

Approved Minutes on 3/27/2025

HCCOLA Hybrid Mtg Thurs 10-24-2024 at 6:30 PM w/In-Person-Northwoods Bank Community Room & Zoom online

Meeting Topic	Opportunity	Discussion Points / References	Next Steps	Measure
Presenter: Aaron Anderson, Hubbard County Environmental Services, Environmental Specialist handling the AIS Program	Aaron provided a synopsis of the watercraft inspection program outcomes for season 2024.	<p>Aaron Anderson explained the 2024 Hubbard County AIS Program Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Outreach Inspection Summary Decontamination Summary AIS Infested Waters Updates <p>And the 2025 Planning and Funding Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approx. 7000 State-funded hrs expected, like 2024 Supplemental funding letters go out early Nov Contact Aaron with any updated lake assoc contacts <p>The Watercraft Inspection Program's Supplemental Hours are anticipated to be \$26 / hour for 2025.</p> <p>Aaron's Presentation PDF on the HCCOLA website www.hubbardcolumn.org under Communications → Presentations: https://www.hubbardcolumn.org/presentations.html</p>	<p>- By early Nov, please provide Aaron Anderson the individual(s) contact information for your lake assoc that you want to receive the details for the Hubbard County Watercraft Inspection Supplemental Funding for 2025.</p> <p>- any additional supplemental funding for watercraft inspections for summer 2025 will need to be received by Hubbard County Environmental Services by January 31, 2025.</p>	<p>Reach out to Aaron with questions.</p> <p>Aaron.anderson@co.hubbard.mn.us</p> <p>Phone: 218-732-3890</p> <p>www.co.hubbard.mn.us/environmental_services</p> <p>https://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/ais</p>
Ken Grob, Potato Lake Assoc HCCOLA Rep and AIS Prevention Coordinator	Ken shared details on Zebra Mussels found in Potato Lake	<p>Ken Grob – Potato Lake AIS Prevention Coordinator shared the sequence of events when Lake Service Provider found a zebra mussel when removing docks at VV Campground 9/28/2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Followed the Hubbard County Rapid Response Process (RRP) covering DNR, Environmental Svcs, & Lake Assoc responsibility. - Searches of docks/ lifts found ZM in distributed population, no mitigation prudent- added to infested waters list - DNR News Released Mon 10/21/2024 on Zebra Mussels in Potato Lake. - Potato Lake Assoc (PLA) immediately released email communications to lake residents. 	<p>-Going forward (PLA Board considering):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more equipment checks - hard copy letter to all PL property owners - possibly generate short video on how to check for small ZMs in crevices / under metal bars on lifts - consider MAISRC ZM Genome Model to determine source of ZMs 	<p>Early detection and response important.</p> <p>Environmental Services Dept contact and Lake Association AIS Prevention Team very helpful.</p> <p>See "Example Lake Association AIS Rapid Response Action Plan Draft Version 11-2-2024" here.</p>

		<p>- See Potato Lake Assoc PLA examples 0a thru 0e in our google share area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DNR Press Release - PLA announcement email to lakeshore owners - PLA ZM pictures - PLA map of ZM locations - PLS – ZM issue – HCCOLA Talking Points <p>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LBUBUqgVZHyRvmOeibpvngtQGK7xAib9</p>	<p>- in-water checks next spring</p> <p>- continue watercraft inspection funding drive 2025</p> <p>- Review HCCOLA Presentation 9-29-2017 by Michael McCartney, PhD, MAISRC on ZM– pg 24 of 47 covers the ZM findings related to downstream drift: http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/mccartney_hc_col_2017_09_28_1_.pdf</p>	
Jon Dennis, President	Jon Presents ETeam gifts for Past-Pres	Sharon Natzel, past-president, receives canoe paddle for many years of service above and beyond the call of duty, as HCCOLA president 08/2016 – 08/2024 as part of gifts from the individuals that make up the Executive Team (ETeam)	Sharon continues volunteering for HCCOLA on various committees / teams	<p>-Past-President serves on ETeam</p> <p>-current Secretary & active member on various committees</p>
Approve Minutes from Last Meeting	09-26-2024 Draft Minutes	<p>The draft minutes were shared ahead of the meeting for review. Approved Minutes are placed on the HCCOLA website: https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2024.html</p> <p>Motion to approve: Gene Hanson, Emma-Stocking-Bottle (ESB) Lakes Association (LA)</p> <p>Second: Burney Fischer, Big Mantrap LA</p> <p>Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>	Update Website	Implement the approved board decisions
Approve Treasurer Rpt by Keith Minkel	Review report online and discuss	<p>Treasurer's Report was viewed online during the meeting and discussed with explanations provided by Sharon N prior to approval.</p> <p>Motion to approve as presented:</p> <p>Derek Carlson, Middle Crow Wing LA</p> <p>Second: Brent Wittenberg, Blue LA</p> <p>Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>	HCCOLA has the participating lake associations their invoices for Water Quality Monitoring for summer '24	HCCOLA to receive payments from the lake associations

<p>Approve Grant Awards for 2025</p>	<p>Gene Hanson provided team recommendation</p>	<p>Gene Hanson provided the HCCOLA Charitable Fund Advisory Team's recommendation to approve \$2000 each for the 2 grant applications for '25 that were received:</p> <p>-The Bad Axe LA Project is entitled: "Understanding Our Lake: Follow-up point intercept survey, AIS prevention, and public awareness" and includes a follow-up lake point intercept survey, AIS Eurasion watermilfoil survey to be proactive, gathering GIS data and map past surveys and treatment of EWM to provide historic data to identify trends in the aid of prevention. In-Kind includes skilled labor by LA member who is a Registered Land Surveyor to develop historic layered map</p> <p>-The Spider Lake Association / Foundation for Spider Lake Project is entitled "Shoreland Restoration / Reforestation of Spider Lake Islands." The project will entail cleaning, preparing, planting and maintenance of appropriate tree stock on DNR-owned property that has experienced significant loss of tree stock (mature). Loss is attributed to periodic high water and some wildlife impacts. Selected trees will be water / moisture tolerant and protected. In-kind volunteer hours begin in 2024 and extend through summer 2028.</p> <p>Motion to approve the \$2000 for each of the two grant applications described above as the HCCOLA Charitable Fund Advisory Team recommends: Gene Hanson, HCCOLA Charitable Fund Advisory Team Member Second: Ken Grob, Potato LA Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>	<p>- HCCOLA Paperwork prepared In Spring '25 for Payments from the HCCOLA Charitable Fund spendable portion in our Northwest MN Foundation account for the two grant '25 LA recipients.</p> <p>-Grant applications awarded are added as examples to share.</p> <p>- Grant Round '26 determined in Spring '25</p>	<p>Reports at end of season '25 by both Grant Recipients 2025.</p> <p>The professional report(s) from the aquatic point) conducted are added to the Grant Awardee folders at end of season '2025:</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_hmQfhXuIVcMjm8KzER8wmHHTAVgHvld?usp=sharing</p> <p>Each Grant Awardee for '25 provides short report update at the end of the summer '25 for HCCOLA Board of Directors (generally the Sept Hybrid mtg) and after the 1st, 3rd, and 5th year after the project grant award per the application guidelines.</p>
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Committee Report from Restore The Shore (RTS) Team	Sharon Natzel reported for the RTS team.	<p>Cheryl Hilgemann, our HCCOLA Restore The Shore Program Coordinator, provided an update for the RTS team to present at the 10-24-2024 HCCOLA mtg. The link to the RTS document in our shared area is here:</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-W3Jn2cl1Ta6kegwTV-0KzsH0A2Fi2/view?usp=drive_link</p> <p>The lake association “Restore The Shore” Coordinators will receive an email from Cheryl when the RTS program information has been received from the Hubbard County SWCD and the excel updates incorporated; target mid-Nov</p>	<p>Be sure the HCCOLA list of contacts online on the website has up-to-date contact information – phone and email address – for your lake association “Restore The Shore” (RTS) Coordinator. That is the list Cheryl uses for RTS communicates.</p> <p>The lake assoc provides one check to HCCOLA for the LA tree order in early January ’25 so please remind your LA treasurer/alternate to have checkbook available then.</p>	<p>HCCOLA has RTS orders by mid-January with LA checks.</p> <p>Healthy lakes with abundant vegetation on the shorelines to absorb runoff and help prevent erosion.</p>
Reference : 2024 Sept Thru Dec	Mtg Folder & Partners’ Info	<p>Google Drive with HCCOLA Mtg Files and Multiple Collaborators Info:</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LBUBUggVZHvRvmOeibpvngtQGK7xAib9?usp=sharing</p>	Important Info from Collaborators Added Regularly – check often	Subscribe to the Multiple Partners’ Newsletters
		<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM Lynn Goodrich, Tripp Lake Association Second: Ken Grob Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>		
Future HCCOLA Hybrid Meeting Schedule for 2025	HCCOLA Hybrid Mtg at 6:30 PM	<p>HCCOLA Reps, please mark your calendar for the last Thurs of the month dates in 2025 at 6:30 to 8:30 PM for the HCCOLA hybrid meetings....</p> <p>Thurs, March 27, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Deb Massey will share update on cattail mgmt - AIS Operating Team / Aaron Anderson – Hubbard County Environmental Services will share their update for ’2025 -Educ Team seeking input on FAQs you receive about your lake; use list for Fair game in July ’25 	Place the HCCOLA meetings for ’2025 on your calendars please.	<p>Attendance by the HCCOLA Board of Directors at these Hybrid HCCOLA Board Meetings.</p> <p>Educational Presentations are open to the public and at the beginning of the meetings before break, making it easy to attend the educational portion!</p>

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HCCOLA Hybrid Meeting Attendee Info for Thursday 10/24/2024:

From 10/24/2024 Attendees: 24 member lake associations out of 31; 15 in-person in the Northwoods Bank Community Room, plus 17 signed into Zoom. Total attendees: 32

Attendee List Key: LA = Lake Association, P = in-person, Z = Zoom, *=LA's "Designated voter" for 10/24/2024 mtg

Bad Axe LA: Sue Pickus – P*
 Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – Z*
 Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – P*
 Big Sand LA:
 Blue LA: Brent Wittenberg – P*, Peter Tuomisto - Z
 Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P*
 Duck LA:
 Eagle- Island LA:
 8th & 9th Crow Wing LA: Kristin Basinger – Z*
 Emma-Stocking-Bottle (ESB) LA: Gene Hanson – P*
 Fish Hook LRA: Gary Smith – Z*
 Garfield LA: Mike Frank – Z*
 Gilmore LA:
 Ham LA: Walt Stachon – Z*
 Hinds LA:
 Kabekona LA: Ingrid Bey – Z*
 Little Sand LA: Cindy Nollette – Z*
 Long Lake Area LA: Sharon Natzel – P*
 Lower Crow Wing LA: Cindy Martens – P*, Dave Martens - P

Middle Crow Wing LA: Derek Carlson – P*

Palmer LA: Phil Kirkegaard – Z*

Plantagenet LA: Krystie North – Z*

Portage LA: Paul Wibe – P*

Potato LA: Ken Grob – P*

South Island LA:

Spider LA: Dan Olympia – Z*, Rose Lawler – Z, Jon Dennis – P (votes as President HCCOLA)

Steamboat LA:

Stony LA: Bill Petersen – Z*

10th & 11th Crow Wing LA: Kristin Basinger – Z*

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z*

Twin LA: Debra Massey – Z*

Sustaining Individual Members (Non-Voting): Dave Nelson, Bernie Gearin, LaDonna Cleveland

Guests: Aaron Anderson, presenter, Hubbard County Environmental Services, Shannon Geisen, Park Rapids Enterprise - Z