



COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2016

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

Present from Committees: Frank Pratt

Recording Secretary: Mark Laustrup

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

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lilliblad stated that the account has a balance of \$3825.37 and that the reimbursements from Wisconsin DNR still have not arrived. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Mark Laustrup and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of 2016 Budget: Kris Sivertson passed out the draft 2016 budget. Foundation funding is proposed at \$121,300 (see Attachment 1). A motion to accept the budget was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative Update: Kris Sivertson summarized activities and requested an additional \$500 to be transferred to the group headed up by John Richter. Kevin Horrocks made a motion that was seconded by Mark Laustrup. The vote was unanimous.

Recap of Forestry Tour: Gary Pulford summarized the discussion and field trip provided by JD Alderman representing Futurewood and Johnson Timber. Futurewood is a timber management company that uses science and best management practices to harvest forest resources. Mark Laustrup suggested that Kathy Hanson/Jim Coors contact JD Alderman for a 'Short Ears, Long Tales' article on timber harvesting in the Upper Courderay watershed.

Status of SSC: Gary Pulford indicated that the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission have yet to submit comments on SSC. The submittal will go out to WDNR February 1, regardless. The final draft will go out to the board from Limnotec soon.

2016 Impaired Water List Update: Gary Pulford indicated that WDNR has not responded to COLA comments and we will not know what their reaction is until the 'Response to Comments' comes out.

Shoreland Buffer Participation Update: Kris Sivertson said he has received three additional names of people interested in participating. This spring, 6-7 properties will undergo treatment.

Watershed Sector Engagement: Gary Pulford is in the process of searching for consultants to begin the watershed outreach work.

Musky Bay Musky Spawning Habitat Restoration: The project has been rescheduled for 2017 because of 2016 budget constraints.

Approve Frank Pratt to attend WIAFS Meeting in La Crosse: Frank will attempt to garner AFS support for COLA efforts on Lac Courte Oreilles and the adoption of site specific criteria (SSC). Mark Laustrup made a motion of cover Frank's expenses and the motion was seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

Communications Update: Kris Sivertson summarized the results of a meeting between Jim Coors, Susan Hendricks and Midwest Environmental Advocates. MEA asked for a resolution to support their petition filed with EPA that would remove WDNR authority from NPDES permitting and turn it over to USEPA. A motion to withdraw Clean Water Act authority was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Kevin Horrocks, The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Attachment 1.

2016 COLA BUDGET

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New budget items for 2016

LCOCD—2016 water quality monitoring of the LCO lakes	\$	11,000.00
LimnoTech—support for SSC rulemaking/litigation, TAS public process, 9-Key Plan	\$	15,000.00
Consultant—watershed sector outreach facilitation, coordination	\$	10,000.00
Consultant—Upper Couderay River watershed agriculture inventory	\$	5,000.00
Consultant—Musky Bay musky spawning habitat feasibility study	\$	10,000.00
Bruce Wilson/Frank Pratt—support for any and all of the above	\$	5,000.00
Bender Law Firm—brings action to compel performance against WDNR	\$	10,000.00
Kathy Hanson—Short Ears/Long Tales (\$300/month x 10 months)	\$	3,000.00
Susan Kendrick—public relations (\$1,000/month + expenses)	\$	14,000.00
Watershed Contact-- mailings to > 2,700 property owners on 7 watershed lakes	\$	7,000.00
Forestry consulting, outreach, facilitation re: 9Key Element Plan	\$	2,500.00
COLA Website—maintain and enhance COLA website	\$	5,000.00
Legal SSC and 9 Key Element plan	\$	10,000.00
Sawyer Co. student intern for the 2016 Sissabagama Lake septic survey	\$	2,000.00
* Estimates		
Total	\$	109,500.00

Grant refundable expenses

AIS grant remaining funds	\$	9,000.00
Sawyer Co.—annual Contract payment for support re: shoreland buffer grant	\$	1,500.00
Shoreland buffer grant	\$	78,000.00
	\$	88,500.00

2015 carry forward to 2016

LimnoTech—complete 9-Key Element Plan (2015 remaining budget- carry forward)	\$	11,800.00
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FUNDING FROM FOUNDATION **\$ 121,300.00**

COLA GENERAL BUDGET 2016

Income:

Dues	\$	10,000.00
Outgoing:		
Printing, Loon Call, Postage	\$	3,000.00
Dues, Subscriptions, Donations	\$	3,500.00
Picnic- Net Cost	\$	1,000.00
Fish Habitat	\$	1,000.00
Miscellaneous, Awards, ETC.	\$	1,000.00
Boat Landings, Buoys, ETC.	\$	500.00
Meetings, Conferences	\$	500.00
Membership mailings	\$	2,000.00
Clean boat monitoring (\$1,000.00 to be paid back to DNR)	\$	3,500.00
COLA Coasters and Hats—promotional items	\$	1,000.00
Total Outgoing	\$	<u>17,000.00</u>
Clean Boat grant DNR	\$	<u>4,000.00</u>
Net Budget	\$	<u>13,000.00</u>