

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES



July 28, 2017

Present from Board: Kris Sivertson, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Chris Bedwell, Jim Coors, Kevin Horrocks, Steve Umland, Mike Persson, Paul Eckerline, Dick Laumer

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Dan Tyrolt, Frank Pratt

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the June 24 minutes was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell handed out the profit and loss statement for Jan. 1 – July 28. The current balance in the COLA account is \$14,371.28. The majority (\$10,199.38) will be paid out for shoreland restoration. A motion to accept the budget was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

Membership Status & Recruitment: Chris Bedwell handed out Chris Gales analysis. Chris Gales reported 307 2017 members; Jim Coors updated that number to 362. In 2016, membership was at 338, the lowest since 2007. Jim Coors suggested that if Chris Gales sends out another notice, membership should go past 400. Chris Gales wants to go to web based membership database that can be accessed by multiple people. Jim Coors said the existing database (File Maker Pro) can do that. Jim Coors, Kevin & Sue Horrocks, Chris Gales and Chris Bedwell will get together and come up with a plan

Shoreland Monitors for AIS: Dick Laumer will take over for Sue Horrocks so Sue can work on membership issues. Kevin Horrocks wants to develop a group, including monitors to actually do the removal and provide identification tools so that individuals can work on their own.

AIS Update: Steve Umland stated that not much is new. Steve needs new boat to haul CLP as the donated boat sunk. Kevin Horrocks said he has one. Steve mentioned that additional CLP was found in Musky Bay. The applicator mentioned he may have not applied enough; Steve doesn't think so. A discussion followed on hand pulling and how best to do it. Steve mentioned (again) he needs volunteer hours for reimbursement. He

will submit a grant for big LCO and ask for an extension on Little LCO. Steve will send letter to Grindstone about treating Grindstone Creek.

Annual Meeting/Picnic: Kevin Horrocks asked Mark Laustrup to check with Pam Fairclough on t-shirt and hat orders; what numbers have we ordered in the past? Gary Pulford made a motion to provide \$500 to St. Francis Church in order to hardwire (Internet) the meeting facility. Steve Umland provided a second. The vote was unanimous. Someone mentioned to make sure coffee is ready at next year's annual meeting. The general consensus was that the picnic at Trails End Resort was a success. Several modifications will be made for future events. Mike Persson said he would provide a PA system for next year's picnic. The 2018 picnic will be at Trails End Resort.

Short Subjects:

Measurement Gauge at Throughfare Bridge: The gauge has finally been installed. Gary Pulford said that the Ordinary High Water Mark is 1287.27 feet above mean sea level. Gary Pulford, Kevin Horrocks and Mark Laustrup will validate.

Padlocks on Billy Boy Dam: Unnamed individual(s) placed padlocks on the gates at Billy Boy Dam. The sheriff taking care of it.

Short Term Rental Ordinance: The original ordinance was deemed against state law so a nuisance ordinance is being developed.

Highland Condo Illicit Storm Water Discharges: Because of impermeable surfaces associate with the development, storm water is discharging into the lake at two points. To date, COLA is not getting any help from Sawyer County or WDNR.

Gerig Farm Discharges on the West Side of LCO: Several lakeside landowners contacted Gary Pulford following heavy rains early this summer. Water was running off of cultivated land through a culvert and to the lake.

Shoreland restoration Grant Status: Kris Sivertson said that one project was completed a couple of weeks ago and that the Broken Arrow project still has outstanding bills. Kris said that most of the grant money will be spent this year.

2018 Impaired Water List: Gary Pulford said that all of LCO will be designated as impaired because of low dissolved oxygen levels in the late summer. He said the USEPA won't accept a whole lake designation because one-third of the lake is tribal. WDNR will designate entire lake anyway.

New Tribal Chairman: Alf Sivertson said that the new chair is on board with everything the LCO Conservation Department and COLA are working on.

Central Repository for COLA Documents: Chris Bedwell suggested COLA investigate developing a document drop should something happen to any board member. It should include: board members dates of service; rules and bylaws; how do

get things accomplished (applying for grants, CLP procedures and drop dead dates; a glossary and contacts).

New Website: A motion to transition to a new site was introduced by Chris Bedwell and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

Web Map Hosting: A motion to work with Applied Data Consultants to preserve existing GIS maps was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous. Mark Lastrup will take the lead.

SSC Status: Gary Pulford indicated that the governor has signed off on the scope statement and the next step is the Natural Resources Board (NRB), a 90-day process. COLA will begin engaging WDNR staff. Brett McConnell and Dan Tyrolt worked with WDNR to upload all LCO Conservation Department data. WDNR is ready to move forward with rulemaking (10 ppb average of 8 sampling locations). There isn't much more legal time required. It will probably be a few months before it hits NRB agenda. The spring of 2018 is a likely end point. The science is rock solid; if the NRB approves, we should be good to go.

Closed Session:

Open Session:

Musky Bay Alum Treatment Cost Analysis: Gary Pulford provided the results of the Limnotech analysis; \$1.2M to sequester 15,000 lbs. of phosphorus from Musky Bay.

Musky Bay Musky Spawning Habitat Restoration: Mike Persson said that contactors estimate 1400 cubic feet of silt will need to be removed from the east end of Musky Bay. The alternatives to dispose of the dredged material are to pump to WDNR forested wetlands, back into the lake, or on private property. Gary Pulford and Mike Persson met with WDNR and the Corps of Engineers. COLA can't pump on WDNR wetlands and they are not excited about the material going back in lake. Gary and Mike will look to identify a land disposal site(s). Frank Pratt and Dan Tyrolt both suggested not putting any more time or money in alum treatment until phosphorus sources are curtailed. The COLA Board agreed.

Communication: Kevin Horrocks will meet with Jim Coors next week to refine a strategy to maximize the inclusion of all members in future communications.

Adjourn: 5:03 PM