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Outcomes July 14th, 5-6 pm, 2022

Meeting at Kanabec Soil & Water Office
or remotely via. WebEx (emailed login)
Kanabec County - Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA)
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Kanabec Lake Associations:
Ann Lake Watershed Alliance
Fish Lake Improvement Assn.
Knife Lake Improvement District
Lewis Lake Property Owners' Assn.
Pomroy Lake Assn.
Quamba Lake Assn.
Kanabec Rivers

Kanabec County COLA Identity: Concerned citizens of the lakes in Kanabec County working towards better water quality for the common good. Focusing on preventing the introduction and limiting the spread of AIS.

Civic Organizing Purpose: To broaden governing responsibility to include those impacted, but not replacing existing governing responsibilities of board members and supervisors.

In Attendance: Dennis McNally, County Commissioner; Deanna Pomije, Stephanie Paulsen, Kanabec SWCD; Jon Sanford, Fish Lake & Kanabec SWCD Supervisor; Oren Larson, Lewis Lake; Jim Kutil, Fish Lake; Chris Jahnke, Pomroy Lake; Ron Meinen, Quamba Lake; Kevin & LuAnn Johnson, Knife Lake; Ray Penwarden*, Ann Lake; Marv Stutz

*Remote attendees

Agenda Items:

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:00PM
 - Pledge to the Flag
 - Introductions, if new members presentAIS pledge stickers for boats etc. were made available for people to use or distribute.
2. *Approve Agenda – Any additions...
 - Oren Larson moved to approve this agenda, Jim Kutil second, passed unanimously.
3. *Approve outcomes, May 12, 2022 – corrections and additions
 - Jim Kutil moved to approve the meeting outcomes from May 12, 2022, Chris Jahnke second, passed unanimously.
4. *Treasurer's Report & Expenses
 - Any invoices from Lake Associations? – see highlighted items brought to the meeting below

AIS Expense –new total \$30,087.59

- Curly Leaf Pond Weed control spraying: subtotal new \$28,454.88
 - Fish Lake, \$8,308.62 26 acres
 - Ann Lake, \$5,234.23 11 acres
 - Quamba Lake, \$3,119.63 18.5 acres
 - Lewis Lake, \$4,976.90 5.6 acres
 - Knife Lake \$36,750.00 50 acres
(\$6,815.50 in budget)

 - Other Expenses: new subtotal \$1,632.71
 - Kanabec Co. Fair booth, \$120
 - Boat inspector sponge, \$1.07
 - Kanabec SWCD Q2 AIS Coordination time, \$1,099.87
 - Kanabec SWCD Q2 AIS Education time, \$382.21
 - Pomroy (Chris Jahnke) repair for signposts, \$29.56

 - Orin Larson made motion to approve the above AIS expenses, Ron Meinen second, passed unanimously.
5. 2022 Kanabec Co. AIS Fair booth volunteer schedule, July 28-31, 2022
- Discussed schedule and ways to increase traffic around booths including the spinning wheel, raffle basket, and membership forms for lake associations.
 - Ron Meinen made motion to spend up to \$75 for a drawing gift basket of AIS related items to have at the fair with expense to come out of education fund. Kevin Johnson second. Passed unanimously.
6. Decontamination Unit – questions, quotes, options to discuss
- Next steps...
- Turtle lake data presented. Discussion about CD3 solar unit, which cost \$35,500 installed with a solar unit. Electrical unit, \$33,000 installed + monthly electrical bills. Kevin Johnson said the Knife Lake board didn't have interest as they were thinking it wouldn't be worth the cost. They had concerns for space it takes, less parking area, and having to move it for winter. A lower cost option for \$525 is a self-serve sign with AIS hand tools, using the honor system. Could add trail camera/security stickers to help monitor usage and tool mishaps. Jon may have a trail camera to donate for this use.
 - Ron Meinen made motion to try signs with tools at 3 different accesses as a trial, \$700 per installation, Oren Larson second. Passed unanimously.

Lake Assn. Check-Ins / Discussion:

Each Lake Assn. open to discuss concerns they have & report on activities

- Starry Trek is an educational volunteer event meant to monitor local lakes for the presence of starry stonewort. It's a half day commitment 9AM- Noon, Saturday August 20th. Sign-up sheet will be available at the county fair booth. This monitoring event helps identify new invasives throughout Minnesota lakes, hopefully yet in their early stages. It was decided to continue Starry

Trek for 2022 and try and seek new volunteers through the fair and through our COLA network.

- Knife lake report: curly leaf nonexistent in areas that were sprayed. The dam was rebuilt in 1981.
- Fish Lake: annual spraying, survey with invasive species. Hiring a contractor out of Cambridge to run a fall net survey with possible removal of carp over the winter. Also discussed increasing the height of the dam and trying to figure out who is responsible for dams. The DNR has said that associations are stewards of the dam. Jason, the DNR dam contact, can answer more questions. Discussed wanting to form a lake improvement district as well – have consulted with DNR staff for support on this.
- Quamba: curly leaf treatment was successful, but still have lots of coontail.
- Pomroy: no weeds
- Lewis Lake: will be having a Sept. Assn. Meeting
- Ann Lake: not present at time of reports.

Other Items:

- Open Public Comment Period
 - Luann Johnson-wondering if people keep track of the lakes/weathers events for spraying purposes, etc. throughout the year. There is rain gauge monitoring done around the area by volunteers. One foot of extra snowfall = 10% reduction in curly leaf pondweed. Noted public monitoring websites as well.
 - Jon Sanford: discussed sonic algae treatment. One floating pad treats about 5 acres; a 900- acre lake costs \$8-900,000; one unit may be less than \$10,000?
- Meeting Evaluation / Share around the table – How did things go? Were you heard? Were the agenda items covered?
- Next scheduled meeting: **Oct. 13th, 2022**, from 5-6pm, in person meeting SWCD Office or remotely with WebEx

*Voting action requested.

Jim K motion to adjourn, Ron Meinen second. Passed. 6:10 PM adjournment.

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Purpose Statement: Meet regularly utilizing civic standards to organize ourselves, building capacity and infrastructure as needed to support our goals in leading toward better water quality through a focus on Aquatic Invasive Species.

Civic Standards:

1. All those impacted by the problem are stakeholders. Together they define the problem, set goals

- and work toward solutions as active citizens.
2. The stakeholders are accountable for contributing resources (leadership/time, knowledge, constituencies and dollars) to solve the problem for the common good.
 3. All stakeholders are engaged in making decisions and policies that contribute to the common good.
 4. All stakeholders agree to be transparent throughout this process. We agree to implement policies where we individually have the authority to act.