



## COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2016

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

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

**Recording Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to accept the June minutes was made by Kevin Horrocks and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Steve Lilliblad is concerned about the picnic cost given a gross of \$1496 without the raffle prizes. COLA is \$3,000 behind in dues where we were last year. Chris Gales will look at the problem and has been attempting to contact people who are behind. Steve went on to say that COLA owes \$750 to Wisconsin Lakes and \$830 for boat landing inspections. And we need to pay back \$1000 to the DNR for last year's boat inspections. We currently have \$9,000 in the AIS account with \$14,000 in expenses. And we may have to cover the entire cost of CLP treatment this year. No time reports have been turned in for weed checkers. Gary Pulford indicated that there is \$9,000 left in the AIS grant and it has to be spent by December, 2016 and we can't use it to cover the 2016 application. The Foundation has budgeted \$14,000 for AIS control in 2016. Kris Sivertson stated that from here on out, if there are questions contact him or Gary Pulford. Kevin Horrocks asked if there were tasks we should be performing between now and the fall to access the \$9,000 left in the AIS account. Can we use it for something else like Clean Boats, education, etc.? Steve Lilliblad said that after paying for the picnic and paying back the DNR, COLA will have zero in its account. Kris Sivertson said he would speak to the Foundation. There is an additional \$75,000 available to LCO in AIS funding and we can write a separate grant for Little LCO. Gary Pulford asked if given the costs associated with DNR AIS compliance, maybe we would be better off going it alone. Frank Pratt stated that there is science behind the AIS grant requirements. Kevin Horrocks asked if we could get a permit to treat without DNR AIS money. Frank Pratt replied that yes you can and it is actually easier to get a permit. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

**Election of COLA Officers:** A motion to appoint Mike Persson to the Board was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous. Kris Sivertson asked Steve Umland if he wanted to be reinstated. Steve replied yes. Paul Eckerline made a motion to reinstate Steve and was seconded by Paul Eckerline. The motion passed with Gary Pulford casting the one nay vote. Steve Umland indicated that Dick Laumer and David McDermid are interested in Board positions. Kevin Horrocks said that in the future COLA will need to put more manpower toward AIS. Paul Eckerline asked that if COLA can find someone to replace him that would be okay with him. Kevin Horrocks said no, it is alright that he is busy on weekends managing his vast real estate empire. Paul Eckerline agreed to stay on the Board. Kris Sivertson said that COLA should buy QuickBooks for the new Treasurer. Steve Lilliblad suggested 3-4 people with check signing authority. Kris Sivertson said that the Treasurer's position will remain as is for the short term. After some discussion it was agreed that Kris Sivertson will remain as President as well as Gary Pulford at the VP position. Kevin Horrocks agreed to act as President next year. There was no vote on Kevin's ascendancy. A motion to accept the lineup was made by Kevin Horrocks and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

**Conflict of Interest Rules for COLA Board:** Jim Coors sent out a Conflict of Interest (COI) policy for Board review. If anyone has a vested interest in anything the Board is doing, they have to disclose it. Alf Sivertson will amend the bylaws to include the COI policy. Alf went on to mention that there are rules for Wisconsin for non-stock, non-profit organizations because of the use of email votes. You can have phone conferences where there is an interchange of ideas between members. The key is to operate so that everyone can participate, instantaneously, person to person. In addition, a quorum is required for any business conducted outside of Board meetings. Alf will make the bylaws consistent with Wisconsin statutes. Paul Eckerline made a motion for Alf to include in the bylaws a no compensation clause because public perception is too important. Mark Lastrup suggested that in future grants, a person could write themselves in to cover time and expenses. Paul Eckerline withdrew his motion.

**Update on Judicial Review:** Gary Pulford informed the Board that Bender is leaving the firm to go to work for Earth Justice, Crista Westerberg will take over for him at the same rate, \$180/hour. The 30 days Bender gave the state is up on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The DeWitt law firm has put out a gag order to all cranberry growers. A motion to accept the change in legal counsel was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

**Picnic Update:** Kris Sivertson commented on the poor turnout and suggested that we should have it on the lake to draw more people. He will contact Michelle Hormon at Trails End to see if July 16 or 17 is available and if they would be interested. Paul Eckerline will also speak with her. Kevin Horrocks said that Barbara and Allan Hoeft spent an entire year accumulating prizes for the picnic and how that is gone. We need

to start thinking now about next year. Each Board member should contact 4 businesses for donations.

**Shoreland Grant Update:** Kris Sivertson indicated that Dragonfly Gardens will grow native plants as will Rollingwood Nursery. Native Plantscapes in Cable does design work. All plants have to be native to Zone 3. The ordinary high water mark is very important in defining natural beaches. Frank Pratt, Kevin Horrocks and other Board members are available to help with installation.

**DNR Reimbursement:** COLA will reimburse the Wisconsin DNR for the 2015 Clean Boats grant.

**9 Key Element Plan Status:** Gary Pulford said that the document is waiting on the results of the Stevens Point study and should be available shortly.

**Additional Board Members:** The COLA Board needs to keep asking people to serve on the board. Kevin Horrocks said that Jim Claybough is not interested at this time.

**Agricultural GIS Project Update:** Gary Pulford summarized the work to date by Stevens Point. There are 25-30 full blown agricultural operations within the watershed. There is virtually no dairy left in the northern part; they have been converted to small beef production facilities. The biggest concern is west side of LCO. The inventory will identify agricultural parcels with the names of the operators. The Stevens Point investigators found that cranberry lands are classified as pasture/grassland. Frank Pratt said that runoff is best managed by pasture/grassland and isn't that convenient. Frank went on to say that a petition to USDA to change the classification needs to be filed. Alf Sivertson will work on a petition letter.

**Cranberry/NRCS Conversation:** Berry and Amanda have contacted the NRCS and the local NRCS office is aware. Gary Pulford will follow up.

**COLA "Offer" Update:** The offer is on hold until August 20, the end of the 30-day extension. Support for the effort will rely on an education piece on closed systems. If COLA is going to put money toward closed systems, the general public needs to know why. Kevin Horrocks suggested that COLA needs to inform landowners that photos of their properties are part of the ad campaign. Gary Pulford said that the money part of the equation should be put on the back burner and the focus right now should be a thank you to Jensen and the DePew operations and a succinct explanation of closed systems for the general public. Frank Pratt said that COLA should nominate the Zawatowski operation for a conservation award. Susan Kendrick will work on the thank you and closed system explanation.

**WDNR 2 Story Fishery Water Quality Criterion Development:** Dan Tyrolt, Frank Pratt, Hans Homburg and Gary Pulford will meet with WDNR on the criterion.

**Related LCOCD Monitoring to Support Criterion Development:** Gary Pulford indicated that LCOCD will beef up deep lake monitoring to one foot increments at three locations, beginning August 15.

**Other:** Bass Lake Ordinance. Gary Pulford was concerned the way the meeting fell apart. He had a conversation with Justin Hall, the Town of Bass Lake chairman. COLA will have a seat at the table when the draft is complete.

LimnoTech was asked to develop a scope of work for a feasibility/design study for the restoration of Musky Bay.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.