

**CHISAGO LAKES RESTORATION ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 8:40PM

ROLL CALL

Chris Dubose	Joe Tromburg
Gail Tromburg	Jay Tromburg
Diane John	Gregg Schmitt

WELCOME VISITORS

John Haselbeck

Congratulations to Cindy Falconio who won the landscaping contest! Chris will give a t-shirt and new CLRA membership to her.

Gail was given the new membership slips from Diane and will make a new 2007 membership list. Gail will make a Microsoft Excel document with the new members in alphabetical order. The list will be used for future mailings.

John H. has received pamphlets from Joe for dispersal.

Reminder for Joe: Ask Matt Johnson for a new membership.

Business Registration: Chris will follow up on the status from the State of Minnesota.

Meeting location days and times will remain on the third Wednesday's of each month, **now starting at 7:30 PM beginning October 2007.**

Web site: A choice was made for the home page for our new web site at www.raisethebriges.org. Gail will remain in contact with Kimberly Wilcox of The Media Junction for these changes. The home page will include photos from Joe and Chris's files of the old and new bridges. Tabs with photos will also be used for:

“About Us” including ‘contact us’, ‘our mission’, and ‘meet the board’ (which will include email addresses and phone numbers per each board member.

“The Big Lake” will remain the same as the previous website.

“Resources” will include ‘FAQS’ and ‘Meeting Minutes’ (with prior approval from board members.)

“News and Events” will remain the same; this year will include the MNDot and Lindstrom City Council bridge ideas.

“Join Now” will have a Paypal link.

A larger icon for CLRA (on the home page) will be changed. We will also obtain new email addresses (for those who wish to have it) from raisethebridges.org.

Bumper Stickers are made and have been given out to board members to disperse to the public.

Chris went on a bridge tour hosted by MNDot through the Lindstrom Council. Chris received blue print plans from MNDot comparing the box culvert to an arched bridge, both included a pedestrian walkway. Chris showed the board the bridge designs drawn by MNDot at the CLRA meeting. Channels were discussed and how to achieve the best design and width. No one is in favor of the box culvert in the Lindstrom City Council according to Chris. In the past, Congressman Jim Oberstar suggested we do a survey from area lake residents as to what they would like for a design, but when we met his Aide, Alana, she asked the Lindstrom Officials if the project had the support of businesses and residents. The Lindstrom Officials answered with a resounding “yes”, and that Lindstrom would prefer the bridge design instead of the precast arch bridge. Each of the designs would meet our needs, but one in specific has a more open feeling, a bike trail adjacent to the channel, and it would be more conducive to dredging if the water levels ever dropped dramatically. The particular bridge was more expensive and had more maintenance, which is why the Congressmen’s Aide was there, so she could pass on a request from Lindstrom to Congressman Oberstar for the additional funding the bridge option would require. The bridge cost was estimated at \$1.3 million, the archway would cost between \$700 thousand and \$1.3 million, depending on soil test results, and dredging would cost an additional \$100 thousand. The City of Lindstrom appreciates what CLRA is doing for them and in the design of the new bridge.

CLRA will update the lakeshore owners list. CLRA may also do a comprehensive study on the internet by going to the Chisago County website, to interactive GIS map and use a magnification tool to find the information on each parcel. CLRA does have a list of lake property owners and the parcel numbers from 2005. For residents outside of the Chisago Lakes area, we can do a search (for addresses and names) which was a suggestion to save time. Chris may research parcels by going to the Chisago County website and perhaps Diane will volunteer as well. Gail will email the parcel numbers to Chris and Joe.

Treasurers report:

620.00 In new memberships

700.00 In checking (approximately)

6,000.00 in savings (approximately)

MEETING ADJOURNED

9:50 PM