

**COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2014**

Present from Board: Kris Sivertson, Sue Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Steve Lilliblad, Kevin Horrocks

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

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 PM by Kris Sivertson.

Approval of Minutes: The August minutes were unavailable; Paul Eckerline was unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lilliblad said that as of September 25, 2014, COLA has a balance of \$6700.00. The last bill of \$3100 from Stantec for the post-treatment survey has arrived. The \$23,000 for 2014 treatment was much less than the projected \$40,000+. Dan Tyrolt said that COLA should ask for an extension to use the funds in 2015. Steve Lilliblad asked if the money could be used to pay for 2015 boat inspections. Dan Tyrolt stated that AIS money should not be used for clean boats because there is a WDNR program available to pay those expenses. Steve Lilliblad said that the extension would also provide an opportunity to increase COLA's in-kind match that is well below what was turned in last year. Dan Tyrolt said that the best time to ask for the extension is when the next draw on the AIS grant is submitted. Kris Sivertson said that he would submit the clean boats grant to WDNR for \$4,000. Kevin Horrocks brought up the need for people to get serious about turning in hours for 2014. The shoreline monitors need to turn in their time. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Sue Horrocks and seconded by Mark Lastrup. The vote was unanimous.

Lake Protection Grant: Gary Pulford said that WDNR has a new program to help restore shoreline habitat. The new program is the one COLA needs to use and not the Healthy Lakes Project because it is too restrictive. COLA needs to send in grant applications for the treatment of Musky Bay and the restoration of buffer zones on properties that were identified as problematic. Kevin Horrocks asked if the Sawyer County Lakes Forum should step up. Frank Pratt said that the organization is custodial and needs to become more active in lake issues. Kris Sivertson asked if the program would apply to properties where enforcement action has been initiated. Dan Tyrolt said no. Gary Pulford mentioned that 360 properties on the two lakes do not meet the county buffer standard. The grant application would include design work as well as helping with the acquisition of plants for restoration. We need to develop a list of the properties that do not meet the standard and contact them via letter from the COLA Board, letting them know that money and expertise is available to them. Kevin Horrocks suggested that COLA enter agreements with Frank Pratt (Musky Bay treatment) and Bruce Wilson (shoreline buffer restoration) to develop the grant proposals. Sue Horrocks asked about

political implications. Alf Sivertson stated that he would approach the Foundation for the funding. Kevin Horrocks made a motion to provide \$1500 each to Frank Pratt and Bruce Wilson to develop the grants and that the proposals would be available to the COLA Board a week before the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Mark Laustrup. The vote was unanimous.

Agenda for the UCWC October 11th Meeting: Gary Pulford said that each of the lake associations will come prepared to discuss what they are doing with aquatic invasive species (AIS). He went on to say that cores have been collected for Sand and Whitefish lakes by WDNR and will be analyzed by the end of the year. The cores will show what the pre-development phosphorus levels were for the two lakes. The cores have been in the possession of WDNR for 10-15 years. With regard to Sissabagama, Gary Pulford stated that WDNR (Alex Smith) met with them and proposed to change the classification of Sissabagama from a seepage to a drainage lake and that would lower the TP standard and change the impairment status. The change would occur in 2016-2017. Frank Pratt said that the phosphorus levels are too high in Sissabagama to change the impairment status. The agenda for the meeting will include the development of an AIS strategy and comparing phosphorus levels among the lakes in the watershed. The meeting will take place at 9 AM, October 11th at the Bass Lake Town Hall. Kris Sivertson, Sue Horrocks, Gary Pulford, and Frank Pratt will attend.

Status of the SSC/TMDL Meeting: Gary Pulford indicated that the joint meeting between the EPA, WDNR and COLA has been put off until November/December. WDNR and EPA have met and additional clarification has been agreed on by them. The state process will go first with public hearings, etc. Dan Tyrolt has spoken with EPA on SSC/TAS. The Tribe will work first on program eligibility and then SSC/TMDL if necessary. A conference call has been scheduled for week of October 20th with EPA, SSC being the main focus. Dan suggested that Limnotec (Hans Holmberg), COLA (Gary Pulford, Bruce Wilson), and the Tribe (Dan Tyrolt, Bret McConnell) be available for the call. He also suggested that Alf Sivertson be available.

Status of Web Site Development: Mark Laustrup summarized activities and provided options for replacing the COLA email system. He provided the Board with the cost of adding 5 additional pages to the web site per year, \$375. It was decided that rather than replace all (20+) email addresses, COLA would use one and correspondence would be forwarded to the appropriate individual. A motion to approve the cost for new page development was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous.

Status of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan: Steve Umland was not present and the item was moved to the October meeting.

Recap NRP Watershed Meeting: Frank Pratt indicated that 48 people attended and that an email has been sent to all participants summarizing the event. Their October meeting will zero in on a couple of the action items. Education was identified as the biggest need.

Loon Call Update: Kevin Horrocks reminded those that have not submitted their work to do so. He is ready to begin putting the draft together.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.