

MEETING MINUTES



August 27, 2021

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Jim Coors, Gary Pulford, Chris Bedwell, Mark Laustrup, Dick Laumer, Jeff Aspenwall, Dave Zimmer

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Rick O'Neill, Jim Payne

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the July minutes was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Dick Laumer. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. Donations totaled \$2,045 for the month. Legal expenses of \$116 were paid out. LimnoTech's invoice for \$892.50 was paid for work on the Lake Management Plan. Professional fees of \$450 was paid to Sawyer County for transcription fees. Total expenses for the month were \$1,815.30. Chris said that the budget looking good for the year. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Mark Laustrup. The vote was unanimous.

2021 Budget: Kevin Horrocks said that Gary Pulford brought up the possibility of needing additional funds for the SSC. Look at Clean Boats expenses, the picnic, musky habitat implementation, Lake Management Plan, etc. We have \$17,000 unspent that could be used. Gary said that additional bills could be coming in on the Lake Management Plan. Additional funds are available in communications. Legal is \$10,000 under budget.

COLA By-Laws: Alf Sivertson has completed the revision and provided a copy to the board. Jim Coors said that we need a vote on board members. Alf said that the slate of board members will be send it out and that the board elects officers. Alf will send out an email to Jim. Chris Bedwell will provide Jim Coors with a list of partners and email addresses for the ballot.

Resolution: A resolution to approve the cost share grant application with WDNR for an I-LIDS camera was brought before the board. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Chris Bedwell and seconded by Jim Coors. The vote was unanimous.

Clean Boats Cleaning Stations: Sawyer County is looking at an ordinance that will require use of cleaning stations if available. Kevin Horrocks will get a draft of the ordinance out to the board.

Eco-Harvester Plans: Kevin Horrocks said that we need to attract volunteers. A couple of his neighbors are interested. Ask them to attend board meetings. Jim Coors said that coordinating volunteers is an immediate need and they don't need to attend meetings. Kevin mentioned Tom and Mary (Little LCO) and other people who have supported us. Jim suggested reports of people helping with the eco-harvester. Jeff Aspenwall said we need a better way of scheduling and notifying volunteers. Kevin Horrocks suggested developing a weekly schedule so people know when they might be needed. He also said that the Tribe is taking over operation and that COLA needs to get more involved. Jeff said that we need to identify positions that need to be filled and then develop a hard schedule. Maybe the Tribe could put together a paid staff. Kevin said that we will need eight people to efficiently operate the Eco-Harvester. Jeff asked if a Jobs Line exists in that we might use. Chris Bedwell suggested one paid position that would coordinate the scheduling. Kevin will start the conversation with Brett McConnell. Alf Sivertson suggested that given the explosion of EWM this year, we may need to go back to chemical treatment to get it under control. Jeff Aspenwall reiterated Alf's comment that it has exploded this year and we can't handle it with the Eco-Harvester. Alf said that there is a herbicide specific to EWM that has been used in other places that completely wiped out the plants. Alf will investigate. Gary Pulford said that the herbicide goes by the name of ProcellaCOR-EC. It is supposedly very selective to EWM, very effective and very expensive. The jury is still out. There has been lots of use in Wisconsin this year....so we may know more come January or February. Kevin Horrocks said that we need to schedule for Monday and Tuesday. Check with Brett at LCO Conservation to make sure it is doable. Gary Pulford can help Tuesday afternoon. Kevin could cover other times. Tentatively it will be Stucky Bay on Monday and Chicago Bay on Tuesday.

Water Levels: Kevin Horrocks emailed the board his analysis of the lake levels issue. It's been a problem for decades. When Dale Olson ran the dam, it was opened in the spring to allow passage of spring flows and then closed. Then Jay Kazlowski changed operation based on pressure from three people. After they identified a mistake, they further lowered the water level by ½ foot. Little LCO is negatively impacted by this action. Big LCO shows no change given the time of the year. To restore the water level, all boards need to be in place except the spillway. Alf Sivertson will call Dale Olson to get his take and send a letter to the county and the DNR water people.

Closed Session

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Open Session

Miller/Hill Construction: Alf Sivertson said that the petition is on the judge's desk.

Adjourn 5:05