# JESSIE LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION JESSIE JABBER

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## FALL 2014

# MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DAVID ANDERSON:

I am honored to have been elected President at the annual fall meeting. Previously I was a director and the Vice President. I am thankful for and proud of the many members that have participated in the past and those who continue to serve on the board, in committee positions and on projects. Thanks also to the members who assist through financial means, many giving more than our dues, or sharing their time and talent. It takes all of us to make our Association successful and effective.

There were several other board changes at the annual fall meeting. Steve Bowers, director, Jim Anderson, secretary, and Marn Flicker, past president, left the board. Harold Goetzman moved from president to past president and Hollister Madsen moved from director to Vice President. Tina Jorgenson continues as treasurer while Jason Jorgenson and Mike Nystrom continue as directors. We welcome Don Ojanen and Jake Carstensen, as new directors on the board. Since no one had agreed to be secretary, Harold asked for a volunteer and Rhonda Nichols graciously agreed to fill the position. I would like to extend a great big "thank you" to Steve, Jim and Marn for their leadership, insight and many hours of service to the Association. I encourage all of you to say thanks too. This Association has had deeply dedicated volunteers since its inception, and it continues to be a leader in Itasca County for achieving the mission of not just maintaining, but improving our local area lakes and environment. We are in a good position to continue that tradition of great leadership that our board and members have shown in protecting the five lakes and numerous streams covered by our watershed association.

I would like to highlight some of the major events and projects that have been completed since your Spring Jabber edition.

- Multiple shoreline restoration projects have started or are in various stages of completion with the largest being tackled by Rising Eagle Resort. The large amount of rainfall in June and early July contributed to a substantial amount of erosion around the lake and Rising Eagle Resort asked our Association to back a no wake zone for the far northwest portion of Jessie Lake to help prevent additional erosion to their shoreline. Our JLWA board agreed to support the proposal, but in the end the proposal was rejected by the Itasca County Sheriff's department.
- Three large bright yellow signs were installed at the public landings on Jessie, Little Jessie and Peterson Lakes to reinforce the AIS message of "Drain all boat and bait water, it's the Law".
- This summer we hosted another successful "Share the Lake Day" with Deer River seniors enjoying a picnic lunch and rides on the Let's Go Fishing specially equipped pontoon.
- The annual fall roadside clean-up and the Association's third annual lake shore clean-up continued.
- The beavers this summer and fall have been very active and created a large number of dams clogging flow in our creeks and impacting our fish spawning areas. Several of our members (thank you Hollister, Harold, Diane and others) removed the dams, but we cannot keep up with the busy beavers. The board has agreed to encourage trapping the beaver by offering a bounty to a local trapper.

As the beautiful fall season welcomes in the holiday season, I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year in 2015.

#### JLWA ANNUAL MEETING-AUGUST 30, 2014 By Jim Anderson

President Harold Goetzman called the meeting to order at 10:05 am following the coffee hour and introduced the Board and new members. There were 30 members present.

# OLD BUSINESS and 2014 PROJECT REVIEW

*Business Items* -- The minutes of the spring meeting were emailed to members and distributed to those present by Secretary Jim Anderson and approved by the members with no corrections. Tina Jorgenson gave the treasurer's report showing that the JLWA treasury contained \$7,876.63 as of the end of August, which includes \$905 donated by forty-seven members. President Goetzman presented the 2015 Budget (see attachment) and a motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer's report and the budget. Tina also reported that the membership was currently at 121 members.

*Spring Meeting* – Marn Flicker moved and Jim Anderson seconded that we continue the trial date for the spring meeting on the second Saturday after Memorial Day, June 6, 2015, for another year. Motion passed unanimously.

*Picnic* – President Goetzman reported that a only 21 members attended the Association picnic this year at Rhonda Nichols. After discussion on improving attendance, it was agreed that the 2015 picnic be held the same week as this year, but on a Friday, which is July 17, 2015 at Rhonda Nichols.

*Lake Levels* – Jim Anderson reported that the lake level on May  $17^{\text{th}}$  was 1324.01 ft, rose to 1324.81 ft on June  $21^{\text{st}}$ , and steadily receded to 1323.01 ft on August  $30^{\text{th}}$  (see following article and chart).

*Loon Survey* – Jim Anderson reported that there were 6 resident loons on Jessie this year. A nesting pair on the north end of the lake hatched 2 chicks that survived the summer so far.

*Website* – Jim Anderson reported that the Association website, which had been down most of the summer due to technical difficulties at the host, is now up again. You can visit the website at the URL www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed. He also reported that Hollister Madsen will be assuming the web master duties this fall.

*Share the Lake Day* – Jim Deconcini and Marn Flicker reported on the Share the Lake Day this year, and Jim Deconcini read a thank you note from the Deer River nursing home.

*Shoreline Restoration Projects* – President reported on the restoration projects at Rising Eagle Resort, and also at Gary Lees' residence. Grant funds are still available for projects so if you have shoreline issues please notify Harold Goetzman.

*Water Quality* – President Goetzman reported that the water quality is pretty much the same as it was last year. However, due to increased water temperature we are beginning to see algae blooms, which will probably continue for another week or two.

*Roadside Cleanup* – Rita Anderson reported that the fall cleanup would be on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, with lunch afterward at Anderson's. We will meet at Jessie View Resort on CR 35 at 10:00 am. NEW BUSINESS

*Invasive Species* – President Goetzman reported on purple loosestrife, zebra mussels, and other invasive species, what has been done to address the problems, what can and will hopefully be done in the future and the legacy funds that have been appropriated to also address the problem.

*No Wake Zone* – President Goetzman reviewed a request for a closed throttle area from Rising Eagle Resort, on the very north end of Jessie Lake, to help protect their restoration project from erosion. The sheriff's office refused to support the request. The resort has requested to include a flyer with our spring Jabber mailing, asking people to be cognizant of their restoration project, and reduce their speed to closed throttle at the very north end of the lake. The Board of Directors supported their request, and Rising Eagle has offered to pay for any increased costs incurred in the mailing.

*Beaver Dam* – President Goetzman reported that Rhonda Nichols informed him of a possible dam just south of the Spring Creek bridge. He subsequently asked for volunteers to remove the dam, and

Hollister Madsen with friends responded and removed that dam. He also reported that Bill Coleman informed him of another new dam on Tilly's Creek west of CR 135. After discussion, Jim Anderson moved and Dave Anderson seconded, that the Board be directed to take whatever action is necessary to hire a trapper to address the beaver problems surrounding the lake. Motion passed unanimously.

*Shoreline Alteration Projects* – President Goetzman reminded everyone that if any alteration of the shoreline is contemplated, a permit is required before any work commences.

# **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following nominations for Officers and Directors were presented by President Goetzman:

President – David Anderson

Vice President – Hollister Madsen

Secretary - Vacant

Director 2-year term – Jake Carstensen

Jason Jorgenson

Director 2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2-year term – Mike Nystrom

Don Ojanen

Past President (1-year term) – Harold Goetzman

President Goetzman asked for volunteers to fill the Secretary position. Rhonda Nichols volunteered to fill the position. Jim Anderson moved a white ballot for the nominations including Rhonda Nichols.

Motion seconded by Barb Lewis. Motion passed unanimously.

DOOR PRIZE – Jason Jorgenson won the door prize of an Association hat.

A motion was made to adjourn and the members enjoyed a potluck lunch.

JLWA 2015 Proposed Budget-Approved at Annual Meeting

Expenses	2015	2014
Postage	\$450	\$450
Printing	\$350	\$350
Share the Lake	\$350	\$350
MN Waters [dues & hosting web]	\$250	\$250
MN Lakes and Rivers Dues	\$150	\$150
Meeting rentals	\$100	\$100
Mileage/Education	\$200	\$200
ICOA [dues]	\$ 50	\$ 50
Lab water testing	\$300	\$300
Supplies [office/operating]	\$100	\$100
AIS Signs for Public Access		\$200
JLWA Picnic	<u>\$ 75</u>	<u>\$ 75</u>
Total	\$2375	\$2575

# MEET YOUR NEW DIRECTORS DON OJANEN

I was born and raised in the Duluth area and spent many summers as a youth at my grandparent's farm near Squaw Lake, MN where I grew to appreciate our natural resources. I graduated from the Natural Resources Program at Brainerd Vo-Tech in 1978. I then started my work career with the US Forest Service in Deer River, MN in May of that year. My wife, Paulette and I were married in the fall of 1978 and moved to Talmoon in the fall of 1979. Since that time, we raised three children and now enjoy six grandchildren. We both retired in 2010 and are grateful that we can spend more time enjoying activities at our Jessie Lake property, which has been in the family for 25 years. As a member of the Jessie Lake Watershed Association Board, I look forward to helping continue the monitoring of lakeshore activities and water quality of the watershed.

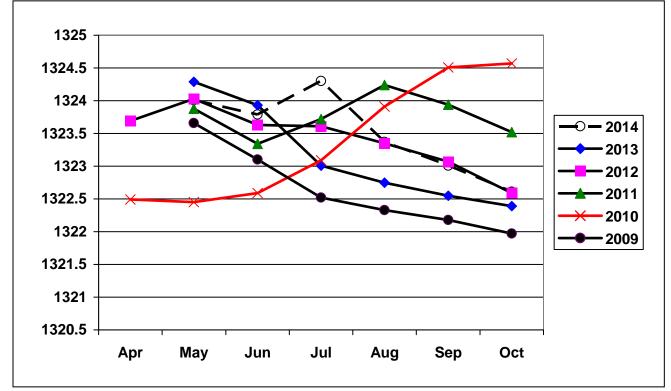
#### JAKE CARSTENSEN

I was born and raised in southern Minnesota into a family who loves fishing, hunting and enjoying the great outdoors. After finishing high school, I started working for a local plumbing company and became a licensed journeyman plumber. I married my middle-school sweetheart Addy (Klingsporn) and together we have three children; Jacelyn (age 7), Paisley (age 5) and Layne (age 2) who keep us very busy! In May 2012, we purchased a property on Jessie Lake together with Addy's parents, which used to be known as Three Cedars Resort. We have renamed the property Loon's Landing and rent out four of the five cabins year-round. I also work full-time for a plumbing company in Grand Rapids and do cabin care, lawn service and snow removal on the side. I wanted to be a part of the Jessie Lake Watershed Association because I want to learn more about and be part of the lake community where our family lives.

#### JESSIE LAKE WATER LEVELS By Jim Anderson

This year the ice out on May 9<sup>th</sup> was late and the water level on May 17<sup>th</sup> was 1324.01 feet above mean sea level or about 19 inches above the level in the previous fall. This was due to the very high snow levels we had last winter. If you remember June was a rather wet month with over 7 inches of rain and thus, the lake rose about 10 inches by July when it started going down for the rest of the year. The water level declined steadily over the summer to reach a level of 1322.47 ft. on Oct. 10th when the gauge was removed. This was a drop of 28 inches (2.34 ft.) total from the maximum and also 21 inches less than the long-term average of 1324.26 feet. Although the fall final level (1322.47 ft.) is rather low, it is still about 9.5 inches above the lowest recorded value of 1321.68 ft. on Sept. 1, 2007. Hopefully, we will have a large amount of snow again this winter to bring the lake back to normal.

During the summer the lake levels are reported to the DNR and the information is updated monthly on the DNR website: http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/showlevel.html?downum=31078600



JESSIE LAKE SIX YEAR SUMMER WATER LEVELS (Feet Above Sea Level)

#### SWCD FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR 2014 JESSIE WATERSHED PROJECTS By Harold Goetzman

An earlier issue of the Jabber had an article by Jim Gustafson of SWCD explaining the need for shoreline owners in our watershed to contact SWCD regarding an interest in completing a shoreline restoration or erosion control project. We still have funds available and would like anyone with a potential project to contact Harold Goetzman (326-3908) or Andy Aerns (326-0017) to discuss the project on your land. Types of projects that could be considered for implementation and funding include the installation of native plant buffers along the lakeshore, willow bundle or coconut fiber log installation to decrease erosion and aid the establishment of native plants, installation of water diversions to reduce erosion and the creation of rain gardens. All of these practices help reduce the nutrient (phosphorus) inputs associated with erosion and sediment transport, which promote the growth of green algae blooms that inhibit recreation in the summer. A reduction of one pound of phosphorus will decrease the algae growth by 500 pounds. Any concerns about your shoreline erosion or storm water management can be explored for solutions. The main thing is to get everyone thinking of how they could help to reduce the phosphorus input into Jessie Lake.

The Resource Advisory Council (RAC) funds approved in 2013 from the USFS Chippewa Forest have not been fully allocated to projects so these funds need to be scheduled and used by 2015. Let's get involved and make good use of these funds. Several people have expressed interest, but there are still sufficient funds for more projects, so give us a call. Other SWCD funds may also be available.

## **DNR FISHERIES UPDATE**

#### By Dave Weitzel, DNR Area Fisheries

The Lake Management Plan (LMP) for Jessie Lake was updated with new information in 2014 and is now available upon request by contacting the Grand Rapids Area Fisheries Office at 218-327-4430. The following are excerpts from the LMP:

## Long Range Goal:

Produce high yields of harvestable walleye with a gill net catch rate of 12.0/set. Maintain the northern pike gill net catch rate near the lake class first quartile value of 2.8/set.

# **Operational Plan:**

- Attempt to stabilize the walleye fishery by stocking Pike River strain walleye fry annually at a rate of 500/surface acre (875,000). Stock up to 875,000 surplus fry if available.
- Conduct a population assessment using 15 gill nets and 15 trap nets in late August of 2018. Conduct Index of Biological Integrity (IBI) sampling in 2018.

Jessie Lake has the potential to produce a quality northern pike fishery. A recent assessment with 16 fish per net suggests the population may be detrimentally changing. Anglers should be encouraged to keep the small ones and release all pike over 22 inches to help maintain a quality size structure.

# Midrange Objective:

Continue to evaluate the effect of annual walleye fry stocking at a rate of 500/surface acre. Monitor the abundance, size structure and growth rates of the walleye, northern pike and black crappie populations as well as any changes in the fish community.

## Stocking Plan:

The evaluation of walleye year class catch rates on Jessie Lake continues to indicate that walleye abundance is primarily dependent on fry stocking. Past stocking strategies have produced highly variable year class catches resulting in inconsistent angling opportunities and "boom and bust" angling cycles. Some data indicates that natural reproduction may be increasing, although levels are too limited to maintain the fishery. Therefore, Pike River strain walleye fry will be stocked annually at a rate of 500/surface acre (875,000) for 10 years beginning in 2010 in an effort to provide more consistent year class strength and augment any natural reproduction that may be occurring.

#### **Present Limiting Factors:**

Several studies have shown the angler harvest is a leading factor in the mortality of adult walleye. Exploited fisheries are typically dominated by small, young walleye that exhibit moderate to fast growth, poor to moderate size and age diversity and high adult mortality. The age and size structure of walleye in Jessie Lake are likely influenced by angler harvest. Data show that walleye dynamics in Jessie Lake are similar to those in many exploited fisheries. Mature female walleye made up a disproportionately small component of the 2013 sample, suggesting angler exploitation of faster growing females from the strong 2006 year class. Jessie Lake is likely to continue to produce sporadically strong year classes, periodically resulting in high yields of small walleye while density of larger adults is likely to be limited by harvest. Without special protection for larger, adult walleye, "boom and bust" angling cycles may be expected.

#### NEW DNR AIS BOAT DECAL LAW MLR Update Newsletter, Oct. 2014

The main way that AIS moves from one lake to the next is by hitching a ride on a boat, trailer or other water related equipment. As part of a good education and outreach program, in 2012 the legislature passed a law requiring watercraft trailers to have a decal showing that the owner has taken an AIS training course. If you trailer a boat or water related equipment like docks and lifts in Minnesota, you must take AIS training and get a trailer decal. Trailer decals are required on trailers starting July 1, 2015.

Online training will be available at the DNR website beginning January 1, 2015. Paper home-study training packets will also be available. After completing the course, you will receive a decal that must be displayed on your trailer. Online training will cost \$5.00. A paper home-study course will cost \$11.00. Both rates include mailing the trailer decal to the owner.

Once an owner takes the training they can receive multiple stickers for each trailer that they own. Additional decals for other trailers cost \$2.00 each. Once you take the training you will receive a certificate that you can use until your decal arrives in the mail. The decal must be adhered to the side of the trailer frame tongue near the hitch in a manner that is readily visible and does not interfere with the display of any other trailer registration requirements. All of the training fees go directly to the company that is developing and supporting the course in order to cover the cost of running the course. No funds come to the DNR through this program.

This new trailer decal requirement applies to all trailered watercraft and water related equipment, including nonresidents. Warnings only as no criminal penalty has been established for 2015.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HALT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS)? Produced and distributed by Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations (MN COLA)

 $\Box$  Hire dock/boat lift installers who are DNR trained Lake Service Providers (LSP). It's the law! Anyone installing, removing, renting, or leasing water-related equipment in state waters must be DNR trained. The business needs a permit and the worker needs DNR certification. (DNR website: **www.dnr.state.mn.us** and search *LSP*)

Ask to see the DNR issued certificate of the LSP dock and lift worker.

Businesses and workers that are properly trained will be happy to show you their credentials.

□Know that watercraft and all water-related equipment can spread AIS. This includes fishing boats, jet skis, wakeboard boats, pontoons, sailboats, scuba gear, float planes, canoes, kayaks, all fishing gear, waders, docks, boat lifts, tools, trailers, and waterfowl hunting gear.

□Learn to identify each aquatic invasive species (zebra mussels, Eurasian watermilfoil, spiny water fleas, rusty crayfish, etc.) Watch for any new AIS infestations that may allow quicker and more

effective treatment options. Be aware of AIS not currently in MN but considered a threat such as hydrilla or northern snakehead. (DNR website, search **aquatic invasive identification**)

 $\Box$  Know which waters are designated "infested waters" in Minnesota and other states. And recognize that other lakes and rivers may also be infested and not yet designated. In all cases, take precautions when moving watercraft from lake to lake. (DNR website, search *infested waters*)

**Educate your guests!** Make sure watercraft and water-related equipment of guests arriving from other lakes/rivers (including out-of-state) are free of zebra mussels and other Aquatic Invasive Species like Eurasian watermilfoil, spiny water fleas, and Flowering Rush.

Watercraft coming from other waters should follow recommended dry times or decontamination. The best:  $140^{\circ}$  water for 10 seconds to kill all AIS. (100thmeridian.org, search *dry time estimator*)

**Encourage resorts/campsites/hotels to train marina employees** on AIS and to use precautionary measures when working with water-related equipment arriving from other lakes and rivers. All arriving watercraft and water-related equipment needs to be free of AIS - **Cleaned and Drained** before entering the water. Water-related equipment that is **Dry** is less likely to spread AIS.

**Public access inspection program** is available for public accesses - contact the DNR for training. Be "*Eyes and Ears of the Lake*". (DNR website, search *watercraft inspection*)

□ **Promote good AIS relationships** among your lake neighbors, the DNR AIS Specialist and law enforcement by including DNR and law enforcement as speakers during your lake association meeting. □ **Report suspected new AIS sightings to the DNR**. It's the law!

□ **Know current laws and follow them**. Before leaving public accesses, water must be drained from all water-related equipment. All bait containers with lake water must be drained and watercraft must be transported with the plug out. (DNR website, search *invasive species laws*)

# MINNESOTA LAKES AND RIVERS ADVOCATES (MLR)

## Information from the MLR Website

This spring the JLWA Board approved a resolution to join MLR since this organization has become the best educational and advocacy organization for Lake Association interests to fill the void left by Minnesota Waters. MLR is the new name for Minnesota Seasonal and Recreational Property Owners (MSRPO), and continues with the same leadership, staff and Board. This is a non-profit, non-partisan organization and individual membership is tax-deductible. One reason for the name change is a broadening of their efforts from what began to challenge the unfair system of property taxes on seasonal parcels. While tax fairness is still on their agenda, MLR has now taken on many more statewide issues, including efforts to halt and control Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), protect water quality and habitat, and advocate for responsible shore and forest stewardship. They also will continue to be available to Lake Associations for presentations on these issues as well as seminars on setting up a "cabin trust" to ease the process of passing a cabin down to the younger generation.

The mission of MLR is to protect Minnesota's lake and river heritage for current and future generations by forging powerful links between lakes, lake advocates and policy makers. The goals are:

- Lead in efforts to fund and implement a comprehensive statewide plan to halt the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Work to reform lakeshore Property Taxes to protect lakeshore from overdevelopment and to keep the lake legacy affordable for future generations.
- Strive to protect surface Water Quality in Minnesota with information and policy priorities.
- Work with policy makers to advocate Aquatic Habitat measures, and work with Lake Association members to implement aquatic plant management.
- Lead in advocating for strong Shoreline and Forestland Stewardship incentives.

• Offer Legacy Seminars to help ensure the treasured family heritage of time at the lake or in the woods with family can continue for generations to come.

MLR also has a separate Political Action Committee (PAC) which can provide support for statewide political candidates, help create the political agenda, and work more closely with both elected officials and agency staff and leadership (e.g. the DNR, MPCA and others). MSRPO PAC is very active at the Minnesota Legislature, with two registered lobbyists working to protect the interests of lakeshore owners across a range of issues. Sometime things come up at the legislature with little warning, thus it is important to have an organization like MLR and MSRPO PAC ready to act.

The MLR together with our statewide Coalition of Lake Associations (MN COLA) has taken up the important role of advocacy of lake issues. For more information: http://mnlakesandrivers.org.

#### POTPOURRI

#### **By Harold Goetzman**

Share the Lake Day. This was the eighth year that our Association has hosted a day of sharing with those not able to live on a lake. Thanks to Carol Wood we had a great place to host 20 guests from the Deer River Nursing Home and the Day Stay Program. Carol, Marn Flicker and Jim Deconcini did a good job of getting things organized and we had a good turnout of JLWA volunteers to help out that day. This year we again had rides on the handicapped accessible pontoon boat provided by the Let's Go Fishing organization, which was the highlight of the day with beautiful calm weather. The guests and our members also enjoyed music by Rob Larsen and a traditional picnic together with hot dogs, beans, chips and bars. Sitting on the shore enjoying the sunshine, socializing and some pretty good stories make it an interesting day. This year we also had a \$350 grant from the NIEC Round-up program to cover most of the expenses involved.

**Roadside Clean-up**. On Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> we had 10 members meet to pick up litter on 3 miles of County Rd 35 between Highway 6 and County Rd 133. Krista Hagen organized the project and she even included a nice day. The day was scheduled on a Friday to improve participation. This was followed by lunch at Jim and Rita Anderson's (thanks much Jim and Rita). The County provides garbage bags and vests so it is a good public service event for JLWA. We will also need to pick up litter in the spring. Think about helping out next year, which will be year eleven for this program.

**Itasca County AIS Program**. The MN Legislature approved a bill in 2014 to appropriate \$10 million annually from the general fund that goes directly to counties for local AIS work. The counties can make grants from these funds to lake associations or other groups to reduce the threat of AIS such as zebra mussels, spiny water fleas, rusty crayfish and Eurasian milfoil. The money will be doled out to the 87 counties based on how many boat landings and trailer parking spaces are in a given county. St Louis County will receive the most and Itasca County will receive the second largest appropriation on the order of \$550,000 in 2015. A county plan is currently being developed by a group of agencies (CISMA) with Bill Grantges of Sugar Lake as the coordinator. The CISMA was chosen by the County Board to make these decisions because it includes a wide-ranging group of agencies, associations and interest groups. These include the County ESD, IWLP, SWCD, DNR, Tribes, ICOLA, Extension and USFS. The CISMA (or its designated AIS Coordinator) held public meetings this fall for purposes of collecting additional suggestions and ideas, as well as providing publicity regarding how funds can be obtained for special projects. It is expected that lake associations will apply for grants to fund AIS projects on their lakes so if you have an idea let me know (218 326 3908).

<u>**Quotable.**</u> "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping in a room with a mosquito." Anonymous – (I thought this was very appropriate for this buggy year.)

#### DID YOU KNOW? By Harold Goetzman

- Our Lakes Specialist, Noel Griese has left SWCD. Noel prepared the water quality reports for the Spring Jabber since 2005 and has been a great help to JLWA over the past 10 years on many water quality issues including preparing the TMDL report. He will be missed.
- The new Ranger in the Deer River District of the Chippewa Forest is Chad Kirschbaum.
- The JLWA has joined the Itasca Water Legacy Partnership (IWLP) with a \$100 donation. IWLP was formed to work on water issues in Itasca County. See www.itascawaterlegacypartnership.org
- Our native prairies are at greater risk than the Amazon rainforest. All but 1 percent of the tallgrass prairie in the corn belt of Minnesota and the Dakotas has been plowed and planted.
- Jessie Lake froze over on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, which is five days early (the long-term average is Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>).
- Our website (<u>www.minnesotawaters.org/jessielakewatershed</u>) is updated regularly by our Webmaster Hollister Madsen with meeting notices and the latest issue of the Jabber.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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#### MEMBERSHIP

The JLWA presently has 121 paid members. Treasurer, Tina Jorgenson will send out an invoice for dues in early January.

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