



COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2016

Present from Board: Kris Sivertson, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Paul Eckerline, Steve Lilliblad, Jim Coors, Steve Umland

Present from Committees: Frank Pratt, Carol Heinman, Mike Persson

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

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

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lilliblad said he has yet to see the check from WDNR for shoreline buffer reimbursement. The budget will be tight until that money arrives. Steve Umland provided the bill for CLP treatment to the Treasurer. The current balance in the account is \$2339.83. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made Jim Coors and seconded by Paul Eckerline. The vote was unanimous.

Kris Sivertson stated that Gary Jensen's cranberry marsh near Point of Pines is installing a holding pond as part of his marsh rejuvenation project. This information came from a neighbor.

UW-Stevens Point Ag GIS Project Update: Gary Pulford said that the contract has been signed and the student intern of choice has been hired. Gary and Mark Lastrup will meet with the principal investigator and intern June 3rd. Sawyer County has been contacted to participate.

Annual Meeting Agenda: Steve Umland asked about how to handle CLP; a presentation or display. Rather than a budget presentation, a handout will be developed and Gary Pulford will take care of it because Steve Lilliblad will be out of the country until shortly before the annual meeting. Frank Pratt will work with Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA) on their joint presentation. Jim Coors and Susan Kendrick will develop a press release with hyperlinks to the annual meeting event.

Picnic: Paul Eckerline opened a discussion on the door prizes/gifts and suggested that COLA provide \$1000 and he would purchase a bike and kayak because the board doesn't have the time to contact local merchants for donations. The additional cost plus the expense of hiring a caterer could add up to \$1700. Jim Coors suggested raising the

price of the raffle tickets. Kris Sivertson said that Susie Sivertson and Linda Pulford will head up the food effort with the help of board members, as in the past.

Shoreland Buffer Letter Response: Kris Sivertson said that he met with four property owners today and will meet with another four tomorrow. He said that the two projects completed to date do not meet the 35-foot buffer requirement or the exclusive use of native plants in the restoration effort. WDNR is insisting that those requirements still exist although the law has changed. Kris will meet with Alex Smith next week to discuss.

Clean Boats: Mark Lastrup said that Eli Robbins has been hired and is doing a good job. Marty Malinowski is helping with mentoring. Mark asked about whether or not a W2 was necessary. Steve Lilliblad said that he sends out a 1099 at the end of the season. Kris Sivertson will develop an agreement for Eli Robbins to sign.

CLP Treatment: Steve Umland said that treatment occurred last Friday with the pre-survey last Wednesday. There was a 100% kill in the areas treated (17-20 acres). He said that there is 10 gallons of Aquathol K that was unused. Gary Pulford said that COLA is moving away from full bay treatment to a maintenance mode where individual patches are identified and treated. Discussion followed on a post treatment survey. Gary Pulford said that COLA needs to identify post treatment requirements of the grant to ensure reimbursement. The Eurasian Water Milfoil infestation of Little LCO will initially be addressed by hand pulling.

WDNR Rejection of SSPC Proposal: Gary Pulford indicated that COLA is back at square one with the rejection of the SSPC document by WDNR. It will be another two-years before rules are in place. The result is not unexpected; WDNR is doing the bidding of the cranberry growers association. Jim Coors mentioned that two growers have installed holding basins.

WSCGA Exchange Recap: Jim Coors was surprised that the cranberry growers association didn't get locals to write editorials in the paper. He suggested that COLA needs letters of support from local citizens.

Gary Pulford pointed out that WDNR did not follow WISCALM rules for a two story fishery when the rejected COLA comments on the 2016 Impairment Listing. He was told by WDNR to contact USEPA.

Executive Session:

WDNR Next Steps

WSCGA Next Steps

Out of Executive Session

A motion for COLA to authorize the Bender Law Firm to initiate a Petition for Judicial Review against WDNR's denial of the SSPC proposal was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.