

COLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES



April 28, 2017

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

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Dan Tyrolt, Susan Kendrick

Recording Secretary: Mark Laustrup

Kris Sivertson called the meeting to order at 3 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes March 3 was made by Jim Coors and seconded by Chris Bedwell. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell provided balance and budget versus actual handouts. COLA has \$7835 in the account. Kris Sivertson asked about invoices from the shoreland restoration contractors. Chris will provide Kris with summaries for each project. A question arose about potential costs associated with the WDNR litigation. If necessary, COLA will go to the foundation if additional funds beyond the budget are necessary. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Gary Pulford and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous.

2017 AIS: Kevin Horrocks is coordinating the 2017 program in Steve Umland's absence. A conference call occurred between Gary Pulford, Kevin Horrocks and Steve Umland. When the weeds are of sufficient height, the contractor will be called. COLA doesn't have signed permits in hand and will not treat until permits are issued. Dan Tyrolt is beginning work on the update of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

2018 Impaired Waters Listing: Gary Pulford said that Limnotech working on it and will be ready by May 15. The submittal to WDNR will focus on dissolved oxygen.

TAS (Tribe as State) Status: Dan Tyrolt stated that USEPA should be releasing the document any day with a request for public comment. COLA will need to mobilize membership to comment on the application. It will be published in the Federal Register with a 30-day comment period. Dan expects program eligibility by the end of the summer with Site Specific Criteria following program recognition. The tribe will be issuing all permits within the reservation boundary with Site Specific Criteria the goal of program eligibility. No public hearing is associated with the process. Gary Pulford asked

how engaged does COLA want to become? Jim Coors suggested that if we see something happening, we need to be ready to respond. There were questions about what the state and cranberry industry will do. Dan Tyrolt said that with the new expedited process, it doesn't matter what the state or growers say. EPA will side with Tribe. Jim Coors suggested putting the application on COLA website. Kris Sivertson suggested that COLA explain how TAS will affect LCO. Dan Tyrolt responded to Jim Coors stating that the TAS application is 2-feet thick. Gary Pulford suggested a website TAS explanation and a draft resolution for next board meeting outlining Section 303/401 implications.

Musky Spawning Habitat Update: Mike Persson is moving forward with the feasibility component. Max Wolter (WDNR), Frank Pratt, Mike Persson and the fisheries technician who nets for eggs in Musky Bay have identified a 300-foot stretch of the isthmus in Musky Bay as the target area. Mike Persson has contacted dredgers to get ideas on approaches.

Ordinary High Water Elevation Marker: Gary Pulford said that the elevation has been set on the Thoroughfare Road bridge and again, the ball is in Sawyer County's court. The ordinary high water mark for LCO is 1287.5 feet above mean sea level.

Red Cedar Watershed Conference: Kris Sivertson attended representing COLA. There were 300 people attending. Kris stated that no new data has been collected since the TMDL was completed 20-years ago. It's a huge watershed dominated by prime farmland. They are working on an educational awareness initiative. The phosphorus load is 500,000 pounds compared to Madison Lakes at 5000 pounds. Kris met professors from UW-Stout who do sociological work on public attitudes and they are interested in working with COLA. Jim Coors will scope out a community involvement project and with Susan Kendrick, will put together an outline.

COLA Annual Meeting Theme: The meeting will focus on a UWSP EVAL presentation and a USDA (Ron Spiering) runoff demo. Other lake associations in watershed will be invited for the presentations. Gary Pulford suggested June 24th as the meeting date. Kevin Horrocks will coordinate with the parish. Kris Sivertson spoke with Michelle at Trails End and she's still interested in hosting. The date for the picnic is July 15th. Kris will coordinate with Michelle. Chris Bedwell will help with the picnic.

Communications: Jim Coors said that WPR, Wisconsin State Journal and Sawyer County Record covered the WDNR suit. Kris Sivertson said that COLA needs to be ready for Walker to deny the 10 ppb standard. Jim went on to say that UW-Stevens Point will be covered in a future SELT article, following Northwoods Beach coverage. He also suggested a letter to support Clean Wisconsin.

Website update: Susan Kendrick is working on an update with a demo scheduled for next month.

Shoreline Buffer Update: Gary Pulford said that Broken Arrow will begin next Tuesday and will take 2-3 weeks. Jim Coors said the he needs pictures for a SELT article. Gary went on to say that a lot of wake energy moves through the narrows. He suggested talking to Trails End and establish a wake limit through the narrows. In addition, on the lake side of Musky Bay, there are 8-foot mounds because of ice heave. Kris Sivertson said that Sarah Boles, Northern Native Landscapes, will be working on 8 this summer.

Fleur de Lane Update: Gary Pulford suggested putting the results of the negotiations on the COLA website. He said that townships are on notice that COLA will be involved with any rezones of Agriculture 1/Forestry 1 parcels within 1000-feet of LCO. Gary will draft a couple of letters to Bass Lake and Sand Lake townships.

2017 Water Quality Monitoring: Dissolved oxygen (DO) monitoring will occur over 2-3 weeks. Brett McConnell said he would do it and If anything changes, he will let COLA know.

UWSP Partner Awards: Jim Coors or Kris Sivertson will attend. Susan Kendrick suggested getting pictures.

Pike Removal Blowback: Steve Umland said that he's heard nothing negative at Angler's but has heard negative comments at Trailways Inn and from Little LCO property owners.

Cranberry grower discussions: Closed session.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Kris Sivertson, at 4:58 PM.