

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES



December 1, 2017

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

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

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the November minutes was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell handed out the profit and loss statement showing a balance of \$6000 in checking. We received \$3000 from WDNR for Clean Boats/Clean Waters and \$43,000 from WDNR for shoreland restoration expenses. These funds were transferred to the Foundation. Steve Umland said that the \$1602 shown on the statement as reimbursement for the treatment of Little LCO should be \$1802. Chris Bedwell said that COLA is not tax exempt. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Chuck Gundersen. The vote was unanimous.

2018 Impaired Waters Update: Gary Pulford indicated that the COLA letter to WDNR has been sent. He said that it is important to get the word out to neighbors and lakeshore owners to respond and support the COLA position. Jim Coors said that the email blast to the membership will go out this evening. Gary Pulford said that numbers matter and can influence the final decision. He went on to say that he felt the article in the Sawyer County Record was jaded. Kevin Horrocks said that LCO was the only lake out of 250 with a phosphorus source as "unknown" showing deference to the cranberry industry. Mike Persson said he would hand out the letter to Hayward Chapter, Muskies Inc. Christmas party attendees.

2018 AIS Program: Steve Umland said he had copies of the reports for anyone who is interested. He said that there is \$18,196.10 remaining in the Little LCO account for next year. He has yet to receive the information on what remains in the Big LCO account. He met with Alex Smith who suggested several options for a new grant for Big LCO. WDNR wants a full point intercept aquatic plant surveys done for both Big and Little LCO. Steve went on to say that if we accept WDNR money, there are reporting requirements that have to be met. He also mentioned that the current applicator doesn't conduct point intercept surveys. Dan Tyrolt suggested doing point intercept surveys for both native plants and aquatic invasive species; the latter won't require full lake surveys, just Musky and Stucky Bays. He also

suggested including both lakes in one grant to reduce paperwork. Steve Umland said that Alex Smith gave him a list of three different contractors who do point intercept work and he will contact them. February 1, 2018 is the deadline for both point intercept and treatment proposals. Kevin Horrocks asked Steve to confirm the February 1 date.

2018 Shoreland Restoration Grant: Kris Sivertson wasn't present but Alf Sivertson said that Kris would like to see \$25,000 in Foundation money for 2018. Kevin Horrocks said he would talk with Kris to get the details.

2018 Budget: AIS; \$30,000 for point intercept surveys plus \$10,000 for treatment of Big LCO. Little LCO, \$18,000 for both. Advertising; \$1000. Highland Storm Water Study, \$5000. Dues and Subscriptions, up to \$300. EPA/WDNR Actions; \$30,000. Printing and Copying; \$3000. Chris Bedwell said we could reduce if COLA went electronic. Jim Coors said that Chris Gales needed to be part of the discussion. Kevin Horrocks said to leave it at \$3,000 for now. He wants to add marketing (t-shirts, caps, mugs). Shoreland Restoration at \$30,000. Limnotech; \$30,000. Drop forestry consulting. Musky Habitat Study; \$10,000. Forestry Project; \$15,000. The budget needs to be reduced to \$100,000; currently \$179,200. Chris Bedwell will send out a revised budget; \$158,500 currently the total. A motion to accept the budget was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous. Kevin directed board members to review the budget when they get it from Chris Bedwell.

Treaty Rights Meeting Update: Closed session.

SSC Rulemaking Update: Gary Pulford said that LCO will be listed as impaired in its entirety but with an unknown source. With Site Specific Criteria (SSC) in place at 10 ppb, it will be tied to phosphorus.

Forestry Best Management Practices (BMP) Project (UWSP) Update: Gary Pulford sent out an update on the forestry project. Privately held forestry land dominates the watershed and therefore, BMPs are voluntary. County and Tribal timber lands are well managed. Dan Tyrolt mentioned that WDNR has a forester who works with private land owners.

ArcGIS Mapping Proposal: Mark Lastrup explained the Drone2Map and ArcGIS Online connection costs. Steve Umland provided background on the pilot project using Little LCO as a test case. Mark Lastrup explained the benefits of integrating Lidar data with drone imagery. Jeff Aspenwell provided an example using data he collected over Musky Bay. There was discussion on the pros and cons of aerial imagery with the general consensus being that given current demands on budget, it would be nice to have but... Chuck Gundersen made a motion to table the proposal indefinitely.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.