



COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2016

Present from Board: Kris Sivertson, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Jim Coors (phone), Paul Eckerline

Present from Committees: Susan Kendrick, Alf Sivertson (phone)

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the March minutes was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lilliblad was unable to attend and provided a summary via email. As of April 1, the account has a balance of \$3332.21. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Lastrup and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Review of SSPC Submittal & PR/website Roll out: Gary Pulford stated that WDNR has been served and that the EPA has a copy. There is nothing to do until 60-days have past from the date of submittal. Gary Pulford said he received a call from Steve Verburg of the Wisconsin State Journal who wants to write about COLAs experience trying to clean up LCO. He and a photographer want to visit next week. Discussion followed and the board agreed that it will be important to get Dan Tyrolt or Brett McConnell (LCOCD) involved. Kris Sivertson said he would take the lead on coordination and Susan Kendrick said she would help. It was decided to push the new Site Specific Phosphorus Criterion page live.

TMDL/SSPC/9-Key Element Plan Strategy Update: The web site needs to be updated to reflect an accurate time line. Alf Sivertson will provide Gary Pulford with the response by the cranberry growers association to the COLA inquiry about a joint effort to reduce the impact cranberry marshes are having on LCO. Gary Pulford indicated that NR 151 states that WDNR must regulate nonpoint pollution if allocations will not correct the problem.

2016 LCOCD Sampling & Analysis Plan for LCO: Gary Pulford indicated that the plan is the same as last year. There are 12 monitoring points that will be sampled every two

weeks. The cost is covered by the 2016 budget. A motion to approve the activity was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

UW-Stevens Point GIS Environmental Database Development Proposal: Gary Pulford and Mark Lastrup worked with Doug Miskowiak (UW-Stevens Point, Department of Geography & Geology, GIS Center) through conference calls to develop a multi-year strategy to address the application of best management practices in agriculture and forestry within the Upper Couderay watershed. The first year, they will populate and run the WDNR EVALL model to identify areas vulnerable to erosion and more likely to export nutrients to watershed water bodies. Kris Sivertson stated that if COLA will be financially supporting attendance at a national conference per the proposed budget, COLA should get credit. He also said that the increase in cost over the approved 2016 allocation for the project will have to come from a reshuffling of the existing budget. Gary Pulford said that the Foundation is currently carrying \$150,000 where their goal is a \$100,000 carryover. Kris agreed that some money might come from the Foundation. A motion to prepare a contract was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

Spring Loon Call Update: Kevin Horrocks sent an email detailing responsibilities for providing text. He needs the information ASAP in order to get the project to the printer and have it in the hands of the lake community before the lake season takes off.

2016 AIS Treatment: Gary Pulford is getting a quote from Tom Connell, a licensed applicator. It will be available at the next meeting.

FOIA Request on Dredging Complaint: Alf Sivertson said that he will speak with Bender on Monday. Kris Sivertson said that Michelle Horman (Trails End Resort) is again pushing dredging the mouth(s) of Grindstone Creek to enable boat traffic between Grindstone Lake and LCO. He went on to say that COLA should avoid taking a stand on the proposal.

COLA Annual Meeting Theme: A discussion included summarizing the site specific phosphorus criterion and 9-key element plans. Mark Lastrup suggested that Limnotech be again invited to present. Susan Kendrick suggested that Midwest Environmental Advocates be invited. She will contact them. Jim Coors was uncertain that the scope of what they do would work at the local level. Alf Sivertson said the theme should be, 'Where do we go from here?'

COLA Golf and Picnic: Kris Sivertson said that no dates have been set and suggested July 16 for the picnic, unless there is a conflict with another activity that would limit picnic participation. Linda Pulford and Susie Sivertson will coordinate the food part. For the raffle activity, come prepared next month with 5 businesses to solicit for donations. Paul Eckerline questioned whether we really need a raffle. He suggested acquiring (wholesale or cost) a couple of really nice prizes like a paddle board, kayak, driveway gravel, firewood, etc. Remember to ask Allan Hoeft is his artist neighbor friend is

interested in contributing to the cause. Kris Sivertson said that he would contact Big Fish next week to firm up a date for the golf tournament.

Communications Update: Susan Kendrick said that an email blast will go out on April 17th. A press release will also go out supporting the MEA petition to the EPA.

Sawyer County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance: Gary Pulford suggested inviting Dale Olson to the next meeting to give update the board on what the county plans to do.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.