

Big Sandy Area Lakes Watershed Management Project  
Executive Council & Technical Team Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2018

Attendance: Dick Beatty, Big Sandy Lake Association; Anna Bosch, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Jim Carlson, Big Sandy Lake; Barb Dahl, Carlton County SWCD Supervisor; Ray Gurske, Tamarack River Watershed Team; Ramona Hooper, McGregor Township Supervisor; Dawn Lippo, Cromwell South Island Lake; Phil Lippo, Cromwell South Island Lake; Pat McGinn, Lake Minnewawa; Gary Peterson, Carlton County Commissioner; Pat Rath, Lake Minnewawa; Al Rinta, Tamarack Sno-Flyers; Carmen Rinta, Tamarack Sno-Flyers / Round Lake; Janet Smude, Aitkin County SWCD; Frank Turnock, Aitkin County SWCD Supervisor.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairperson Barb Dahl. The agenda was approved as presented M/S/C Carmen Rinta / Frank Turnock.

2. The August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. M/S/C Gary Peterson / Pat McGinn.

3. Old Business:

3.1 2018 Aitkin County AIS Grant: It was noted that \$ 872 remains in this grant that ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The grant funds could either be used on an educational project, or returned to Aitkin County. Carmen Rinta has worked to gather prices for additional AIS educational items. With this funding we could purchase around 62 tackle boxes, similar to those purchased in the past. The group decided to order the small tackle boxes with the remaining funds. M/S/C Frank Turnock / Pat Rath. Carmen Rinta will work with McGregor Printing to order these.

3.2. Lake Association / Lake Advocate Sharing Session: Melanie Bomier and Janet Smude were not able to find a date this fall that would work for the next session. The group discussed potential dates for the spring. The middle of May was suggested as the best alternative. Melanie Bomier has proposed having a successful / active lake association come to the next session and share their strategies for success.

3.3. WRAPS Ambassador Meeting Rescheduled: The next WRAPS Ambassador meeting has been re-scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids. Everyone is welcome to attend. Strategies for restoring and protecting water quality will be discussed.

Anna Bosch shared information on the "Aquanesia" event coming up on Saturday and Sunday on Grand Rapids. Interested teams are invited to play this fun ,outdoor adventure game for families. More information is available online.

4. New Business: There was no new business.

5. Working Session:

5.1. Sub Watershed Project Reports:

5.1.1. SWHIM: It was noted that things are slowing down in this watershed as fall approaches.

5.1.2. Sandy Lake: Jim Carlson reported that the BSLA and partners are working to coordinate an informational seminar on septic system and private well management. This will be held in the spring in the Big Sandy Lake area.

5.1.3. Sandy River: There was no new information to share.

5.1.4. Tamarack River: The rain barrel was given away at the Cromwell Harvest Fest. A visitor from Barnum was the winner. 81 information packets were also given away.

5.1.5. Prairie Lake / River: No report was shared.

5.2. New Project Submissions: There were no new project submissions.

6. Agenda Additions: There were no agenda additions.

7. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th. It will be held at the Tamarack Sno-Flyers Clubhouse. The meeting was followed by a tour of Peat Inc, Cromwell Facility. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm. M/S/ Pat McGinn / Jim Carlson.