

# COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MEETING MINUTES



**October 26, 2018**

**Present from Board:** Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Jim Coors, Paul Eckerline, Chris Bedwell, Mike Persson, Dick Laumer, Chuck Gundersen

**Present from Committees and Guests:** N/A

**Recording Secretary:** Mark Lastrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept the August minutes was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Chris Bedwell. The vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Bedwell handed out the Profit and Loss statement and reported \$1129 in the checking account. Chris provided Steve Umland with a cancelled check for treatment so that he can submit it for reimbursement. WDNR in Spooner is understaffed with reassignments/retirements and it could be some time before we are reimbursed. WDNR pays 75% of project costs. Time in kind numbers are needed ASAP. Gary Pulford spoke with WDNR in Spooner and Steve Umland should continue working with Alex Smith. As of today, COLA has received \$115,000 from the Foundation with legal expensed still coming in. The Foundation needs numbers on the 2019 projected budget at the end of the year. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

**Foundation update:** Kevin Horrocks said that the situation is about same as last year. They are focusing on wealthier people for donations to the foundation and legacy fund. Their biggest concern is getting grant reimbursements and end of year closeout. They are fund raising in December and currently down 40 donors. The Foundation asked where are we with things we said we were going to do? Are we going to be more aggressive? We need a script to explain our decisions to move forward.

**SELT Update:** Jim Coors informed the board that Kathy Hanson's husband died last week and there is a question as to whether she will continue writing for COLA. She may move to Eau Claire but might still want to work on SELT articles. Jim said it is Important to keep moving forward.

**Water Gage Update:** Jim Coors, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, and Kevin Horrocks re-measured and set the USGS Average Elevation at 1.2 on the gage. The ordinary high water mark (OHWM) about a foot and a half above the Average Elevation.

**SSC/Point Source Update:** On November 5<sup>th</sup> COLA is filing the brief and WDNR has 30 days to respond (December 21<sup>st</sup> ). The judge then has 90-days to render the decision. Closed session.

**2018 Ag EVAAL FOIA:** Gary Pulford said we need to know who they have talked to and who has signed up. Have they developed CPA52 farm inventories? Gary said we could forgo the inventories. It's all about accountability.

**Forestry EVAAL:** Mark Lastrup talked with Larry Partridge and he suggested that COLA use WDNR Forestry for contacts with absentee landowners. It's free and they are rolling out a program specifically for that.

**2019 Budget:** The board spent time developing the 2019 budget, the treasurer recorded the conversation and COLA will take up the 2019 budget again at the November Board meeting.

Adjourn: 4:52