

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 30, 2014

“COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers”

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1. **Call to Order:** President Lynn Goodrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
Heavenly Seven Hosts-Eagle, Long and Stony Lakes

Representatives:

Bad Axe:

Belle Taine:

Big Mantrap: Burney Fischer, Helen Marsh

Big Sand: Candy Malm, Irene Weis

Blue: Peter Tuomisto

Boulder: Steve Hall

Lower Crow Wing:

Middle Crow wing:

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingsley

10th & 11th Crow Wing:

Duck: Deb Rogers, Kay Hocker

Eagle: Janine Weideman

Emma/Bottle/Stocking:

Fish Hook: Don and Jan Rumpza, Maurice Spangler, Carolyn Spangler

Gilmore:

Ham: Paul Jensen

Island South:

Hinds:

Kabekona: Rolf Smeby

Little Sand: Dan Kittilson, Jim Thomsen, Marshall Howe, Wayne Swanson, Ruby Kittilson

Long: Sharon Natzel, Larry Roberts, Barb Roberts

Palmer: Dan and Betty McCorry

Peysenske: Jeff Mosner, John Wilhelm

Plantagenet:

Portage: Jerry Knoblich

Potato: Kevin Brauer, Bob Berdahl, Ken Grob

Spider: Hillary Stoltz, Mary Adams

Stony:

Tripp: Theora & Lynn Goodrich, Mike VanGuilder

Twin Lakes: Kari Tomperi

Guests: Julie Kingsley, Hubbard SWCD

Doug Kingsley, Park Rapids DNR Fisheries

Steve Lindow, Bad Medicine, Becker County COLA

Nate Sitz, Hubbard SWCD

Jean Ruzicka, Park Rapids Enterprise

Nicole Kovar, MN DNR AIS Specialist

2. **Conference call with IU Capstone on Lake Association Sustainability-Burney Fischer and Katie Meehan (handout provided)**

- a. Katie Meehan provided an update on the project
- b. 8 students developed the stakeholder survey with the goal to identify the MN standard for lake water quality and COLA lake monitoring.
- c. Survey emailed to 161 participants from various lake associations and COLAs throughout MN; received over 80 responses.
- d. Conducted phone interviews with MN DNR, MN SWCD, and MPCA; also plan to interview RMB lab representative.
- e. 25 COLAs were included in the survey; 12 responded
- f. 29 lakes in Hubbard County COLA were included; 26 responded

- g. A detailed report of results and recommendations will be presented in early December.
- h. Questions can be forwarded to Katie by email.

3. Kevin Brauer, President of Potato Lake Association presented information on Potato Lake request for funding for Friends of Headwaters

- a. Kevin introduced himself as President of Potato Lake association and member of the Friends of Headwaters (FOH) legal team.
- b. The October 7th ruling by the PUC to separate the Certificate of Need (CON) from the Route Permit phase for the Enbridge pipeline is unprecedented. It is anticipated that the CON process will be completed around June 2015. If the CON is granted it will then move to the Route Permit phase that could take several additional months.
- c. Due to FOH successes, Enbridge has amped up their fight.
- d. Kevin referenced the October 27th Star Tribune article stating that Enbridge has made a request to replace Line 3 on the same route as the proposed Sandpiper pipeline. He noted that Line 3 will likely be approved if Sandpiper is approved.
- e. The FOH legal team is currently in negotiations with potential legal representation and stated it will be very positive news if an agreement is reached.
- f. Potato Lake sent information regarding the pipeline 10 days ago and has made a commitment to raise \$25,000 toward the FOH legal efforts from individual residents, a small donation from the lake association and possibly from their charitable fund. \$12,000 has been raised to date.
- g. FOH is asking that an additional \$50,000 be raised from other lakes for a total of \$75,000. Kevin asked that COLA leadership, representative and Lake Association presidents make personal contributions and solicit their lake residents for donations.
- h. Lynn Goodrich will email the Potato Lake packet to all reps for use in their own lake associations. Kevin will provide the payee for tax deductibility.
- i. Lynn Goodrich and Dan Kittilson noted the importance of lake stewardship, the need to work together and requested a commitment toward this effort from all lake associations.

4. Ken Grob, AIS Task Force-Proposed 2015 Hubbard County AIS Plan

- a. The plan will be presented to the Hubbard County Commissioners for approval on November 4, 2014.
- b. Two key points: Lake hour allocation and supplemental lake association/township hours.
- c. 80-85% of state funds will be used for inspections and decontamination
- d. The plan includes 9600 in state funded inspection hours and 3900 lake/township funded supplemental hours.
- e. The plan includes all lakes with public accesses.
- f. Ken noted that there are 27 resorts in Hubbard County with boat accesses; we need to work to increase their involvement
- g. Veliger testing for 18 lakes will be funded as well as cinder blocks on 37 lakes.
- h. Hours for each lake based on risk score = # access pts. = # of resorts + inspections/hour.

5. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2014 meeting. MSP

6. Treasurer's Report-Lynn Goodrich/Steve Hall. MSP

- a. 2015 Membership Dues have been received by Bad Axe, Belle Taine, Big Mantrap, Big Sand, Boulder, Duck, Eagle, fish Hook, Gilmore, Ham, Hinds, Island, Kabekona, Long, Palmer, Peysenske, Portage, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th Crow Wing, Potato, South Island, Spider, and Tripp.
- b. Reminder to all lake associations that membership dues are **DUE NOW.**

7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Information Gathering Activity Summary-Sharon Natzel presented highlights from this process and noted that the information will be used by HCCOLA leadership to help prioritize our future efforts in 2015 and beyond.
- b. Nate Sitz and Julie Kingley provided a final report on the 2014 watercraft inspection program immediately prior to the board meeting.

8. New Business:

- a. Theora Goodrich read a thank you note from the League of Women voters for COLA support and volunteers for the candidate forums.
- b. The board approved reimbursement of \$310 to Ken Grob for his registration fee for the Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference in Duluth October 20-22nd.
- c. Mike VanGuilder gave an update on his work with Itasca Mantrap & MN DNR on the osprey nest on State 34 and stated that they plan to put up the platform in the next month and then take down the old nest. The local press will cover the event.

9. Committee Reports and Announcements:

- a. Sharon noted two items of interest under the Lakeshore Education Committee report: 1) the HCCOLA website has a "lake Monitoring Template" to help lake associations document their activities. 2) A new resource "Helpful Hints to Participate in the Hubbard County Board of Adjustment Process" has been added to the HCCOLA website.
- b. Larry Roberts noted the October 29th article by Peter Pierson in the Northwoods Press entitled "Restoration". He also stated that KAXE radio played their interview with Peter but provided no advance notice so we missed it. Larry will determine if an audio clip is available.
- c. Jeff Mosner referred the board to the Sandpiper Pipeline update as documented in the Committee Reports.
- d. Hillary Stoltz requested that lake associations please contact her to share their success stories for building membership in their associations.

10. Next Meeting: Thursday February 5, 2015, 6:30p.m. Social gathering, 7:00 p.m. meeting, Northwood's Bank Community Room. The Heavenly Seven Host Lakes to be announced.

11. Adjourn Meeting: MSP to adjourn the meeting by President Lynn Goodrich.

Respectfully submitted: Janine Weideman, Acting Secretary