

March 12, 2009 MINUTES – Approved April 9, 2009

Minnesota Star Lakes and Rivers

Board of Directors' Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WomenVenture's Offices

2324 University Ave West

1. 10:00 Call to order and review of agenda –

Called to order ay 10:00 a.m. by President Gustafson with 8 members present: Dann Siems, Bill Stearns, Board Secretary Bill Kallberg, Board President Dale Gustafson, John Sturner, Dana Vanderbosch, Kay Cook, Dan Lais, sufficient for a quorum. Three members arrived later: Katy Wortel, Lester Heitke, Jim Jones. MAP representative Judy Alnes was also present. The agenda was reviewed and approved as published.

2. 10:01 Reports

• Secretary's report and Approval of Minutes from 2/12/09:

Minutes of February meeting approved with one correction:

Dann Siems abstained on the vote to approve contracting with Beltrami SWCD

• Treasurer's Report:

In absence of Treasurer Snowden, Alnes passed out and briefly summarized 2008 and 2009 YTD expenditures. After initial discussion about transferring funds from BWSR, Siems moved to authorize Gustafson and Kallberg to take necessary steps to select a bank, open an account that will become based on 501(c)(3) status, second by Cook, passed 11-0. Stearns called a nearby Bremer bank and a representative came and briefed us on the requirements for a non-profit account, including a corporate resolution or minutes approving the action, Federal Tax I.D. number, Articles of Incorporation, Secretary of State Corporation filing, authorized signatures. Stearns moved to bank with Bremer, as it is part of a philanthropic foundation, further that we establish a policy regarding number of signatures required on checks. second by Siems, passed 11-0. Gustafson and Kallberg will initiate actions and forms needed.

• Executive Actions:

➤ *Agreement with Beltrami County SWCD for Siems' time Gustafson reported this has been completed.*

➤ *Signed and submitted application for 501(c)(3) to IRS 3/4/09 Application submitted – not sure how long it will take for approval.*

➤ *Review current version of Vision and Mission statement*

Only action needed now is to have it retyped – Kallberg will take care of this.

• Discuss attendance at Lakes and Rivers Conference May 6-8

This conference is an annual event to be held this year in Rochester. The Board discussed whether Star Lakes should have a presence, should we have a booth, what we will need for information handouts, who can attend, how many should the Board sponsor, should we partner with Clean Water Council. Siems reported that he is on the program and thus his attendance is covered. After further discussion Sturner moved to send two representatives at Board expense, second by Cook, passed 11-0. Lais will work with PR Chair Wortel to develop appropriate handouts, using the "Star Lakes FAQ" brochure as a start. Others who wish may attend as their expenses are available. President Gustafson made a preliminary

list of those who probably will attend. It would be a good idea for each of those persons to confirm their plans with Gustafson.

- **If time is available, Report from Criteria committee**

Committee Chair Kallberg reported there have been some email exchanges with Siems and Vanderbosch. The legislation basically outlines the required content of a lake management plan, the “Developing a Lake Management Plan” provides more detail, but is somewhat out of date (August 1996). Discussion also included application requirements and draft letter by Siems acknowledging receipt of interest from an association. Gustafson suggested that the Award should recognize people, not lakes or rivers. Info submitted should include history of the Association confirming broad participation by significant numbers of members. The letter also suggests we establish a pilot project, but the purpose of this was not clear to all. Gustafson will give further thought to this and communicate with others before April Meeting.

3. Updates:

- **Legislative report by Dann on progress on funding**

Siems summarized the status of the various groups involved in the process of selecting Legacy Amendment funding, including Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council, Clean Water Council. Discussions included a draft letter by Siems regarding legislative funding, how Siems should communicate to legislators in his role of Contract Administrator. Motion by Wortel to direct Siems to work through the Legislative and Executive Committees regarding any suggestions or recommendations, second by Heitke, passed 11-0. There is new legislation that will clarify who must do what in this process (S.F. 183). It was agreed that the funds for Star Lakes should pass through BWSR, but designated for Star Lakes.

4. 11:30 Presentation by Louis Smith of the Clean Water Council (CWC)

Louis Smith, Immediate Past Chair of CWC gave a slide presentation the included the history of CWC, established in 2006, He stressed three basic objectives:

- *Deliver solutions through local partnerships*
 - *Engage citizens*
 - *Work to protect high quality water bodies, not just to clean up the dirty ones*
- CWC first met in 2007. A major issue is the Total Maximum Daily Loading (TMDL) process which consists of assessing water quality, listing water bodies that are below the standard, identify the sources of pollution and the reduction goal, implement restoration actions and evaluate the resultant quality. CWC consists of four work groups: Civic Engagement, Implementation, Protection/Monitoring, Measuring/Research. CWC especially focuses on the inefficiency of the current process and recommends a 10 year program of evaluating the 81 watersheds in the State. The long-term need is to reduce non-point source pollution.*

5. 12:00 Lunch and break into committee format for work

Because of time constraint, there was no breakout by committee. We need to give some thought to how this will work out at future meetings, as all the members are on two committees. One idea is to combine committees according to membership.

6. 1:00 Reconvene as board and reports from each committee

Full Board continued to meet, discussing various issues previously addressed.

7. 1:55 Meeting schedule for April 9th at Initiative Foundation & May 14th?
April meeting was confirmed for the 9th at the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls.

8. 2:00 Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. as scheduled.

Other Issues and Information

Paying people for travel?? *How about 25 cents per mile for now, or hold on reimbursement*

Executive Director Duties

- *establish accounts for acting alone,*
- *contract with MAPS*
- *open checking account*

Paula West may want to talk with us about what she is doing. 218-838-5010

Meeting schedule - Latest data says the first or second Thursdays there are not conflicts.

- *March 12 MAPS Clean Water council*
- *April 9 Initiative Foundation – Little Falls*
- *May 14 Out-state to visit Pilot lake application?*
- *June 11 Out-state to visit Pilot lake application?*

Board Members serving as officers

William Kallberg	Secretary
Byron Snowden	Treasure
Doonie Soeth	Vice President
Dann Siems	Contract ED
Dale Gustafson	President

Committee Chairs

Legislative Dann Siems

Organization Coordination Kay Cook

Criteria for Award Bill Kallberg

Fund-raising Bryon Snowden