

**Joint Counties Natural Resources Board**  
**October 26, 2015**  
**Beltrami County Conference Room**  
**10:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Commissioners:

Gary Kiesow – Marshall	Todd Miller - Roseau
Daniel Stenseng - Clearwater	Wayne Skoe – Koochiching
Brian Napstad – Aitkin	Ken Moorman – Lake of the Woods
Joe Vene – Beltrami	Scott McCollum - Mahnomen

**Absent:** None

**DNR:** Greg Nelson – DNR Area Supervisor

**Other:** Kallie Briggs; Administrator

**Call to Order:** Chairman Commissioner Kiesow called the Joint Counties Natural Resources Board to order at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 26, 2015 in the Beltrami County Conference Room.

**Agenda: Motion by Napstad, second by Vene to approve the agenda as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes: Motion by Napstad, second by Miller to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2015 meeting with some clarifications.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Discussions:**

- Administration/Office Expenses: Motion by Moorman, second by Stenseng to approve the October administration/office expenses of \$493.70. Motion carried unanimously.
- Miscellaneous Expenses: Motion by Miller, second by Skoe to approve the miscellaneous expenses of \$10.44. Motion carried. Vene was absent for the vote.
- The Treasurer's report: The October Treasurer' report submitted by Josh Stromlund and distributed by Coordinator Briggs was approved. This is the last treasurer's report from Lake of the Woods.
- Update/Process of JCNR Funds Transferred to Marshall County: The checking account and CD have been closed out and a check sent to Scott Peters of Marshall County as he will be taking over the duties of Treasurer. The Board decided all funds should be deposited into the new checking account and wait for Scott Peters to make a recommendation if a CD should be taken out. Motion was made by Stenseng, second by Miller to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously. *Note:* Ken Moorman brought all the financial records from Lake of the Woods turning them over to Gary Kiesow, Marshall County. Gary will deliver the records to Scott Peters. The finances will become a part of Marshall County as its own committee and will be audited.
- Allocation toward the Coalition for the Clean Air Act: During the meeting with MRCC, Karen Diver; the attorney working on the coalition, said there is nothing more to do until the tribe acts. We will continue to monitor the situation.

**DNR Update:** Greg gave the following update with Board discussion:

- The Emerald Ash Borer has been discovered in Duluth and continues to move north. When it is very cold the bugs burrow down into the duff of the tree.
- The Board suggested a national map listing insect, aquatic and terrestrial species locations and possible ways of controlling. Greg said there is a site; Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System (EDDmaps.org) that lists different species. You can type in the species you are looking for and it should tell you where it is located and facts about it. Dan showed the board pictures of a white flowered weed taking over in Clearwater. He said it is very hard to kill and was not sure of the weed's name.
- Trail system maps will be available soon and will include walking, ATV, skiing, and biking.
- Brian asked if there was a report that tells who has been given citations for transporting aquatic species, where they were sited. He believes we should be exposing these individuals by making their names available, where they are from and why they were sited public. Greg said it was a good idea and would look into it.
- Greg will look into having Dan Petric as a speaker for an upcoming meeting. The Board would like him to clarify some negative comments made on the Shoreland Rules at a recent AMC meeting.

**Old Business:** The following was discussed:

- Napstad said the Buffer, Drainage and Soil Committee will be meeting October 27. The purpose is to clarify preliminary guidance on buffers. Field ditches or other waters have no legislation behind it and need clarification on statutory guidance before the DNR maps come out. The Board discussed asking BSWR for assistance with information so they could assist with drafting language for a Bill on partial abandonment of ditches in ConCon lands. Napstad will see if Al Kean could draft a concept paper on 84A and attend our November meeting to explain. Then the JCNRB can decide if they want to engage Rickie Newman Law firm to draft language for a Bill. He will contact Al and then report back to Kallie.
- No action was taken on the Executive Summary and will remain on the agenda for the November meeting.

**New Business:**

- Greg told the Board that there will be a Flood Damage work group meeting on November 16 at 1:00pm in Thief River. The group, which consists of 8 watershed districts, will have John Jaske at the meeting to answer questions. The DNR's mapping person will also be there as the first draft of the maps showing buffer areas will be out in mid-January. Greg will see about having the mapping person at the December meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, November 23 in hopes that Al Kean will be able to be a guest speaker. If he cannot and the Board Chair decides we do not need a meeting, the Board will convene during the AMC Conference in December to approve funding to a law firm to review language drafted for a Bill regarding partial ditch abandonment in ConCon lands.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Stenseng, second by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kallie Briggs-Administrative Coordinator