

# COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MEETING MINUTES



**March 23, 2018**

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

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

**Recording Secretary:** Mark Lastrup

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Bedwell was unable to attend the meeting and provided the following information: the Foundation provided a \$14,500 loan to cover the cost of AIS treatment this year. The COLA account currently sits at \$18,009.74. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

**Wake Boats:** Phil Nies provided an update on a proposed Sawyer County ordinance initiated by the Sawyer County Lakes Forum. Last year there was a problem with shoreline erosion because of wake boats on Round Lake. The ordinance would require that boats operate 700-feet from the shoreline with wakes no longer than 50-feet. Steve Umland and Paul Eckerline said that it is important to inform the public about the potential problem. Gary Pulford mentioned the importance of restricting these boats to deep water so as not to tear up the lakebed and add sediment (and phosphorus) to the water column. Gary said he got a phone call from a land owner on Grindstone Creek asking what happened to the 'no wake' buoy. Steve Umland will speak with Bruce Wick to see if he remembers anything about it. Paul Eckerline made a motion to purchase a buoy that was seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.

**AIS Grant:** Steve Umland said that WDNR approved the LCO grant for \$100,500 but they wanted to move money between categories. Wisconsin Lake and Pond provided estimates for the cost of the point-intercept work. There is \$51,000 to pay for treatment. Steve will provide Alex Smith with the revised numbers. Dan Tyrolt said that we need a tighter grid for Musky Bay so that comparisons can be made. Stucky and Barbertown Bays have not been treated for two years and everything will be treated this year. Gary Pulford suggested that next year we redo the shoreland buffer survey using the AIS money. Steve Umland indicated that next year he wants to hire a consultant to work on the AIS grant at an estimated

cost of \$1500. Steve said he is ready to sign the contract with Wisconsin Lake and Pond and with the applicator, if necessary. A motion to instruct Steve to sign the contract(s) was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous.

**TSD Meeting Strategy:** Closed session.

**Shoreline Monitors:** Dick Laumer said that there are gaps in monitoring program that need to be filled. Dick will identify the areas that aren't covered and email the board to see if anyone knows families who could assist. He estimates that we will need 4-5 additional people to complete the work. Susan Kendrick suggested that people who live off the lake might also be interested in participating.

**Musky Spawning Habitat Restoration:** Dan Tyrolt said that he put in a request to the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, through a tribal grants program, to assist with the project. Limnotech is developing a project description that should be available at the end of the month. Mike Persson mentioned that he saw a reference indicating the Musky Bay was once covered with wild rice. He also mentioned that Max Wolters and his crew will be removing another 2000 northern pike from Musky Bay right after ice out. Mike asked for volunteers to help with the effort.

**EVAAL PR:** Susan Kendrick said that she is waiting to hear back from the Sawyer County Record on when the article summarizing the work done by UW-SP will run. The article will come out under her name.

**Membership:** Kevin Horrocks spoke with Jim Coors and Chris Gales about the spring push. When Jim returns, Kevin will meet with him.

**Shoreline Buffers:** Kevin Horrocks said Kris Sivertson needs to submit the paperwork to WDNR for reimbursements. Paul Eckerline has properties in the central basin that will be part of the program this summer.

**COLA Website:** Gary Pulford asked about the photos that were part of the shoreland buffer GIS project. Mark Lastrup said he has the photos and that they can eventually be added back to the ArcGIS Online web map.

**COLA T-shirts:** Kevin Horrocks said the shirts will be available for the annual meeting and picnic and he is encouraging people to order ahead.

**2018 Annual Meeting:** Kevin Horrocks said that this year we need to make sure that the coffee is hot. Mike Persson will provide the sound system. Someone needs to make sure the internet connection is working. The assignments for the annual meeting are as follows:

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell

SSC Strategy: Alf Sivertson

AIS Update: Steve Umland

Summary of 2017 Ag Land Watershed Inventory: Kevin Horrocks

Shoreline Buffers: Kris Sivertson

Musky Spawning Habitat: Mike Persson

Adjourn: 5:17 PM