

MEETING MINUTES



October 22, 2021

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Chris Bedwell, Mark Laustrup, Jim Coors, Jeff Aspenwall, Paul Eckerline

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Rick O'Neill, Jim Payne, Shelly Payne

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the September minutes was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. There is a balance of \$71,401 in the checking account and \$6958 in the savings (Eco-Harvester) account. A donation of \$1000 came in and we paid Limnotech \$9245 that will be reimbursed by the Tribe for work on the Musky Bay spawning habitat project. The ESRI software license was paid (\$1211) along with SELT (\$300) and a audio speaker for the board meetings (\$400). The budget looks good for the remainder of the year. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Kevin Horrocks and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Dates: Kevin Horrocks suggested Combining the November and December meetings because of the holidays. It was decided that December 3rd will work.

COLA Board Dinner: Chris Bedwell suggested December 4th at the Chicago Club. Kevin Horrocks asked meeting attendees about interest in attending. December 4th won't work with Jim Coors and Jeff Aspenwall. Kevin will send out email to check on other dates.

2022 Budget Estimates: Kevin Horrocks asked everyone to begin thinking about next year's budget and he will talk with Gary Pulford about the Limnotech budget for next year.

Cloud Storage of COLA Docs: Chris Bedwell said that we need to put all COLA documents on the cloud for succession purposes. Kevin Horrocks said to remember to rename numbered documents. We need to get all COLA data on the web, including all technical and science documents.

I-LIDS: Mark Laustrup explained that COLA will still need to provide a ramp monitor, per WDNR requirements, even if the camera is installed. We can use paid positions as well as volunteers and we are still eligible for Clean Boats funding to provide that service. Mark will prepare E-Blast to look for volunteers and provide it to Jim Coors.

Closed session

Miller/Hill Update:

October NRB Meeting:

Lake Levels:

Open session

Eco-Harvester 2022: Kevin Horrocks summarized the issues we are having with the equipment. The meeting with the Teal Lake people went a long way in helping us get a handle on the problems. A bad valve was repaired and a broken rod on the conveyor was identified. We still have the issue where carriage is not dropping to the 1" measure; it still stays 6" above the waterline. The manufacturer doesn't want to deal with it and the dealer is of no help. Dick Laumer met with a hydraulics expert who suggested disconnecting the hydraulics to identify whether the problem is with the hydraulics or the structure of the boat. Dick Laumer, Kevin Horrocks, Brett McConnell, Pat and Todd Bedwell are looking to do that next week. Do we take it to the manufacturer and demand they fix it under warranty, or do we take it to Dick Laumer's hydraulics expert and pay to get it fixed? There are safety issues that also need to be addressed: a bar across the bunk near the conveyor; heat shields over the engine muffler, wiring and hoses; file and round burred edges, and extra bunk wall stays. Extensions for grease fittings under the bow also need to be addressed along with a diagram of where the grease fittings are. The GPS needs to be installed along with rake tubes. The registration numbers need to be affixed to the hull. We also need to train COLA people for maintenance and greasing so it all doesn't fall on LCO Conservation. And we need to continue to insist on getting copies of the hydraulic and electrical schematics. Jim Payne asked about the use of chemicals. Is it too late to put in for a grant? Kevin Horrocks said that we still have enough money to treat for one year, but we need to get an extension on the grant. Mark Lastrup will work with Kevin on a grant extension. Jim Coors asked when do we apply for the application of herbicide? Kevin said, in the spring. Kevin will talk to Gary Pulford to get further clarification.

Musky Bay Spawning Restoration: Kevin Horrocks was present on conference call between Limnotech, LCO Conservation, WDNR, and USCOE. They've never done a project like this. Hauling is not an option because it is too expensive. Sediment analysis shows no problem. They want an additional permit for placement; how big, how deep? The public good must be addressed. They also want options for placement of the dredged spoil. Kevin doesn't see how this project can proceed. They are throwing up roadblock after roadblock. Limnotech will collect bathymetric data, plant and sediment data etc. to address their concerns but it will cost \$14,000 to develop a response. Mike Persson has suggested putting the plan on the shelf for a while. Alf Sivertson suggested asking for the money in the fundraising effort to cover the cost. Someone suggested asking Frank Pratt to head up the effort. Alf suggested tabling for a couple of months. Alf will talk to the Corps. Kevin will call Max Wolter and push for his participation. Kevin will contact Limnotech and tell them not to move forward with the project.

Riprap Proposal: Alf Sivertson said that the county provided the wrong file number on the notice. He finally got the plans. He suggested that we shouldn't waste our resources on this right now. The public comment period is over. We need to get good information out to shoreland owners on restoration over riprap.

Highlands Update: Attorney was able to get plans and sent them to their engineer. He didn't think it would function during a 100-year rain event. They have filed a contempt complaint and the trial hasn't been set yet.

Fundraising Plans: If you have ideas, let Alf know. Look at his email to provide input.

COLA Board: A motion to add Shelly and Jim Payne, Rick O'Neill and Kurt Shroeder to the board was made by Chris Bedwell and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous. What about Steve Umland? Jim Coors will take the VP slot if he gets help with communications. Will Kurt take one of the open positions on the board?

Adjourn 4:57