: Webster traveling, so no new update.

Fish stocking: Mary reported: Jim Bowzick (spelling), usual vendor source that Clyde Millerbernd uses, reported that many of his stock ponds froze over the winter, and he would not be able to supply the walleyes he thought he could. He suggested we return the permit as "unfulfilled" and try again for September. Due to government contracts, this vendor would be unable to fulfill any stocking in October, so September was our best chance. It was agreed that 2-year-old, 12" fish would be the best. 3000 fish would be around \$10,000. Other vendors will be looked for supply. Mary will investigate this.

Dam issue: Letter that was drafted by Carl Loge & Bob Fritz laying out the beaver dam concern to be sent to Julie Aadland, area DNR hydrologist, by Mary. Request to ask DNR to get back to us within 2 weeks in order to address at next board meeting. Wayne volunteered to let association members know what is going on. Motion approved to send letter.

Water Testing: The creeks were slow due to limited precipitation, so sampling may be limited in the future if rainfall continues to be low. Mary has a new site map to send to pollution control. Mary read "WRAPS" report from DNR regarding our lake. Our lake is in good shape, but in a critical phase. The report said it was important to take steps to prevent significant damage. Some of which were: work with local farmers to prevent local run-off, shoreline restoration projects, sewer septic tanks meeting current code standards, MN PCA may be able to provide funding to work some of these.

Annual Meeting: August 29<sup>th</sup> date set tentatively based on Covid-19 issue. Henning Community Center has been secured for that date. Henning Lions will do food preparation. The speaker had not yet been able to confirm that date. Watermelon Day has been cancelled.

Question was asked if we want to get the Lakeshore Association involved in spraying army worms. After further discussion, it was decided that would be outside the scope of the Watershed's mission statement.

Next meeting July 14<sup>th</sup> at Jennifer Hilton's building in Vining.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.