

Big Sandy Area Lakes Watershed Management Project
Project Tour and Meeting August 13, 2014

Twenty people attended the project tour on Lake Minnweawa. The tour began at the Rath home on Lake Minnewawa and continued on the lake. A variety of projects were reviewed. The tour also addressed walleye stocking in Lake Minnewawa and participants were able to view the weed harvester in operation.

Following the tour, the members listed below remained for a brief business meeting:

Al Rinta	Carmen Rinta	Frank Turnock
Pat Rath	Jerry Pawlak	Gary Peterson
Janet Smude		

A project proposal for the Lowell and Kathy Laberge property on Big Sandy Lake was shared. The landowners are requesting assistance replacing vegetation that was lost during the flooding in 2012. The proposal would add a small amount of soil/sand to recreate the slope that was eroded away. Planting would include 5 native trees, 5 native shrubs, and 80 native flowers and grasses. Cost share funding of \$ 1,060, not to exceed 75% of the total eligible project costs was requested. A motion approving the cost share funding, with the condition that flood tolerant native species are selected, was made. M/S/C Jerry Pawlak / Pat Rath.

The group also reviewed the progress made on the Rinta project. Native vegetation and a walkway has been added to their shoreline. A motion approving reimbursement of up to 75% their costs, not to exceed the total allocated amount for this project was made. M/S/C Jerry Pawlak / Pat Rath.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.