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## October 10, 2024 LGCC Meeting (Refuge Golf Club)

President Becky Ridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board Members in attendance were Becky, Birdie, Tami, Vicky and Pat. A total of 28 attendees. 21 members, four speakers, and three non-members were in attendance.

Lake Report/Tom Rotramel: The Lake Level Monitoring Gauge read .94 today as compared to 1.24 when it was installed on May 17th. This is a loss of about 3.6 inches as our water level continues to recede without any major precipitation forecast in our near future. We had only .55 inches of rain for the entire month of September and have recorded zero so far in October. Our last water clarity and water temperature readings were taken on: September 15th at 6 feet 1 inch and 74 degrees and September 19th at 6 feet 2 inches and 74 degrees

<u>Treasurer's Report/2025 Budget:</u> Tami reported as of September 30, 2024 the available balance was \$12,082..00 with expenditures during the month of \$50.00. The Proposed Budget for 2025 was given to members for their review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025 budget. The Budget is available for viewing under the "Resources tab at <u>https://www.lakegeorgemn.org/</u>

<u>Roadside Clean up Report:</u> The roadside clean up was completed on Sept. 28th. Special thanks to everyone that participated.

<u>Old Business:</u> We are still looking for speakers for next year's meetings. Please email anyone on the board if you have recommendations or ideas. Pat Graizinger was elected to the LGID board and will not be serving on the LGCC board. The President and Secretary shall be elected to a two-year term in office on ODD numbered years. The Directors at Large shall be elected each year for a one-year term. In 2025, there will be elections for five board members.

<u>New Business</u>: The first meeting in April of 2025 will be a happy hour and social time with appetizers provided by LGCC.

Lake George Improvement District (LGID): Juanita shared updates on the upcoming elections for school board, city council and the Constitutional Amendment for the Environment And Natural Resources Trust Fund Renewal. Juanita shared there are no additional dollars needed from the LGID and the \$200 assessment remains the same. There was also a handout for Lunch Bunch offered through the adult community ED office. Juanita introduced the speakers, Jamie Schurbon, Watershed Projects Mgr. Anoka Conservation District, Paul Kretsch, VP of Sales and Marketing, Lake Restoration and Cody Brady of Lake Restoration, and Jessica Leverty, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Anoka County Parks.

Key points from the speakers:

- The Water Quality/Lake Monitoring gives a letter grade to the lake. In 2024, Total Phosphorus-B, Chlorophyll -B, Secchi (transparency) C, Overall-B. The Secchi is a disk used to gauge the transparency of water and the downward trend is not what we want to see.
- There is \$100k to do lakeshore improvement projects
- Invasive plant mapping completed in late April showed no curly pondweed. 37.1 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil was treated based on the mapping for a cost of \$10,960..
- Broadleaf cattails are native to the area while narrow leaf are not native and can be invasive. A third type of cattail is a hybrid mix of the two. A permit is required to remove any aquatic emergent plants and only allowed for recreation access. More information is available from U of MN researcher Amy Schrank-<u>https://maisrc.umn.edu/amy-schrank</u>
- Be on the alert for the next invasive species Starry Stonewort. Although not found in Anoka County, early detection is important. For photos and more information: <u>https://maisrc.umn.edu/starry-stonewort</u>
- Boat Launch monitor report-Boat plug violations 3/690 inspections. Plant violations 42/690 inspections.
- Reminder to examine your docks and lifts for Zebra Mussels

The door prize winner was John Vilandre. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.