

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES



October 27, 2017

Present from Board: Gary Pulford, Kris Sivertson, Mark Laustrup, Chris Bedwell, Jim Coors, Mike Persson, Steve Umland, Dick Laumer

Present from Committees and Guests: Dan Tyrolt, Susan Kendrick, Jeff Aspenwall, Alf Sivertson

Recording Secretary: Mark Laustrup

Gary Pulford called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the September 22 minutes was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell handed out the profit and loss statement showing a balance of \$14,040. The picnic has been paid for and expenses totaled \$2231. Steve Umland will be asking WDNR to roll over \$6000 remaining in the AIS account for use in 2018. Gary Pulford mentioned that Pines Bach LLP is 100% over budget and he asked Alf Sivertson if there will be additional expenditures. Alf said that there could be an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 necessary by the end of the year. A motion to accept the budget was made by Kris Sivertson and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

November and December Meetings: Because of Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be moved to December 1 and the December Meeting to December 29. Kevin Horrocks has already scheduled the town hall.

Site Specific Criteria (SSC) Rulemaking Underway: Gary Pulford indicated that the deadline for WDNR to act is the middle of February. Limnotech is currently talking with WDNR staff on the phosphorus standard. According to Gary, this is cutting edge science connecting phosphorus concentrations with habitat quality (oxygen) for cold water fisheries. He is happy with the progress to date.

Federal Complaint Update: Executive Session

Pesticide Presence in Water Samples: Gary Pulford said that one of the water samples collected on Thors Lane identified an insecticide with chronic side effects (Intrepid 2F). Additional samples have been collected and sent to an Oregon lab for testing.

Musky With PIT Tags Stocked: Mike Persson said that roughly half of the extended growth muskies were PIT tagged (3474/7461). There was discussion on providing tag readers to Angler's Haven and Trails End resorts. It will be important that someone provide guidance on equipment maintenance and care.

Musky Bay Muskie Spawning Habitat Restoration Update: Mike Persson has been communicating with potential contractors with Limnotech working as a consultant. The dredge will come out of Duluth. Mike is waiting for the Limnotech proposal.

2018 COLA Projects: Dan Tyrolt said that he has been in discussion with Alex Smith in the Spooner WDNR office and Alex would like to see COLA update the Aquatic Plant Management Plan with a point intercept survey of the entire lake. Steve Umland said that \$2100 was spent treating aquatic invasive species (AIS) on Little Lac Courte Oreilles and the estimated 2018 cost will be \$3500. On Big LCO, Barbertown Bay will require treatment and a decision needs to be made on whether to treat Stucky Bay given the inflow of CLP from unregulated ditches. Steve estimates \$25,000 for treating Lac Courte Oreilles in 2018. Steve Umland proposed adding \$20,000 for shoreline mapping to update the buffer and septic surveys. Gary Pulford indicated that WDNR has a protocol for shoreland surveys and we need to make sure that we are in compliance. Kris Sivertson suggested budgeting \$25,000 to initiate a COLA shoreland restoration effort, outside of the WDNR program. There is still \$30,000 remaining in the WDNR grant and COLA should approach WDNR about rolling that money into the COLA effort. Kris suggested a graduated pay scale based on the depth of the restoration effort. Mark Lastrup suggested providing Sawyer County with \$20,000 to get LIDAR data flown for the county. The estimated total cost is \$50,000. We desperately need high resolution elevation data to augment our project work.

Lake Management Plan Update: See above.

Drone Proposal for Shoreline and Buffer Monitoring: See above.

Update Shoreland Restoration (<35') Strategy: See above.

Final UW-Stevens Point EVAAL Report: Gary Pulford said that the project is complete and COLA needs to decide how to roll out the information on potential pollution coming from agricultural lands. Gary will be meeting with Sawyer County and the NRCS to refine the approach. Jim Coors asked for an update on the forestry project status. Gary indicated that the initial phases are complete and that 90% of the forestry in the watershed is private and not in the forest management program, I.E., no BMPs (best management practices).

ESRI Nonprofit Status: Mark Lastrup indicated that ESRI is waiting for our paperwork and once they have it, they will provide COLA with two licenses for their ArcGIS software. The software is

needed to support GIS maps on the COLA website. Mark Lastrup and Jim Coors will hold the licenses.

Impaired Waters Listing for LCO: Gary Pulford said that while WDNR will list LCO as impaired, they will not list the cause, phosphorus. Limnotech is drafting the COLA comment letter and the notice will be released the first week of November. COLA needs to have an email blast ready to go. There was discussion on the best way to provide a letter to members for them to submit.

Highlands Condo Discharge Update: Gary Pulford indicated that COLA has been banned from the Highlands property. Kevin Horrocks has responded to their letter. Water samples taken from the parking lot runoff during high intensity rain events carried 400-500 ppb phosphorus, higher than cranberry discharges. Gary is thinking about approaching them with a 75-25 cost share to hire a storm water engineer to identify a fix to the problem.

LCOFI Meeting Update: The Foundation is happy with what we are doing. About \$25,000 needs to be raised by the end of the year to hit \$100,000.

Dedicated Email Address: Jim Coors has created an email account for the new web site. All though that one account is enough and that Jim can contact other board members, should the need arise.

Other: Steve Umland suggested providing \$5000 for drone work on a Little LCO pilot program to map the shorelands. The suggestion was tabled until next month. It was suggested that Steve talk to people who drone mapped Shell Lake to get information on protocols. It product is on the Shell Lake website.

Adjourn: 5:10 PM.