



COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2014

Present from Board: Kris Sivertson, Sue Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Mark Lastrup, Steve Lilliblad, Steve Umland, Kevin Horrocks

Present from Committees: Frank Pratt, Alf Sivertson, Dan Tyrolt, Jim Coors

Recording Secretary: Mark Lastrup

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 PM by Kris Sivertson.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the September minutes was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Gary Pulford. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Steve Lilliblad indicated that as of October 24, 2014, COLA showed a balance of \$3,609.68. All money from the PayPal account has been transferred to the COLA account. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Sue Horrocks and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was unanimous. Gary Pulford asked about the last two Limnotech invoices. Steve Lilliblad said that he would provide them to Gary.

Status of AIS Grant: Steve Umland stated that COLA spent \$22,000 in 2014, substantially less than last year. Hours that have been turned in to match the grant will take us to \$9,000 for in-kind services. AIS Grant funds remaining total about \$45,000 following the 5th draw on the grant. Steve Umland met with Dan Tyrolt earlier in the week and an extension will be requested from DNR to utilize the remaining funds. He will send out email to the board summarizing what the state of the AIS grant is and how much money is actually left in the account. Gary Pulford mentioned that the grant application for boat inspectors needs to be in by December 10, 2014. Allan Hoeft will again coordinate the effort. Kris Sivertson will prepare and submit grant application.

Planning Grant for Musky Bay: Frank Pratt indicated that he had just got the forms and that he needs a formal resolution from the COLA Board as part of the applications; one for the feasibility of alum treatment and the other for musky spawning habitat restoration. He will submit two separate grants, one for water quality (alum) and one for habitat (spawning). He indicated that the preparation fees are covered by the grant. A motion to authorize Frank Pratt to apply for the musky spawning habitat grant was made by Steve Umland and seconded by Kevin Horrocks. The vote was Unanimous. A motion to authorize Frank Pratt to apply for feasibility,

design and cost estimation of alum treatment of Musky Bay was made by Kevin Horrocks and seconded by Steve Umland. The vote was unanimous.. Gary Pulford asked Frank Pratt for a ballpark estimate. Frank indicated that there is an \$11,000 ceiling. Gary Pulford indicated that if COLA needs to collect additional core samples, cost could go up dramatically.

Outcome of Tribal Conference Call with EPA: Dan Tyrolt indicated that everything is moving along. Gary Pulford had conversation with WDNR about when to meet and they indicated some time in November. The meeting will be held somewhere between Hayward and Madison and will cover both SSC and TMDL.

WDNR Grant for Buffer/Habitat: Gary Pulford indicated that up to \$100,000 is available for shoreland restoration. He also stated that COLA needs to provide Bruce Wilson with some guidance for the proposal. Design assistance (landscape architect) to help land owners develop their project was suggested. Kevin Horrocks said to shoot for 20% of the properties needing remedial action. Gary Pulford mentioned \$250 per property. Kris Sivertson said that 200 properties, each getting \$250, not going to do much. Steve Umland suggested that \$250 is not enough to cover the cost of plants. Frank Pratt suggested focusing the money on education. Steve Umland said that other lakes have already gone through this so we don't need to reinvent the wheel. Mark Lastrup suggested using geomorphology, slope aspect and soils to develop planting scenarios for each landscape type. Gary Pulford asked about using Foundation money to match grant money. Kris Sivertson showed example of a restoration project on his computer. Steve Lilliblad said that the customer needs to have input. Sue Horrocks suggested COLA contact charter environmental school students to volunteer as well as master gardeners. Gary Pulford stated that COLA should take the lead and contact property owners that are not meeting the county standards and provide assistance. Frank Pratt thought that COLA should go after a company to do the contacting and getting people to sign up; offer them \$30,000 for a 2-year project. Gary Pulford will provide Bruce Wilson with a summary of the discussion. Kevin Horrocks would like to see COLA develop different examples using different life forms, i.e., low flowers, bull rushes, etc.

2015 Operating Budget:

Fish stocking cribs to Fish habitat	\$1,000
West end Ag & watershed wide Ag bmp/runoff survey (Support Sawyer County)	30,000
Shoreline Restoration grant match (Support Sawyer County)	25,000
Musky Bay alum treatment and habitat restoration grant match	12,000
TMDL study approval process, TMDL Implementation plan, Bruce Wilson	21,000
Clean Boats	2,000
EPA Legal	10,000
Frank Pratt	5,000
CLP Treatment	17,000

Water Quality Monitoring	8000
Monitor bog outflow	2000
Update SWIMS	7000
Monitor Cisco/Whitefish	5000
Web Support	5000
Communication	5000
	\$155,500

UCRW Coalition: Gary Pulford indicated that Sand Lake and Whitefish Lake are supportive of the coalition. Big Sissabagama does not want to participate and Grindstone and Round Lake didn't attend the meeting. At this point, no new meeting is scheduled but COLA will stay in communication.

LCOFI Meeting Update: Kris Sivertson said that the Foundation requests that the COLA Board provide them with one to three names to contact for support. The Foundation needs the information in the next 15-30 days. Fundraising is going well.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.