

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) TASK FORCE MEETING
MINUTES**

8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2011

LMCD Office, 23505 Smithtown Road (Suite 120), Shorewood, MN 55331

Present: Herb Suerth, LMCD Board; Kelsey Page, LMCD Board; Debbie Siakel, LMCD Board; Chip Welling, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR); Brittany Hummel, MN DNR; John Barten, Three Rivers Park District (TRPD); Dick Osgood, Lake Minnetonka Association (LMA); Udai Singh, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD); Tony Brough, Hennepin County Environmental Services (Hennepin County); Jay Green, Anglers for Habitat; Dick Woodruff; Greg Nybeck, LMCD Executive Director. Also present: Jack Kimball, Phelps Bay resident.

Suerth stated that this was a special meeting for the AIS Task Force to provide technical direction to the LMA on Proposals received for the 2011 Coordinated Herbicide Project. He asked Osgood for further background.

Osgood stated that the LMA received three Proposals for this project. These included: 1) Clean Lakes/Clarke, 2) Lake Restoration, and 3) Professional Lake Management (PLM). He provided a summary of these three Proposals in a memo, dated 3/7/11. He believed that the primary purpose of the review by the AIS Task Force was to ensure that the Proposals complied with the specifications in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and the goals and objectives of the Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP).

The Task Force discussed the three Proposals as proposed by Osgood, with a summary of the discussion as follows:

- The consensus was that all three Proposals complied with the specifications of the RFP and the goals and objectives of the LVMP.
- A number of Task Force members expressed an interest in conducting a point-intercept survey prior to the herbicide treatments in 2011. Questions that the Task Force raised included: 1) what would be gained by doing this, 2) who would conduct this since no one on the Task Force offered their professional services to conduct this, and 3) the cost of doing this, including how it could be paid for.
- 2011 Lake levels were briefly discussed and whether the possible high water could impact the 2011 treatment. The consensus was that high Lake levels would not have an impact and that the LMA should communicate this to the bay residents.
- A summary of costs for the three Proposals was provided by Osgood, which included an overview of the whether they were complete (in particular whether a guarantee was provided). There was discussion of lowest, responsible quote and how the LMA had some flexibility relating to this.
- Whether there is a difference between herbicide treatments that use granular vs. liquid.
- A number of more routine details (MN DNR signage posting requirements, MN DNR irrigation restrictions-including how the LMA planned on communicating this, etc.)
- The consensus of the Task Force was that the choice of which applicator(s) was a decision of the LMA, with an update to be provided at the next AIS Task Force Meeting.

Next AIS Task Force Meeting

The next AIS Task Force Meeting was scheduled for Friday, 4/8/10, at 8:30 a.m. in the LMCD office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Nybeck
Executive Director