

10/16/2021 Meeting Minutes, 1+ Hrs long, Meet on Zoom. Link to Youtube Recording:

[Fall 10th/11th CW Lake Association Meeting - 16Oct21 - YouTube](#)

Reviewed Aquatic Invasives Species List

Discussed surrounding area lakes that have invasives present. 11th of course has Curly Leaf Pondweed. Leech Lake, Long Lake (Park Rapids), Benedict, Garfield, and Steamboat lakes all have Zebra Mussels. Ken Emmeck talked about the nasty Starry Stonewort that is coming to our area (currently in Lake Koronis). There is a link on our webpage to current lake listings with AIS in Hubbard County

Culvert Replacement

Reviewed the culvert construction and completion pictures, see link on the right side of Website. Also made a pitch to join the 10th/11th Crow Wing Lake Association Facebook page (lots of good discussions, good way to connect to neighbors). 6-7 week construction period vs the planned 5 week. Very slight curvature on the culvert since they filled one side first, but likely will not affect travel through the culvert. Some discussion about how ATV's will travel over the culvert; most likely the trail permit will allow travel over the west side of the culvert with no need to come up onto the road anymore. For now the ATV trail is closed. Seems like disturbance to the lake was as minimal as possible with a large construction project like this.

Talked about even some of the large pontoons fitting through the culvert. Also there are some exposed bolts that are pontoon height, so these will need to be covered with something for protection. MnDOT is aware of the issue and has plans to mitigate in the winter or spring.

Speed Reduction HWY 64/ATV Trail Dust Reduction

Current speed limit is 60 mph which means cars are likely traveling 70-75 on occasion. If the speed limit were changed from 60 to 45 from north of the Culvert all the way to Hwy 34 would only create an extra 21 seconds of travel. Some concern from MnDOT that this might create a speed mismatch (some travel at 40 while others continue at 70 mph). Emails have been traded from Dave Preimesberger and Scott S to MnDOT traffic engineer on the issue. They were considering performing a traffic study of the area.

Unknown if they put rumble strips back in this section of new road (they were removed at request of LA for the previous culvert).

Dave has also been talking to a DNR trail specialist and has some tentative agreement that something could be done to reduce dust along the ATV trail.

Speed Reduction Along Pleasant Ave (along SE side of west basin)

Mike Trudeau is working with Akeley City and Townships to see if we can change the speed from 30 mph down to 20 mph to protect the kids that live along this section of road. The cabins/homes are on the opposite side of the shoreline, so lots of people cross the road. Some communications have been made with no official actions yet taken by local governments.

Loon Nest/Loon Liaison

Scott pulled loon nest from Solie Bay over to East Side. It will be repaired and placed in the East Basin (N side along Cty 23), though this may not be a good location. They generally prefer quieter areas of the lake, so if there are folks that would prefer to put them out in front of their place just let us know. The loons seemed to successfully raise babies on the west basin, but not the east basin. Big Bass lake has used a loon nest in the SE bay successfully for years.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Loon Liaison, there is a contact with COLA and the DNR that would appreciate your volunteering help. Monies for the program management came from Deepwater Horizon oil spill, \$7.5M came to a Mn Loon Program through DNR. So if anyone has interest over the next year, please get a hold of Scott or look for the information on the web.

Dust Control – Horseshoe and Cty 23

Since the year was so dry, it was a bad year for dust from our county road. Talked about history of Calcium Chloride being removed per petition for car rust protection. The alternative called Base One has been marginally helpful, but not nearly as effective as Calcium Chloride. Some concern from Ken that the CaCl makes the road more slippery in the winter months. An alternative was applied on a road in Akeley, so there may be better options.

Paving has been discussed, but additional speed and shoulder requirements may make this unlikely, in addition to the cost of paving.

Water Quality/Water Level Reports

Ernie and Pat Opheim continue to take water level readings near their place on the outlet of 11th (SW side of West Basin). Ken Emmeck said the readings are continuing to go well for water quality. He continued to get readings in the 18 or 19 foot readings (excellent). We also got response that we were again negative for Zebra Mussels (yea!).

New Business

Dale talked about water flowing through a culvert under Cty 25 from a farm. The outlet flows right through their property down to the lake. The County was not aware there was even a culvert there. Enough flow is present to create a creekbed. Might need to address this in the future, so please let us know if there is anything else the Lake Association can help with.