

Minutes of the meeting of the Poplar River Management Board

Date: Thursday November 3rd, 2005

Time: 12:00 pm

Venue: Lutsen Mountains

Chaired By: Charles Skinner

Present:

Cliff Bentley, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources/Waters

Pat Collins, Minnesota Lake Superior Coastal Program

Mike Davies, Superior National Golf Course

Melissa Dressely, Caribou Highlands

Scott Harrison, Lutsen Resort

Bruce Martinson, County Commissioner

Tim Nelson, Cook County Planning and Zoning

Tom Rider, Lutsen Mountains

Wayne Seidel, Cook County Soil and Water District

Charles Skinner, Lutsen Mountains

Curt Sparks, North American Wetland Engineering

Andy Woodrick, Caribou Highlands

The meeting commenced with the handing out of an agenda of items to be discussed, a copy of which is attached. Also handed out were draft copies of the Articles of Incorporation and of the Bylaws, which must be approved in order for the board to pursue a grant from the Lake Superior Coastal Program because a grant will not be given to the board unless they are classified as a non-profit first.

The first agenda item was approval of minutes from the prior meeting of the Board. By unanimous vote, the minutes of the meeting of the Poplar River Management Board meeting held on October 6th, 2005 were approved.

Tom Rider and others expressed interest in pursuing historical information through narrative similar to the information which was informally presented by George Nelson at

the October 6th meeting. It was also suggested that someone speak with George again and more formally record his recollections.

A presentation was given by Tim Nelson, Cook County Planning and Zoning Director regarding the proposed Storm water Ordinance for Cook County . A copy of the proposed Storm water Ordinance was distributed to several members of the board and after being given a chance to briefly review the proposed ordinance, many shared comments and offered some suggested changes including adding standards to be met for ground disturbance of grades greater than 10% instead of a probability.

An informal presentation was then given by Pat Collins, Minnesota Lake Superior Coastal Program. Pat's presentation outlined the two categories of projects that would be eligible for the Coastal Programs annual grant; the application deadline for this grant is **December 2nd, 2005**:

1) **306A** funds are available for land acquisition, low-cost construction, shoreline rehabilitation and modification to increase public access, engineering designs, report or specifications directly related to the construction of a project.

2) **306**, funds are available for administration, plans, studies, research, education and interpretation efforts that do not involve moving dirt. All studies and design project sites must be located within the coastal boundary or directly relate to Lake Superior coastal resource management.

An applicant will be selected and made eligible for receipt of grant funds on approximately **March 3rd, 2006**.

Curt Sparks summarized a presentation that was given at a task force meeting that took place on October 22nd for review. Curt agreed to prepare an application for a of the Lake Superior Coastal Programs Grant relating to the Poplar River at the next scheduled meeting.

The next meeting of the Poplar River Management Board was scheduled for Monday November 21st, 2005 at 9am at Caribou Highlands Resort (in their conference room) to review the grant application and act on Articles of Incorporation.