
North Shore Management Board

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015 6:30 PM

Lake County Health & Human Services Building-Split Rock River Room

Two Harbors, MN

Meeting Minutes

Board Members			
Attendee	Representing	Absentees	Representing
Jan Sivertson	Cook County	Mary Ann Sironen	Duluth Township
Rich Sve	Lake County	Patrick Boyle	St. Louis County
Mike Hoops	Silver Creek Township	Tracy Benson	Grand Marais
Stephen Nazian	City of Beaver Bay		
Robin Glaser	City of Two Harbors		
Scott Johnson	City of Silver Bay		
Staff			
Justin Otsea	ARDC		
Public			
John Bathke	Private Landowner		

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chair Rich Sve. Chairman Sve welcomed attendees and asked everyone introduce themselves.
- b. Motion to approve the Agenda with one addition was made by Scott Johnson/Mike Hoops; passed unanimously

II. Committee Business

- a. Motion to approve January 21st, 2015 minutes by Mike Hoops/Jan Sivertson; passed unanimously.
- b. Motion to approve ARDC staffing invoice from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015, by Robin Glaser/Scott Johnson; passed unanimously.
- c. Motion to approve ARDC invoice for completing rain garden assessment to be submitted with final report by deadline of May 31st, 2015 by Jan Sivertson/Mike Hoops passed unanimously
- d. Motion to send letters thanking exiting members for their service to the board by Robin Glaser/Mike Hoops; passed unanimously.

III. Project Updates

- a. Rain Garden Assessment– Otsea provided a brief update of the assessment and outlined final steps for completing the project. All the responses have been collected and analyzed, participating jurisdictions and existing rain garden projects had been presented on a map, in addition to a draft work plan to help close the gaps in rain garden implementation along the shore. Discussion topics included supporting educational/promotional efforts, GIS analysis for siting, and outcome measures to assist in pointing to results/improvements after implementation.
- b. Management Plan Update Project Update–Justin Otsea updated the Board that work on the Management Plan Update is still on hold, as the task description is still yet to be approved by NOAA, and a grant agreement is yet to be signed on the project.
- c. North Shore GIS Collaborative Project Grant Application Update-Justin Otsea updated the board that the recent MN Lake Superior Coastal Grant program, grant application for updating the GIS collaborative website was denied. The solicitation was very competitive, receiving 20 applications. ARDC is looking into developing a smaller pilot program to showcase what the update could provide to communities.
- d. Silver Bay Project-Scott Johnson informed the board the City of Silver Bay will be undertaking a new project with beachfront property that was recently turned over to the City by North Shore mining. The property abuts the taconite operation, and the City's business park near the AmericInn, and is termed as 'black beach' as most of the beach is made of finely ground tailings. Potential improvements to the area include garbage cans, picnic tables, fire rings, and other general maintenance.

IV. Other Business

- a. North Shore Collaborative-Engaging Private Landowners Workshop: Justin Otsea provided the board with a brief overview of the second meeting conducted on Friday, January 27th, by the North Shore Forest Collaborative and U of M Extension. The goal of the two meeting workshop is to outline and uncover effective strategies for engaging private land owners in regards to the Forest Collaborative's restoration efforts along the shore. The meeting's focus was on a consensus workshop outlining the action/work plan for the collaborative moving forward. Additionally, their upcoming spring meeting is slated for May 29th in Grand Marais. For more information, please visit www.northshoreforest.org.
- b. North Shore Scenic Drive Council Activities- Justin Otsea updated the Board on the ongoing wayside design projects being implemented by the NSSDC. He outlined the kick-off meetings and desired improvements to each of the four sites, including French River, Palisade Head, Tofte Town Park (& Gitche-Gami Trail Scoping), and Hovland dock. The next round of meetings, where drafted designs will be reviewed has been set for *French River* (1:00 p.m.) and *Hovland Dock* (6:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, May 20th** and *Palisade Head* (10:30) and *Tofte Park/GGT Scope* (6:00 p.m.) on **Thursday, May 21st**. Please contact Justin Otsea for more information.

- c. Next meeting-The next meeting of the North Shore Management Board was scheduled for one of the last two Wednesdays in June or early July, at the City Hall in Silver Bay, MN. A doodle poll will be sent out to all members to gauge what date will work for the most people.

V. Adjourn

- a. There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hoops/Scott Johnson; passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Rich Sve, Chair

Justin Otsea, Recording Secretary