

## Lake Manitoba Stewardship Board

**Minutes 17 June 2009**

**Meeting Location: Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, 1199 Plessis Road, Winnipeg MB**

**Present:** Dan Coyle, Bill Finney, Gordon Goldsborough, Randy Helgason, Linda Schroedter, Dave Milani, Harold Fleming, Allan Gaudry, Tracy Filion, Bob Harrison, Rae Trimble-Olson, Gary Morlock

**Regrets:** Donald Smith, Norman Traverse

**Technical Secretariat:** Laura Manson

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved.
2. **Approval of Draft Minutes (May 5 & 6, 2009):** Change the location of this meeting and the date to 1199 Plessis Road and June 17, 2009. Add Tracy and Gord to the list of attendees; delete Harold and Bill from the attendees list on the second day (May 6, 2009). Minutes approved with above amendments.
3. **Report from the Chair:**
  - a. **Proposal for lost nets retrieval:** Bill spoke to Alonsa CD, but they do not seem interested in administering a lost nets program. The item will be left on the agenda for further discussion in the fall.
  - b. **FFMC Probe Research Inc. Survey:** A hard copy of the final report was distributed to all Board members.
  - c. **LMSB Probe Research Inc.:** The final report was distributed to Board members. The report will be discussed at the fall meeting.
  - d. **Assiniboine River Diversion:** The Board requested Manitoba Water Stewardship provide the results of the 2009 spring monitoring program of the Portage Diversion at the September meeting.
  - e. **Letters of Support Policy:** Manson to ask Bill Barlow about the LWSBs policy on providing letters of support.
  - f. **Lonely Lake:** Milani is to represent the LMSB on the Alonsa Conservation Districts (CD) Planning Management Team which will develop an Integrated Watershed Management Plan for the CD.
  - g. **Fairford Fishway study:** The study is still in draft form. The Board hopes to discuss the final report at the fall meeting.
  - h. **Elaine Shipley's Thesis:** The thesis will likely be available for the Board by the fall. The Board intends to review the thesis and provide advice to the province based on its findings.
  - i. **Barb Scaife's Email:** The plan to hold public meetings about the Lake Manitoba fishery has been cancelled.
  - j. **Shoal Lakes Drain Proposal:** The environmental assessment is still underway. Gaudry reported a presentation is to be given in the Rural Municipality of Woodlands regarding the findings thus far.
  - k. **Water Council:** As part of their review of the Manitoba Water Strategy, the Council is first focusing on the review of the role of wetlands in

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Manitoba. This will involve consultations with the public and various groups such as Ducks Unlimited.

- l. Environmental Farm Plan:** The program is being continued but will be administered by MAFRI. The program will have a smaller budget; as a result, funding will be more competitive, which will likely impact participation rates.
  - m. Rehabilitation of Delta Marsh:** The province has put funding into rehabilitating Delta Marsh. Five students are working over the summer. Two of these students are surveying the type and size of fish within the marsh and other students are collecting water quality and vegetation samples throughout the marsh.
- 4. LMSB Website Update:** The website is now live. The graphics next to Board members names will be removed. Board members are to review their bio and the general website and provide comments to either Manson or Goldsborough.
- 5. Hydrological Update:** Recent hydrologic conditions were distributed to Board members. Lake Manitoba is now at an elevation of 812.89 feet, a rise of 0.38 feet since the May 5 Board meeting. Lake St. Martin is 801.48 feet, a rise of 0.47 feet since the May 5 Board meeting. The Fairford Dam is discharging at 8800 cfs.
- 6. Open House Report:** Board members will submit feedback by June 26, 2009 on the draft Open House Report. All amendments will be incorporated and a revised draft report will be redistributed for comment on July 3/09. All final comments must be received by Wednesday July 15/09. The report will be included in the Board's second annual report to the Minister.
- 7. LMSB Science Workshops Report:** The final report was distributed to the Board. The report will be included in the Board's second annual report.
- 8. Probe Survey Report:** The Board is to review the report. Plans are to discuss it at the fall meeting.
- 9. Review and Finalize work plan:** Changes were made to the work plan. The work plan was finalized and accepted by the Board.
- 10. LMSB Second Annual Report:** A proposed outline was distributed to the Board. The Board accepted the proposed outline for the Annual Report.
- 11. Nina Lake:** The LMSB would like a report from Ducks Unlimited on various projects they have surrounding Lake Manitoba. Ducks Unlimited will be invited to a future meeting to discuss these projects.
- 12. Date and Time for Next Meeting:** Monday September 21, 2009 at 10:00AM; tentatively in Neepawa MB.