



## COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2016

**Present from Board:** Kris Sivertson, Gary Pulford, Mark Laustrup, Kevin Horrocks, Paul Eckerline, Steve Lilliblad, Jim Coors, Steve Umland

**Present from Committees:** Frank Pratt, Alf Sivertson, Susan Kendrick

**Recording Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Lilliblad stated that the account has a balance of \$2928.21 plus several new memberships so the balance is approaching \$3000. The Tribe has cashed the check for water quality work in 2015. Steve reiterated his wish to resign at the end of his term this June. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

**Dale Olson: Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Update:** Dale provided a handout to the board. Sawyer County received its first guidance in October, 2015. Buffer zones, building heights, lighting, boat houses and impervious surfaces (up from 15% to 25%) are out. The state money for the AIS Coordinator is drying up. The Sawyer County moratorium on boat houses ended because of a legal interpretation. The potential for erosion, destruction of near shore habitat, and water quality issues are enabled because of these changes. The Round Lake dam is coming out with potential impacts to LCO. Zebra mussels have been found in Round Lake. There is a group attempting to get the Billy Boy dam on LCO removed and if successful, could lower the water surface by up to three feet. The Lake Classification System is gone. Several bills (582 & 612) were defeated that would have allowed the dredging of the lakeshore, wetlands fill and ATVs running the shoreline. Alf Sivertson asked if COLA could be informed about boat house permits on LCO. Dale Olson replied in the affirmative. He said that on May 5, the County Board will meet on new boat house rules. Dale mentioned that the Healthy Lakes Program will be available through Sawyer County.

**Annual Meeting:** Kris Sivertson provided a draft agenda; the first four (Opening, Business, Treasurer's Report & Foundation Report) are self-explanatory. A discussion of the meeting focus followed. Gary Pulford asked if we should invite the principals of

other lake associations and the media to hear the Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA) presentation. He suggested that MEA and Max Wolters (WDNR-Fisheries) should be open to the general public starting at 10 a.m. Kris Sivertson said that beyond an email blast to shoreland owners, nothing has been publicized. Maybe it would be appropriate to develop a newspaper clip and press release. Frank Pratt stated that it is important to get younger people involved. A decision was made to run the business meeting and then open the meeting to the public from 10 a.m. to noon. Focus on the Site Specific Phosphorus Criteria proposal, the status of gamefish populations on LCO, and an MEA presentation on the Petition for Corrective Action (EPA). Alf Sivertson suggested dropping the Moving Forward Strategy presentation and all agreed. Steve Umland noted that there was nothing on the proposed agenda about CLP. Someone mentioned that when we open it up for questions and answers, we need to be vigilante that we do not lose the audience. Kris Sivertson suggested a group meet next week to finalize the agenda.

**Picnic:** Gary Pulford suggested authorizing Paul Eckerline to spend \$2000 on prizes. Paul will get back with an email list of potential prizes.

**Shoreland Buffers Status:** Kris Sivertson stated that nothing has changed since the last update. He needs help stuffing envelopes to perspective clients. Gary Pulford and Mark Laustrup agreed to help with the effort.

**Loon Call:** Kevin Horrocks needs all materials by next week.

**CLP:** Wisconsin Lakes & Ponds (Kordus) has come up with a new proposal (2 ppm, \$20,900). Gary Pulford presented a competing bid from Tom Connell, Northern Environmental Services (2 ppm, \$11,360). A motion to go with Northern Environmental was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

**SSPC & WSJ Article:** Executive Session

**UWSP Contract for Watershed GIS Project:** Gary Pulford summarized the content of the contract and the expected products derived. A motion to approve the contract was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.