

HUBBARD COUNTY COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS (HC COLA)
The Board of Directors Meeting – June 28, 2018, 6pm
Held at Northwoods Bank Community Room
Approved 7/26/18 by HC COLA BOD

“HC COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers for this and future generations.”

THANK YOU to the meeting hosts: Big Mantrap, Belle Taine, Emma-Stocking-Bottle (ESB).

1. **Call to Order:** Pass the microphone intros. Those present: **33** members present representing **26** lake associations (a quorum as per the By-Laws) plus **8** guests/2 lakes.

Speaker: Hubbard County Environmental Services Director, Eric Buitenwerf presented information regarding the shoreland ordinance and septic system do’s and don’ts. His presentation began by addressing questions submitted by HC COLA members. The Hubbard County Environmental Service website can be reached at: http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/index.php. Information specific to ordinances dealing with shoreland issues and septic systems can be found by following the ordinances link. Information regarding permits, applications, zoning complaints etc. is available by following the document center link. Eric ended with a Shoreland Management and Septic Ordinances PowerPoint available at: http://hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hc_col_a_presentation_-_eric_b.pdf.

2. **Consent approval** of the Agenda, May Minutes and June Treasurer’s Report.

3. **Updates on HC COLA (activities and plans):**

- A. **Recommendation #1 regarding the Gary and Rosa Stolzenberg Memorial.** Currently 75% of these memorial dollars are in general spendable. The recommendation is to move them to endowment also where the other 25% is. Motion to approve was made (Lee Hammer/Cheryl Hilgemann). Discussion followed that moving the dollars to endowment would allow them to serve HC COLA into perpetuity. Earnings from the investments (managed by Northwest Minnesota Foundation (NWMF) would be available for disbursements based on NWMF policy. The motion passed with Tripp Lake opposed.
- B. **Recommendation #2 to set up a NWMF Advisory Team** consisting of HC COLA President, HC COLA Treasurer and 2 “at large” HC COLA members. The team will make recommendations on grant criteria, manage the grant process through NWMF, and establish a marketing toolset for potential donors. Motion to approve was made (Lynn Goodrich/Burney Fischer). Two friendly amendments were offered: to increase the number of “at large” members to 3 and to change the word “grant” to “distribution”. There was discussion as to whether officers of HC COLA should be a part of the advisors group. No one opposed this. Irene Weis, Larry Roberts and Dan Kittilson volunteered as “at large”. Motion unanimously carried.
- C. **William Lee was introduced** as a new employee of the Hubbard County SWCD. He’s working on Dissolved Oxygen and other lake monitoring plus soil erosion projects for starters.
- D. **Peter Tuomisto and Deb Massey** were approved as members of the Executive Team. Deb will also act as secretary for the ETeam meetings in addition to the HC COLA meetings.
- E. **Committee Reports & Info from Organizations HC COLA is a member of:** These reports were provided as a handout and are available online at: <http://hubbardcolamn.org/2018.html>
- F. **Legislative Talking Points used at the recent MAISRC legislative listening forum.** Please send your recommendations for top 3 in each area to Sharon via email for a HC COLA focused list.
- G. **What’s Happening on Your Lake:** Burney Fischer **presented Big Mantrap**. They provide 3 newsletters to their members per year. While some landowners do not want to be lake association members, they will contribute to the AIS fund. **Big Mantrap** does secchi readings weekly. They have a trade school that they work with to build their loon nest platforms.

Next Meeting: Thurs July 26th, starting at 5:30 PM with an HC COLA 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, at Northwoods Bank Community Room. Host lakes: Hinds, Fish Hook, and Kabekona.

Motion to adjourn passed. Adjourned. Deb Massey - HC COLA Secretary