

## MEETING MINUTES



May 28, 2021

**Present from Board:** Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Chris Bedwell, Mark Laustrup, Dick Laumer, Jim Coors, Paul Eckerline, Dave Zimmer, Kris Sivertson, Mike Persson

**Present from Committees and Guests:** Dan Tyrolt

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. There is a balance of \$80,748.91 in the checking account and \$7558.96 in savings (EH money). Donations for the month came to \$3,375. To date, we have spent \$962 on Clean Boats. The total for CWA/WDNR legal for the month of May comes to \$2333. EH operating costs totaled \$881.54 for the month of May. The Limnotech invoice is on hold until costs associated with the musky project can be addressed. A motion to accept the report was made by Kris Sivertson and seconded by Jim Coors.

**Aquatic Plant Management Plan:** Kevin Horrocks got an email from Scott Van Egren with the go ahead to proceed as if the plan was accepted.

**Highlands Update:** Kris Sivertson said that there are three concrete sloughs running off the property. The county is avoiding having to deal with the issue. Chris Bedwell has submitted comments via email but has received no response. Chris suggested Gary Pulford ask for a copy of the record.

**Clean Boats:** Mark Laustrup provided an update on the program and asked board members to check on the inspector when in the neighborhood. Mark will inform the inspector to forego Memorial Day and to monitor on Saturdays and Sundays only.

**Jonjak:** Mark Laustrup informed the board that Jonjak has laid irrigation pipe in the northeast and west marshes. The beds have been idle for the past several years and there is speculation that he is moving to organic production.

**Hypoxia Monitoring:** Dan Tyrolt has not heard anything more.

**WisCALM 2020:** Last year there were 18 days that there was no cold water habitat available for cisco/whitefish. The west basin is approaching 15 ppb and if it goes over, the entire lake will be declared in violation of the phosphorus standard. Jim Coors said that much of the WisCALM data is available on

the website. Gary Pulford said that WDNR has all the data that Limnotech has so that they can keep an eye on water quality status.

Closed Session:

**SSC Scope Statement:**

**Other Efforts:**

Open Session:

**Eco-Harvester:** No plants have been identified to date. Chris Bedwell sent in the registration material and license plates for the trailer. Kevin Horrocks will pick them up from Chris. Kris Sivertson will order the depth finder from Cabela's and have it shipped to Kevin Horrocks. Kevin Horrocks will go to L&M and pick up items needed for the EH. The Hwy K ramp is good for launching but the Victory Heights ramp is not. A launch site in Musky Bay can be used to unload plant material along with the Victory Heights ramp. Trails End and Anchor Bay can also be used for this purpose. Kevin stated that the farmer on Hwy 27 has backed out on accepting plant material. Kevin asked Dan Tyrolt to pin down spots for disposal on tribal lands. Kevin will work on the Eco-Beast promotion and fund-raising.

**Musky Bay Update:** Kevin Horrocks asked Dan Tyrolt if payment to Limnotech can be taken care of with his grant for the Musky Bay project. Dan received an invoice from Limnotech too. The one COLA got was for \$1855. Cris Bedwell will send Dan what COLA received. Chris and Dan will compare notes. Cris will work with Limnotech bookkeeping to figure out how to deal with it. Kevin asked Dan to look at the dredging permit application. Dan said that the sediment is too flocculent for wild rice production. Wild rice restoration would do best in the area that is dredged out. Dan said it is cost prohibitive to move the sediment out of the lake and we will not see any movement from WDNR until the dredging permit is submitted. Dan will work on it next week. Try to get Max Wolter involved to help move the project forward. Mike Persson will ask Max to contact Ben Crary at Limnotech.

**WDNR Cisco-Whitefish Population Monitoring:** Gary Pulford contacted the WDNR people doing the monitoring. They are trying to continue the project. Gary has not seen the reports yet. They have been doing it for the last three years.

**Shoreline Buffer Update:** Mark Laustrup updated on the pilot. Kevin Horrocks or Gary Pulford need to contact Scott Van Egren to find out if the remote sensing approach is acceptable. He has not responded to two emails. The cost of taking the project lake wide is \$16,000 per a Limnotech quote.

**Wolf Point Lane Construction:** Kevin Horrocks summarized the letter that will be going out next week informing the construction company and landowner that COLA will not accept an after the fact permit. A motion to accept the letter was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

**Water Levels:** Per the county, the surveyor made a mistake with the measurements and possibly the location of the staff gage. The county is not providing the data and does not have the expertise to deal with the issue. The tribe has wild rice beds in the Billy Boy flowage and if the tinkering affects them, Dan Tyrolt will become involved. Kevin Horrocks said that Jeff Aspenwall told him that there are Little LCO residents who are contemplating legal action. Gary Pulford suggested that he, Kevin, Dan Tyrolt and Jeff meet with the county and force the issue.

**2021 Annual Meeting:** Who is willing to work on the annual Zoom meeting? Kevin Horrocks asked about in person board meetings at the Bass Lake townhall. The consensus was to meet in person. Jim Coors said that it will be important to hold an annual meeting to inform the membership of the legal action. Make a list of what will be covered and assign people to each task. Kevin will attempt to organize and will get something out to the board. Musky Bay, Clean Boats, etc. Paul Eckerline will check with the church to see if it will be available.

**COLA Bylaws:** Kevin Horrocks said that Alf Sivertson said that we need to get our bylaws in order before any legal action. Most of board members are serving beyond their term limits. The bylaws need to be updated prior to the annual meeting.

Adjourn 4:59 PM