

HUBBARD COLA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MIINUTES

October 31, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce

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"COLA is the Leader in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers

1. **Upcoming events: DAN REPORTED ON THE EVENTS**

- a. COLA meeting, November 3, 2011, 6:30 p.m. social gathering; 7:00 p.m. meeting, Northwood's Bank Community room.
- b. Strategy Management planning session, November 15, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Park Rapids Chamber.

2. **Budget----JOHN WEBER REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING**

- a. Update on membership – number of lakes and lake association members. JOHN REPORTED THAT 5 MEMBERS HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES AND THE LAKE ASSOCIATIONS ARE DOWN 89 MEMBERS FROM LAST YEAR OR APPROXIMATELY 4%.
- b. Water testing payment 2 ASSOCIATIONS HAVE NOT PAID AND NEED TO LOOK INTO 2 OTHER ASSOCIATIONS THAT RECEIVED THE SERVICE AND HAVE NOT BEEN BILLED.
- c. 2011 Tri-County Legislative Forum in Detroit Lakes – COLA contribution voided - \$100
- d. Aquatic Invasive Species Legislative Summit – Co- Sponsorship – January 14, 2012 in Detroit Lakes - \$500 approved via email – Need to ratify at COLA meeting on November 3rd.
- e. DISCUSSED THE BUDGET PROCESS AND THE ROLE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

3. **Executive Committee**

- a. Establish parameters on how executive committee can operate as authorized by the COLA Board. CHUCK WILL DRAFT A RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD THAT PROVIDES THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS THE FULL AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD BETWEEN BOARD MEETINGS, EXCEPT IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE AUTHORITY IS RESERVED UNDER THE BYLAWS FOR THE BOARD, SUCH AS TERMINATION , AMENDING THE ARTICLES AND BYLAWS, FILLING BOARD VACANCIES, ETC.

4. **Hubbard County AIS Task Force KEN REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING**

- a. Resolution/Task Force participants
- b. Hubbard Township Association meeting – November 21, 2011, 7:30, Farden Township. DAN WILL ATTEND AND ASK THE ASSOCIATION TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TOWNSHIPS TO BE ON THE TASK FORCE AND AN ALTERNATE
- c. Hubbard County resolution requesting the Association of Minnesota Counties to include AIS as part of their legislative platform asking for more state regulation and enforcement. AGREED THAT THE REQUEST WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS AT THEIR NOVEMBER 17TH MEETING.

5. **Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee, Tuesday, November 1, 6-7 p.m. in Brainerd. KEN, CHUCK AND JEFF BJORKMAN WILL GO TO THE MEETING INVOLVING A PRESENTATION BY STEVE HIRSCH, DNR ECO-WATERS/FISHERIES, TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE**

6. **BOA/Planning Commission CHUCK REPORTED THAT THE DNR IS PREPARING A GUIDANCE SERIES DEALING WITH THE NEW STATE LAW ON VARIANCES AND THAT HE PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT DRAFT. THE GUIDANCE SERIES IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT WILL PROVIDE THE BOA A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LAW AND HOW IT SHOULD BE APPLIED. CHUCK ALSO ENCOURAGED THE DNR TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR THE BOA MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC ON THE LAW AND HOW IT SHOULD BE APPLIED.**

7. **Strategic actions**

- a. Finance Committee DAN REPORTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED . IT WAS AGREED THAT JOHN HASTINGS WILL JOIN THE COMMITTEE.
- b. Business/Sponsor memberships NO REPORT

- c. Strategy Management session, November 15 – next steps. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE VARIOUS PLANS AND PRIORITIES WOULD BE FINALIZED AT THE MEETING. ALSO, THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH OF THE STRATEGIC AREAS WILL BE REVIEWED.
 - i. Review participants
 - ii. Outline for the meeting
8. **Payment for lawsuit from NMF Charitable Project Fund** CHUCK AGREED TO TALK WITH THE NMF REGARDING USING THE FUNDS CONTRIBUTED FOR THE LAWSUIT TO PAY LEGAL EXPENSES
9. **Lawsuit fund raising status** JOHN HASTINGS WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH FUND RAISING FOR THE PAYMENT OF LAWSUIT EXPENSES
10. **Fall newsletter – deadline is mid-November** THE TOPICS OF THE NEWSLETTER WERE AGREED UPON
11. **Volunteer time and resources**
 - a. Sample forms THE SAMPLE FORMS PROVIDED BY DAN WERE REVIEWED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT DAN WOULD CREATE A FORM FOR THE LAKE ASSOCIATIONS AND A SEPARATE FORM FOR THE COLA COMMITTEES
12. **Lake La Salle** DAN REPORTED THAT THE DNR HAS COMPLETED ITS PURCHASE OF THE LAKE LASALLE PROPERTY.
13. **MN COLA Collaborative** MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES DAN AND CHUCK, IS WORKING ON THE 2012 SESSION WATER ISSUES. ALSO, THAT COMMITTEE IS WORKING WITH MN WATERS, MSRPO, MN CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY (MCEA) AND THE WHITEFISH AREA PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (WAPOA)
14. **MN Waters – 2.0 (strong advocacy)** DAN REPORTED THAT MN WATERS WILL NOW BE TAKING STRONG ADVOCACY POSITIONS ON WATER POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND IS LOOKING FOR GRASS ROOT SUPPORT FROM LAKESHORE OWNERS, LAKE ASSOCIATIONS AND COLAS.
15. **Future speakers at COLA meetings.** THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED POTENTIAL SPEAKERS
 - a. Lois Sinn Lindquist, Executive Director, MN Waters
 - b. Doug Kingsley – DO/Water Temp
 - c. Steve Maanum – Loons
 - d. Vegetation mapping
16. **Shane Foley Update** DAN REPORTED THAT HE WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF HIS GIFT OF \$185.
17. **NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE ON JANUARY 10TH AT 9:00 AT THE CHAMBER**

ATTENDANCE: DAN KITTILSON, CHUCK DIESSNER, LYNN GOODRICH, JOHN WEBER, KEN GROB, JOHN HASTINGS AND JANINE WEIDEMAN

ACTING SECRETARY: CHUCK DIESSNER