

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES



January 26, 2018

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Chris Bedwell, Steve Umland, Paul Eckerline, Mike Persson, Dick Laumer

Present from Committees and Guests: Dan Tyrolt, Jeff Aspenwall

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the December 29 minutes was made by Jim Steve Umland and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell handed out the budget sheets showing a balance of \$263.04 in checking. Chris had to repay the Foundation and Kris Sivertson has not submitted the paperwork for reimbursement for the shoreland project. Chris indicated she may have to go to the foundation for a short term loan. Membership money is still coming in. The profit and loss statement reflects the end of the 2017 financial year. Kevin Horrocks will contact Chris Gales to see what the plan is for membership recruitment. Chris Bedwell would like to eliminate paperwork as much as possible by converting to online membership registration. The Board needs to make sure Chris Gales is on board with his membership responsibilities. Kevin Horrocks will be out of town for the next meeting.

2018 COLA Budget: Jim Coors, Gary Pulford and Kevin Horrocks were on a conference call yesterday with the Foundation. There is \$194,000 in the general fund. \$100,000 is reserved for the cranberry offer. The Foundation estimates \$10,000 for 2018 operating expenses, leaving \$84,000 for COLA work in 2018. There is not enough to cover everything proposed for 2018. The Shoreland project may not spent the \$20,000 budgeted as there is still enough carryover to do 11 lots in 35-foot setback pot of money. Time in kind contributions can help cover the potential shortfall. In 2014, COLA had to tap the Foundation reserve. Kevin Horrocks stated that the Board will need to keep very close track of expenditures and move money if necessary to stay within budget.

2018 AIS Grant: Steve Umland worked on the grant this week and it is 95-percent complete with a February 1 deadline. Steve needs a board resolution that we are going to request money from WDNR for AIS work in 2018. A motion to submit the request for funding from WDNR was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous. Steve is asking for a three year grant and the point intercept surveys are part of it. Steve hasn't received anything from Jane on the extension for little

LCO. Steve wants to use the same applicator for treatment. He will provide a hard copy to Alex Smith and electronic copies to Madison.

Clean Boats 2018: Mark Lastrup informed the board that he missed the December 10 deadline thinking it was Feb 10. COLA spent \$4387.50 last year and was reimbursed \$3000. Dan Tyrolt suggested adding boat monitoring to Steve's AIS grant. Steve will check it out. Mark Lastrup said that if we drop Friday monitoring, we can save \$1300. The Board consensus was no, we have to do clean boats. Mark Lastrup will get the shoreland survey pictures from Applied Data Consultants and will investigate the best approach to serve them on the website. He will also find out if the storage of pictures affects the ESRI nonprofit allocation.

SSC Rulemaking Update: Gary Pulford said that WDNR plans on meeting Feb. 23rd deadline. Hopefully WDNR will agree on 10 ppb. They are questioning the whitefish population status on LCO which is nonsense. The LCO population is not transient. Lake Whitefish are present in LCO and they are a viable population. WDNR is proposing a new standard for all three story lakes in Wisconsin based on the COLA work on LCO.

CWA Complaint Update: (closed session)

Budget on Website Discussion: Kevin Horrocks worries that people will misinterpret the numbers. Mike Persson, Chris Bedwell and Kevin Horrocks do not approve of putting the budget on the website because the budget is disclosed at the annual meeting and all questions are answered. Chris suggested that if people have questions, they contact her directly.

EVAAL Meeting Summary: Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, and Kevin Horrocks met with Tim Siedl (Sawyer County) and Ron Spiering (USDA-NRCS) at the Sawyer County building January 10th to discuss the erosion vulnerability model. UW-SP completed the work on the evaluation. Tim and Ron met with 36 owners of high and medium high risk parcels and signed them up for cover crops costing \$130,000. Ron suggested COLA buy a seed drill and rent it to farmers through a local implement dealer. The seed drills used for cover crops are specialize to handle the very small seeds and are not readily available.

Musky Spawning Habitat Restoration: Gary Pulford, Mike Persson, Dan Tyrolt, Hans Holmberg and Paul Christel met via phone to discuss the project. They directed Hans to develop the tasks for the restoration project. Dan Tyrolt said that USCOE may work with Tribe to do entire project through a tribal program the Corps administers. COLA, thru LimnoTech, will develop the "Project Description". Dan is waiting to see what the Corps wants in a preproposal. Gary Pulford said that Limnotech will want to provide as much information as possible and the timeline for Limnotech will include the first draft in 20-45-days and the final proposal in 60-days.

Treatment as a State (TAS) Update: Dan Tyrolt said he hasn't heard anything back from EPA but the announcement should be ready to go out shortly.

2018 Contributions: Kevin Horrocks asked Mike Persson if Muskies Inc. was looking for a COLA contribution. Mike said no. St. Francis will receive \$300, and the Town of Bass Lake, \$250. \$500 was set aside for projects not yet identified.

Highland Condo Update: Gary Pulford said that phosphorus (550 ppb) was measured coming off of the parking lot during rain storm events. The condo association said that if any COLA member comes on

their property, they will call the sheriff. COLA offered \$5000 to bring in an engineering firm to analyze the storm runoff problem but has heard nothing back. COLA sent a letter to the individual property owners asking for their involvement. There are 12 units in association, some individuals own two.

2018 Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held June 16th, 2018 at St. Francis. COLA needs to make sure the internet connection is working and that the coffee is hot. Topics for the meeting need to be developed and membership has to be notified.

2018 Annual Picnic: The annual picnic will take place July 14th, 2018 at Trails End Resort. We will do the same thing this year we did last; Chris Bedwell will purchase gift cards from Angler's Haven, Italia, The Fireside, Trails End Resort and Trailways Inn for raffle prizes. Mike Persson said he could provide the loud speaker. The menu still needs to be developed.

Adjourn: 5:01.