



COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2016

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

Present from Committees: Susan Kendrick, Ed Packee

Recording Secretary: Mark Laustrup

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

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lilliblad indicated that he has received \$1700 from the Foundation and with a \$3000 reimbursement from the Clean Boats program, the budget is sound. Steve Lilliblad introduced a resolution to remove himself, Tom Burgess, and Allan Hoeft from the list of people with check signing authority at People's Bank and to add Chris Bedwell, Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford and Mark Laustrup to the list. Paul Eckerline made a motion to accept Steve Lilliblad's resolution and was seconded by Steve Lilliblad. The vote was unanimous. Signatories will need to meet at People's Bank next Friday, September 2, at 10 AM to sign documents. Kris Sivertson asked that the Board approve a \$100 gift certificate to Fireside for Steve Lilliblad for his work as treasurer. The Board so approved.

Welcome to Chris Bedwell, New COLA Treasurer: Kris Sivertson and Steve Lilliblad introduced Chris to the Board. Jim Coors made a motion that Chris Bedwell be appointed COLA Treasurer and the motion was seconded by Steve Lilliblad. The vote was unanimous.

Foundation Update: Kris Sivertson indicated that the majority of the Foundation meeting was spent on planning for the upcoming dinner at WISMO to thank Foundation contributors.

Judicial Review Update: Gary Pulford stated that the cranberry growers association has moved to intervene in the judicial review petition case. Gary Pulford speculated that the intervention is related to the point source designation COLA is seeking. Christa Westerberg, COLA Counsel will be in the area over the Labor Day weekend.

Draft 9-Key Element Plan: Gary Pulford was initially disappointed with the draft because it lacked specificity. As he read on, he saw that his initial reaction was premature as there are many specific recommendations in later chapters. He said that the plan is an outreach effort as much as it is a plan that COLA will need to implement. Kris Sivertson said that the paragraph referring to cranberry bogs needs to be updated to reflect current conditions. Gary Pulford asked that comments be emailed to him within the next two weeks.

Fall COLA/Foundation Dinner: Kris Sivertson said that the group will again meet at Fireside on Saturday, October 1. Update: Kris has since changed the date to Saturday, September 24th.

Communications: A letter to the Sawyer County Record thanking the Depew's and Jensen was submitted two weeks ago. Paul Mitchell, the general manager, has a friend in the cranberry industry and wants to check with the local growers before publishing. Susan Kendrick said that it could run as a paid ad. Kris Sivertson asked if the Record could refuse a paid ad. Jim Coors insisted that there be no add-ons by the cranberry industry to the COLA letter. It was decided to go ahead and post to the website and Facebook regardless. Jim Coors suggested setting up a meeting to find out what is going on. It looks like they are going to attempt to modify it, pull it and submit a paid ad. Gary Pulford said that he left messages informing Barry Depew on several occasions that COLA was preparing a public thank you regarding construction of closed systems and that he would probably be contacted by the Sawyer County Record. Gary didn't get a call back. Gary went on to inform the Board that LCOFI has agreed to offer assistance to help cover the cost of closed systems on LCO.

Shoreland Grant – Broken Arrow: Gary Pulford explained that the Broken Arrow condominium has 500-feet of shoreline that was heavily impacted by the recent severe storms. There is nothing growing and the erosion is the worst on LCO and according to Tim Seidl (Sawyer County) maybe the worst in the county. COLA can provide up to \$16,000 to help stabilize the shoreline toe and establish upland buffer but there is a need for a match as the total project cost could approach \$50,000. Each of the cabins is within 35-feet of the shoreline and Alex Smith (WDNR) has pointed out in these circumstances - buffers can be something less than the state minimum of 35 feet.

In the context of shoreline erosion, Ed Packee mentioned that the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) for LCO is 1186.09 feet. Gary Pulford stated that we need to establish a gage on LCO. Ed will draft a letter on the OHWM that COLA can use as it sees fit. Gary Pulford will speak with the LCO Conservation Department and report next meeting.

WDNR October 13 Meeting: Steve Umland was not impressed with the summary provided by WDNR in that it ignored extenuating circumstances, i.e., verbal approval from Madison and perfect environmental conditions for application. Kris Sivertson thought that the meeting was positive. Gary Pulford said that he, Hans Holmberg, Dan

Tyrolt, and Frank Pratt will meet with WDNR on the DO/phosphorus issue in the coming weeks.

Additional Board Members: Paul Eckerline spoke with David McDermid and he is willing to join the Board with the understanding that he is in Chicago during the winter months. Paul Eckerline will look at cell phone technology that supports conference calls. Paul will invite him to the next Board meeting. Per a suggestion from Kevin Horrocks and Jim Coors, Mark Lastrup will speak to Chuck Gundersen to see if he is interested.

Bass Lake Ordinance: Gary Pulford said that there are two drafts on the town's website and both retain the reserve strips as public property. Steve Umland heard from two people that the land will revert to adjacent property owners. There seems to be some confusion as to what the town board will support.

COLA Picnic: Kris Sivertson spoke with Michelle Hormon at Trails End Resort and she will work with COLA to host the picnic in July, 2017. There was no vote but everyone approved to the move.

COLA AIS Program: Gary Pulford developed a list of the elements and tasks associated with the COLA AIS Program (See Attached). The following assignments have been agreed to by the COLA Board:

Grants & Grant Administration: Steve Umland

Contracts and Contract Administration: Steve Umland

Annual AIS Treatment/Mechanical Removal Coordination: Steve Umland

LCO Aquatic Plant Management Plan Monitor & Updating: Gary Pulford

Maintain an AIS Watch Volunteer Effort: Susan Horrocks

Provide periodic COLA Membership AIS Communication: Jim Coors, Kevin Horrocks

Monitor State AIS Policy/Rules/Guidance and Provide COLA Perspective /Comment: Gary Pulford

Maintain a "Clean Boats" Surveillance Effort: Mark Lastrup

A motion to pay \$3700 for a post treatment survey and AIS final report was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Jim Coors. The vote was unanimous.

Other: Mark Lastrup got approval to reorder COLA coasters for Trailways Inn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

COLA AIS Program

The following describes the elements and associated tasks that make up the COLA AIS Program.

Elements that Comprise COLA's AIS Program:

1. Grants and Grant Administration
2. Contracting and Contract Administration
3. Annual AIS Treatment/Mechanical Removal Implementation
4. LCO Aquatic Plant Management Plan Monitoring and Updating
5. Maintain an LCO AIS Watch Volunteer Effort
6. Provide Periodic COLA Membership AIS Communication
7. Monitor State AIS policy/Rule Development and Provide COLA Perspective/Comment
8. Maintain a "Clean Boats" Surveillance Effort

Elements with Associated Tasks:

1. Grants and Grant Administration

- a) Formally close out current COLA AIS grant with WDNR and,
- b) Apply for new or amend current LCO AIS grant for additional 200K
- c) Apply for new WDNR grant for Little LCO to fund treatment of CLP and EWM
- d) Coordinate and administer awarded grants with COLA Treasurer; COLA AIS watch volunteers and WDNR so that COLA is in compliance with grant requirements.

2. Contract and Contract Administration

- a) Secure informal bids from AIS treatment contractors and select contractor for multiply years (3) for both LCO and Little LCO
- b) Prepare, negotiate and finalize contract with selected contractor
- c) Administer contract in accordance with contract requirements
- d) Maintain financial records for audit and grant purposes

3. Annual AIS Treatment /Mechanical Removal Coordination

- a) Based upon previous years' treatment/removal outcomes and post treatment survey(s), prepare and finalize upcoming year treatment plan by December 1 of each year
- b) Include AIS Program (treatment, removal, Clean Boats, point intercept species surveys, etc.,) costs in annual COLA budget by January 1 of each year
- c) Apply for WDNR AIS treatment permit(s) by February 1 of each year
- d) Place proper public notification in local newspaper
- e) Monitor LCO and Little LCO for emergencies of AIS and activate contractor
- f) Assist contractor in pre – treatment survey
- g) Assist contractor in posting properties and conducting AIS treatment
- h) Assist contractor in post-treatment survey
- i) If necessary/advisable coordinate hand pulling or other mechanical removal efforts
- j) Ensure all grant and contract requirements are met

4. LCO Aquatic Plant Management Plan Monitor and Updating

- a) Review and update the July, 2011 LCO APMP to include: scheduling for and implementation of a full species point intercept survey of Musky Bay and Stuckey Bay in 2017 and scheduling for and implementation of follow-up shoreline buffer survey in 2018
- b) Retain services of consultant (Stantec?) to conduct the point intercept survey in 2017

5. Maintain an LCO AIS Watch Volunteer Effort

- a) Annually, at the beginning of each ice-off season, make contact with AIS volunteers and insure all shoreline of the LCO lakes will be monitored that year.
- b) Periodically, remind and collect AIS watch volunteer hours and boat usage expenses for grant match purposes
- c) Periodically recommend and implement ways to recognize the efforts of AIS watch volunteers
- d) Organize and conduct periodic AIS identification /refresher training for AIS watch volunteers and/or COLA members/property owners

6. Provide periodic COLA Membership AIS Communication

- a) Draft and finalize Loon Call articles communicating AIS location, density, treatment status, general information
- b) Present LCO lakes AIS status reports at COLA Annual meetings as requested
- c) Recommend AIS related opportunities for coverage in SELT
- d) Expand the “Invasive Species Management” tab on the COLA website to include locational maps, AIS descriptions, general information useful to LCO members/property owners re: status of AIS management and prevention information

7. Monitor State AIS Policy/Rule/Guidance Development and Provide COLA perspective/comment

- a) Subscribe to and track the WDNR “Proposed DNR Program Guidance” and “AIS” webpages
- b) Identify proposed policy/rule/guidance that would affect the COLA AIS Program and develop and seek COLA Board approval of COLA perspective/comment(s) for transmittal to WDNR within the prescribed public comment period

8. Maintain a “Clean Boats” Surveillance Effort

- a) Budget for Clean Boats in the annual COLA budget
- b) Apply for annual WDNR Clean Boats grant monies
- c) Retain a qualified/trained surveillance employee by March 1 of each year
- d) Direct the surveillance employee activities (where, hours, engagement expectations etc.) from May 1 to Labor day of each year
- e) Maintain the COLA bulletin boards at the three boat landings on LCO with current/relevant information