

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

7:00 P.M., Wednesday, September 26, 2012  
Wayzata City Hall

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Babcock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Members present:**; Doug Babcock, Tonka Bay; Andrew McDermott, Orono; Kelsey Page, Greenwood; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Jeff Morris, Excelsior; Bill Olson, Victoria; Sue Shuff, Minnetonka; and Mark Sylvester, Shorewood. Also present: Charlie LeFevere, LMCD Counsel; Greg Nybeck, Executive Director; Judd Harper, Administrative Technician; and Emily Herman, Administrative Assistant.

**Members absent:** Dan Baasen, Wayzata; David Gross, Deephaven; Anne Hunt, Minnetrista; Steve Johnson, Mound; and Fred Meyer, Woodland.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** McDermott moved, Shuff seconded to approve the agenda as submitted.

**VOTE:** Ayes (8), Abstained (1, Sylvester); motion carried.

**4. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS, Chair Babcock**

Babcock made two Chair announcements: First, he thanked Baasen for chairing the past two Board meetings that he was unable to attend. Second, he presented and read adopted LMCD Resolution #131 to Gabriel Jabbour, which expressed the LMCD's appreciation to Tonka Bay Marina for assisting in the LMCD's 2012 Eurasian Watermilfoil Harvesting Program projects.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/12/12 LMCD Regular Board Meeting**

**MOTION:** McDermott moved, Hughes seconded to approve the minutes from the 9/12/12 Regular Board Meeting as submitted.

**VOTE:** Ayes (7), Abstained (2, Babcock and Sylvester); motion carried.

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Shuff moved, McDermott seconded to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Items so approved included: **6A**, Audit of vouchers (9/16/12 – 9/30/12); **6B**, August financial summary and balance sheet; **6C**, Approval of draft Joint and Cooperative Agreement between the LMCD and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office; and **6D**, Approval of Personnel Committee recommendations relating to 2013 LMCD Employees Benefit Package.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Persons in attendance, subjects not on the agenda (limited to 5 minutes)

There were no public comments.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol,** Report on 2012 Lake Minnetonka boating activities.

Babcock asked for background on this agenda item from Lt. Saunders, welcoming him on behalf of the Board.

Lt. Saunders thanked the Board for this opportunity and made the following comments based on activities of the Water Patrol from January 1<sup>st</sup> through September; briefly touching base on past winter activity as well:

- An overview of the Water Patrol staff, their tenure, and the 28 special deputy volunteers (several more of which are pending the start of training). He expounded on the importance of the special deputies and the personal hours that they sacrifice.
- 77 special event permits were issued on Hennepin County waterways, with a majority of the events on Lake Minnetonka (most of which are fishing and sailing regattas). The Water Patrol works closely with the LMCD in issuing the permits; specifically addressing those that are in question (i.e., a 2012 temporary structures permit request, as well as a bow fishing tournament special event).
- They assisted five other enforcement agencies with recovery and search efforts. Additionally, they are dispatched to assist boaters who may be in distress (also considered as search, rescue, and recovery efforts). Over 1,011 of Search, Rescue, and Recovery hours were logged in 2012; 335 of which were on Lake Minnetonka.
- Three boats were purchased this year for the Water Patrol, in which he provided an overview of.
- The importance of their enforcement and safety educational efforts; expounding on the various programs that have taken place and those that are currently being planned. One significant effort included forming the Minnesota Water Safety Coalition with multiple agencies in an effort to decrease the pool and beach drowning events that happen each year.
- Winter activity (January through March) was hampered by the ice conditions on Lake Minnetonka. Sheriff Stanek declared no motor vehicles (other than snowmobiles and ATV's) were authorized on Hennepin County Lakes this past February. Additionally, the Water Patrol's snowmobiles were not deployed due to the lack of safe ice and snow. He believed the warmer weather impacted summer activity, as well.
- Taking the above into consideration, he provided a detailed overview of the following enforcement statistics:
  - 81 BWI arrests, one DWI arrest, seven personal injury boating events, four personal damage/injury snowmobile events (all of which went through the ice), and 126 other reports (including theft, vandalism, and medical calls).

- July provided for boat break-in's and property theft throughout the Lake Minnetonka marinas. Two males were identified and arrested, in which some of the stolen property was returned. This case continues to be investigated.
- A BWI/DWI Enforcement Detail with South Lake Police Department was conducted in June; providing for 84 stops (4 BWI arrests and 13 citations were issued).
- One drowning on Lake Minnetonka in 2012, in which he provided a detailed overview of the search and rescue efforts and the importance of maintaining a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). To date, deputies have responded to and conducted investigations on 13 drowning and 15 near-drowning events throughout the county.
- 367 citations (Lake Minnetonka ordinance violations) were issued on Lake Minnetonka since January 1<sup>st</sup>; generating over \$19,800 in fine payments as of August.
- 1,167 verbal warnings have been issued (i.e., lack of PFD's, registration, quiet water, speed, and gunwale riding violations).
- 5,175 hours of patrol time was logged from January through August for all water bodies in Hennepin County, 4,360 (84%) of which was logged for Lake Minnetonka.
- As boating season draws to a close, the Water Patrol will evaluate personnel and activity for patrol procedure adjustments. Additionally, special enforcement details will continue this winter and next summer.
- The grant for the purchase of the ROV has been extended; providing for a Sport Security Grant taking precedence over the Water Patrol.
- He entertained questions and comments from the Board.

Seeing no questions, Babcock thanked Saunders and members of the Water Patrol; acknowledging appreciation for the great working relationship the LMCD has with their agency.

Nybeck stated that the special deputies are recognized at an annual Hennepin County Sheriff's Office recognition banquet. This year the banquet is on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and he regularly attends it. He suggested that any Board members that are interested in attending contact him at their earliest convenience.

**B. Discussion of possible bow-fishing ordinance**

Babcock asked Nybeck for background on this agenda item.

Nybeck stated that a Public Safety Committee update was provided to the Board on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. During that update, bow fishing on Lake Minnetonka was discussed (confirming the sport is allowed by State of Minnesota [State] regulations but subject to local firearms and archery ordinances). The committee recommended the Board consider one ordinance in an effort to improve public communication. Additionally, the committee recommended the following restrictions for Lake Minnetonka, which are more restrictive than State law: 1) a 300' setback from a swimming beach or a swimmer, and 2) two nighttime restrictions (bow fishing allowed until two hours after sunset and one hour before sunrise, without additional restrictions, and outside of the before mentioned time restrictions subject to a 300' setback from all structures). At that meeting, the Board directed LeFevere to draft an ordinance, for the Board's review prior to its submittal to the 14 member cities, consistent with the recommendations noted above.

Additionally, they recommended Mr. Brian Petschl (Land of Lakes Bowfishing Association) and public safety committee members be invited to that respective meeting, as well. Additionally, he stated that Petschl was in attendance to provide an educational overview on the sport and answer any questions the Board may have. Additionally, committee members Keith Kask (Deephaven City Council and incoming LMCD Board Member) and Tony Brough (Hennepin County Environmental Services) are also in attendance. He asked LeFevere to provide an overview of the two options of a draft ordinance amendment that have been prepared.

LeFevere stated that he had not added any further prohibitions than what was recommended by the committee, as noted above. He directed the Board to the two draft ordinances, which were intended to be educational in nature to advise sportsman of any additional restrictions by the member cities. He stated that bow fishing is prohibited within the city limits of Minnetonka and Victoria, and from the shores of Deephaven. The first draft ordinance, Option 1, simply lists the prohibited areas, as noted above, in Subd. 3. The second draft ordinance, Option 2, attempted to further define the prohibited areas in Subd. 3. Should the Board consider one of the draft ordinances for submittal to the member cities, he believed that all of the 14 member cities should receive a copy of such. He entertained questions and comments from the Board.

The Board discussed the two draft ordinance amendment by making the following initial comments:

- Babcock recommended that Subd. 3 from both draft ordinances be combined (outlining the city and their defined prohibited boundaries). Additionally, he would like to see expectations be set that whichever ordinance is most restrictive (LMCD or member city) be utilized for enforcement efforts.
- Page recommended eliminating Subd. 3 from both draft ordinances. He believed that the goal of this effort was to draft a unified ordinance for the member cities to consider and respond to. Additionally, the LMCD does not control the shoreline within the City of Deephaven.
- Shuff concurred with Page; acknowledging that the City of Minnetonka had recently expressed an interest in consideration of a unified ordinance.
- Hughes did not recall the committee discussing the nighttime fishing 300' from all structures (over and above the time restrictions outlined by Nybeck above).
- Nybeck confirmed the ordinances were consistent with the committee's direction. Board member Hunt, who serves on the Public Safety Committee, had previously commented that there are some less developed parts of Lake Minnetonka that would be more appropriate for nighttime bow fishing outside of the constraints noted above. He directed the Board to a letter in their packet from Petschl, received 9/21/12, in which the Association recommended that additional nighttime restrictions not be considered.
- Babcock expressed concern relative to the lights utilized during the nighttime; expounding on work that was done in the mid-1990s to lessen the light pollution on the Lake. He commented that Subd. 4a) in both draft ordinances could allow for shoreline fishing as some habitable structures are placed 300' back from the shoreline. Therefore, he recommended consideration of regulating the use of lights (during specific times) from shore vs. habitable structure for enforcement purposes. Lastly, he recommended the ordinance address the use of a generator be consistent with the LMCD Code for maximum decibel levels.
- McDermott, Sylvester, and Hughes recommended defining swimming beaches as some are not

marked with buoys or ropes (including shallow areas such as Goose and Pelican Island). Page recommended the ordinance not outline all beaches as it would be too cumbersome.

- Olson recommended a bow fishing zone map, in which Page concurred.

Babcock invited the public to address the Board.

Mr. Brian Petschl, legislative liaison and past president of Land of Lakes Bowfishing Association (Association), thanked the Board for bringing him into the conversation. On behalf of the Association, he made the following comments to the Board, including responses to various Board questions:

- 65 decibels is the current law for generator use at nighttime (explaining the difference between the Minnesota Rules and the State Statute provided within the packet).
- He supported one lakewide ordinance as the Association currently communicates the need for individuals to contact the local authorities relative to their laws.
- The Association has worked hard to advocate for changes and education relative to the sport (i.e., allowing for nighttime fishing, which the State was the last to approve for such, as well as assisted in the drafting of setback requirements and decibel restrictions). The Association has worked closely with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) on educational components that have reduced the number of complaints relative to the sport.
- He acknowledged LED lights are taking the fishing community by storm (providing for no noise and less reflection from the water; less intrusive). He confirmed the lights are utilized above water (underwater lighting has not been successful or sustainable from damage).
- He requested that the Board not consider additional nighttime fishing restrictions for Lake Minnetonka. He offered the Association's assistance in handling the matter through education vs. the drafting of a law (reiterating their efforts in working with the MN DNR, noted above).
- Nighttime bow fishing dramatically increases the harvest take; reducing visual and weather challenges offered during the day. The fish are more plentiful along the shores at night (i.e., common carp are receptive to daytime vibrations).
- A zone map would be visually beneficial; requesting that the map provide for either the area that an individual can or cannot fish, whichever provides for less clutter. He offered to provide input on areas of the Lake that are more conducive to bow fishing than others.
- He confirmed that nighttime bow fishing within the State is only three years old. He estimated 10,000 have tried the sport, with up to 4,000 regularly fishing.
- Much of the harvest is utilized for fertilizer (meat, turtle, and organic farmers). 80% of the harvest is common carp, of which small ones can be utilized for smoking.
- He confirmed the current state law already provides for no nighttime bow fishing restrictions.
- Nighttime fishing provides for an estimated three yard tethered line release (less than 10 yards during the day). The bow does not require high poundage as the release distance is not a factor, as well as rick shade concerns. He believed the sport was one of the safest as he has not heard of a personal injury incident in the 19 years he has fished.
- Point arrows with retractable barbs (for easy removal) are utilized. The Association does not recommend a restriction on the tethered line based on humane practices in the kill and reeling in of the harvest (explained in detail).
- Prime water depth for nighttime fishing is three feet of water. It is more problematic to fish

beyond that point due to the thick scales of the carp. Additionally, the lights (previously discussed) need to reach about ten yards out.

- Bow fishing is performed by both walking in waders and from a boat; acknowledging the sport is growing (specifically with the younger population).
- Most fisherman stay away from winter fishing unless within open water. He believed that carp go into a hibernating state during this time (the season is from May 1<sup>st</sup> through the last Sunday in February).
- The high seating in a fishing rig is conducive for daytime (low seating is preferred at night).

Kask stated that the Public Safety committee has discussed all of the matters offered at this meeting. As a Deephaven City Council member, he believed that residents would be alarmed if they saw a watercraft rigged with lights that were unaware of the sport.

The consensus of the Board was to refer the matter back to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion in revising the draft ordinance; taking into consideration comments made at this meeting.

**C. Draft Coalition of Minnehaha Creek Waters AIS Prevention Plan (presented at 8/10/12 MCWD Board of Managers Meeting**

Babcock made the following comments:

- He and Board member Morris (in his absence) have recently been attending Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force meetings every other Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. This committee is chaired by the MCWD AIS Director Craig Dawson and facilitated by the MCWD attorney. He provided the Board an update on the Task Force's progress and the processes involved. Additionally, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been formed as a juncture to this committee.
- The initial focus of the Task Force was to assist the MCWD in developing a long-term AIS Plan that would be processed through their normal rule making procedures and adopted as such. He stated many stakeholders (other than the MN DNR) are represented on this Task Force, in which he would like the MN DNR to be. A draft plan that was released about one month ago was reviewed by some of the members as a "boil the ocean" plan (very broad and included duplicated efforts). Interest was expressed to narrow the focus of the plan down; absorbing the best practices offered for this specific area (both infested and non-infested Lakes) and removing the duplicated efforts. Additionally, some believed that the plan favored the Christmas Lake Association views. He reiterated that the final plan will be owned solely by the MCWD and their Board of Managers.
- Babcock provided the following comments relative to a August 10<sup>th</sup> MCWD Board of Managers meeting, in which they heard a proposal from the Coalition of Minnehaha Creek Waters (CMCW):
  - Many stakeholders (including residents) and the press were in attendance.
  - The proposal was "owned" by the CMCW; however, he believed the MCWD provided a great deal of support in the drafting of this proposal. He acknowledged the proposal had many similarities to the MCWD's draft plan that was presented to the Board of Directors at their September 28, 2011 meeting.
  - He addressed the Board of Managers at this meeting, expressing concerns for the similarities

- of the content provided, in which his point of view was disregarded, he urged consensus building since there were no easy answers for AIS, as well as moderation when it came to limiting public access and water usage.
- He believed the press portrayed the outcome of the meeting as being homeowners vs. anglers; however, he did not see it in that regard.
  - Since that meeting, the MCWD has allocated an additional \$250,000 for AIS management in 2013 (four days after issuing a press release documenting the 2013 tax levy would be a zero percent increase).
  - At the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Task Force's focus shifted from the long-term plan to more of a stop gap plan to consider how the \$250,000 would be spent in 2013. He was unable to attend that meeting.
  - Upon his return to the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Task Force members doubled, if not tripled, in attendance; providing for some challenges (not in a negative light) in accomplishing the tasks at hand. Additionally the 2013 AIS Plan was reviewed and accepted by the Task Force (pending adoption by the Board of Managers).
  - A 2013 workshop is planned for Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lafayette Club. He will be in attendance at that workshop. Additionally, a meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in which he has asked Morris to attend in his absence.
  - He entertained questions and comments from the Board. Seeing none, he invited the attending audience to comment.

Mr. Gabriel Jabbour, 985 Tonkawa Road in Orono, stated that he serves on both of the LMCD and MCWD AIS Task Force, as well as participating in State AIS stakeholder meetings (in which the stakeholder meeting is being dissolved and a new one is being created through a nomination process). He made the following comments:

- He provided a historical overview of efforts made to ask the MCWD for their support in the fight against AIS (recognizing they do good work in this regard). The MCWD responded by drafting a long-term AIS management plan (as noted above and presented to the LMCD on September 28, 2011) in hopes of receiving the watershed district's governing agencies' support to proceed in expending funds for such an effort. Those governing agencies responded positively to their efforts as long as the MCWD worked with the other governing agencies (i.e., the LMCD, Three Rivers Park District, and most importantly the MN DNR).
- Within this process, the MCWD's legal authority in this regard was questioned. The Attorney General's response to this was that the local government unit (LGU) should deal with the issue; providing for the courts to decide if this question was raised. This matter was later considered at the legislative level (introduced by himself and the MN DNR) to enable the MN DNR to delegate authority to the MCWD as the LGU having authority. This new law went into effect this past June.
- He urged the LMCD and MCWD to think twice about the closing of public accesses. He expounded on the differences between Christmas Lake (a city managed public access) and Lake Minnetonka (multiple-agency managed public accesses). To this end, the CMCW is trying to mandate exactly what happened on Christmas Lake. He expressed concern about the process utilized in the preparation of the plan presented to the MCWD Board of Managers in August (see 8/13/12 e-mail to the MCWD and copied to the LMCD).

- He pointed out that the plan, prepared by the CMCW, is named the "MCWD 2013 AIS Prevention Plan; adopted July 30, 2012". All the cities have received this and he believed there was a great deal of confusion. He commented on the similarities between the name of the MCWD and the CMCW.
- The funds proposed by the MCWD for 2013, based on a recent amendment to their budget, for AIS was \$750,000 not \$250,000. The CMCW Plan documents the need for millions of dollars, with the cities expected to pay the remaining balance. He stated that he would be agreeable to consider the spending of these types of funds for AIS, provided there is a permanent do-good process.
- He entertained questions and comments from the Board.

Olson, who also serves as a MCWD Board of Manager, concurred with Jabbour's comment that the name of the CMCW plan is incredibly confusing to the casually reader. Therefore, the MCWD has requested that the CMCW amend the title of the plan, in which they have done so.

Babcock stated that there was no question in his mind, based on past experiences, that the MCWD had some involvement in the drafting of the CMCW's plan. If the MCWD wants to disassociate themselves from the coalition, he believed it would take a large amount of backtracking of the MCWD's former AIS Plan (presented in September of 2011) to make that a clearer matter.

Jabbour stated there would need to be a two step process in order for the MCWD to change its Water Resources Management Plan. First, a petition would need to be made to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), in which there would be a public input process (including the MN DNR). Second, any proposed actions would need to be signed off by the MN DNR. He reminded the Board of the lawsuit filed this past spring against the MN DNR by members of the CMCW, as well as recent petition of the CMCW to impeach the MN DNR Commissioner. He stated that he can be aggressive at times and that he finds these actions by the CMCW offensive.

Mr. Jay Green stated that he serves on both the LMCD and MCWD Task Forces, as well as attending the State's AIS stakeholder meetings. He expressed concern that the CMCW is more concerned about documenting restrictions than what all need to be doing in the prevention and management of AIS, which he believed is going to be lost in the shuffle. He encouraged the Board, and all involved, to keep this in mind for the purpose of staying on task in dealing with AIS.

Olson stated the proposed \$250,000, as noted above, is subject to the MCWD's Board of Manager's budget process approval (by December 16, 2012). If approved, both the long-term and stop gap plans will proceed to the Hydrodata Committee, in which they will make a recommendation to go to the Board of Managers for consideration. He confirmed that the stop gap plan is the only one being drafted between now and December; documenting reasons why they should support the \$250,000 tax levy. He acknowledged that the long-term plan will take a great deal more time. This summer, the MCWD granted \$100,000 in matching funds to agencies that wanted to increase their watercraft inspections. This might increase in 2013 with the additional \$250,000.

Sylvester asked Olson if the LMCD and other governing units in the watershed will have an opportunity to

comment on a plan that may, at some point, document the closing of public accesses.

Olson confirmed all governing agencies will be able to comment on the proposed plan prior to the Board of Manager's consideration of approval.

Babcock reviewed the approval process involved prior to the MCWD's consideration of the additional \$250,000 levy; confirming those that participate in the committees do not have a participating vote in the last two steps of this process. Therefore, he expressed an interest in utilizing a high degree of interagency communication and cooperation to accomplish a common outcome. However, there is not a guarantee that is going to happen.

Jabbour reiterated that during the last legislative session, a law was introduced for the MN DNR to give their authority to some local governing unit (utilizing the MCWD as an example). He reminded this would involve the two-step process that he described earlier. He believed the general public does not fully understand this process.

Babcock expressed his concern for adopting a stop gap plan that is not consistent with the LMCD's long-term AIS plans (i.e., the gating of public accesses). He reiterated that he will be attending the MCWD's September 29<sup>th</sup> workshop to discuss 2013 AIS planning (facilitated by an outside source). He stated that will keep the Board apprised as plans progress.

Olson stated that Jabbour is correct in that the MCWD does not have governing authority. To this end, the MCWD is trying to produce an AIS Plan that the MN DNR would accept in order for them to provide the MCWD with the authority to implement it.

#### **D. 2012 EWM Harvesting Program Final Report**

Babcock asked Harper to provide an update on this agenda item.

Harper provided an overview of the following information: 1) a summary of the harvesting season data and conditions summary (the number of working days, lake levels, acres harvested, and truck loads), 2) operating highlights (priorities, schedule, cutting styles, and public responses), 3) personnel, 4) equipment operations and maintenance (including the current changes to the maintenance aspect of the program, as well as the equipment utilized), and 5) the 2012 budget. He and Site Supervisor Mike Heiland entertained questions and comments from the Board.

The Board asked Harper a few questions or made comments, in which his responses were as follows: 1) the harvester down for the repair of a paddlewheel motor will be back in service by next season, 2) he has the ability to track mechanical down time, 3) a comparison of the harvested amount from last year to this year (based on equipment availability, timing, and weather conditions), 4) he anticipated more harvesting and truck loads for next year, 5) he did not foresee any major changes for the next season, and, 6) confirmation that the four-day harvesting schedule would continue.

Nybeck stated that further discussion is warranted on the use of the transport barge and its function. He believed that it may be more efficient for one harvester to operate independently, in which Highland is looking into that strategy.

Harper added that more inventories for mechanical repairs are held on site, as well.

Olson stated that in his years of service on the Board, he has seen public reaction relative to harvesting go from very negative to zero complaints and/or negative comments. He believed that the change in cutting styles have contributed to this and commended the team for such.

Babcock thanked staff for their good work.

#### **10. Update from standing LMCD Committees:**

Babcock asked for an update from the Chair, or designated representative, of each committee (Save the Lake, AIS Task Force, Finance, Personnel, Public Safety, and Ordinance Review).

Babcock stated the Personnel Committee will be meeting on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the LMCD office to continue the review of job descriptions.

Page stated the AIS Sub-Committee conducted a meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, at which time they completed the draft comprehensive vegetation management plan and will be presenting (for review and comments) at the October 12<sup>th</sup> AIS Task Force Meeting. Upon approval, he anticipated bringing it forward to the Board on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Nybeck stated the subcommittee had met seven times. He believed the establishment of the smaller committee on this task had worked very well. Additionally, he has been working closely with John Barten from the Three Rivers Park District on the authoring of the plan.

Olson stated that the Save the Lake solicitation letter will be going out the first of November; providing for the re-formatting of that letter. A committee meeting will be scheduled for the month of October, at which time discussions will be held on the funding of the Public Safety Training curriculum that was discussed at the Board's September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (for Board consideration at a future date). Lastly, he stated that the MCWD will be holding their annual "Heroes Award" recognition banquet on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bayview Event Center. Former LMCD Board Member and AIS Task Force Chair Herb Suerth will be the recipient of the MCWD's Lifetime Stewardship Award.

Nybeck stated that he and Babcock are planning on attending the banquet. He directed the Board to a copy of the invitation within their handout folder and asked that those interested in attending (at the LMCD's expense) communicate such by the RSVP deadline of Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

There was no Executive Director Report.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Doug Babcock, Chair

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Andrew McDermott, Secretary