

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 27, 2014

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

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**1. Call to Order:** President Dan Kittilson at 7:00 P.M.

**Representatives:**

**Bad Axe:**

**Belle Taine:**

**Big Mantrap:** Sue Ryan, Burney Fischer(\*)

**Big Sand:** Cindy Malm, Irene Weis

**Blue:** Peter Tuomisto

**Boulder:** Steve Hall

**Lower Crow Wing:**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:** Julie Kingsley

**10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing:**

**Duck:** Tom Mooney

**Eagle:** Janine Weideman

**Fish Hook:** Jan & Don Rumpza

**Gilmore:** Tom Thielges

**Island South:**

**Ham:**

**Hinds:**

**Kabekona:** Rolf Smeby

**Little Sand:** Wayne Swanson, Dan & Ruby  
Kittilson, Marshall Howe

**Long:** Sharon Natzel

**Palmer:**

**Peysenske:** Jeff Sievers

**Plantagenet:**

**Portage:** Charlie Pieper

**Potato:**

**Spider:**

**Stony:**

**Tripp:** Theora & Lynn Goodrich, Michael  
VanGuilder

**Twin Lakes:**

√<sup>1</sup> Conference call participant – Burney Fischer

**Guests:** Carrie Hitchcock, Northwoods Press Lake, Doug Kingsley - DNR Fisheries, Sarah Smith, Park Rapids Enterprise Lake

**1. Call to Order – Introductions and Announcements**

Theora Goodrich displayed both the Chili Cook-off Award from 2013 and 2014 & thanked all HC COLA members for providing \$3,004.25 so far this year for the food shelf. Group picture taken with enlarged check!

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Feb 6, 2014 meeting minutes - **MSP**

**3. Treasurer’s Report:** Lynn Goodrich – excluding Project Fund monies at NWM Foundation, the total is \$16,202.11 – Approved - **MSP**

**4. Education 5-min Highlight:** “The Lake Game” demonstrated by Jan Rumpza was part of the educational message on 4-H Project Day 2/17/14. Consequences of decisions are played out on the waters of the “lake” tub. Will be played at the Nevis’ Week of the Young Child on 4/11/14.

**5. “A look at The Sandpiper Pipeline”:** Sharon Natzel explained the Public Utilities Commission’s Comment Period for the Sandpiper Pipeline Route ends Fri 4/4/14 at 4:30 PM. She reviewed the resource links for the 4 panelists on the 1/7/2014 Park Rapids League of

Women Voters Panel Discussion plus the resources of Friends of the Headwaters. Science-based educational maps with the pipeline route were viewed and discussed. Sharon encouraged members to do research. See the Committee Reports – Education section for more information.

Doug Kingsley suggested that the cumulative effect of the Sandpiper line and possible replacement of Line “3” be considered when reviewing this application.

Sharon provided parcel information that helps to quantify the snowbird effect. Based on March 2014 data from the Hubbard County Assessor Office, there are 6,747 Residential parcels that are Full Homestead in Hubbard County. There are 10,953 Residential Non-Homestead parcels where 8549 are seasonal residential recreational non-homestead in the 151 classification, 1193 are residential non-homestead in the 201 classification, and 1211 are residential non-homestead in the 206 classification. All of these parcels could either be improved or vacant. It is almost a 2 to 1 ratio of residential non-homestead to residential full-homestead.

## **6. Unfinished Business:**

### **A. Discussion and Action regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline**

Dan presented draft letter from HC COLA to Public Utilities Commission with extension of comment period to 8/1/14, additional public information meetings in June and July, and require an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for the project. We discussed this request does not change the HC COLA position of remaining neutral on the pipeline project. Asked for Board approval after discussion.

**MSP** to send certified letter with signature required – overnight it - as drafted. The lakes in attendance all approved.

### **B. Fund Raising**

Lynn discussed the draft flyer for the June Sports Garage Sale. Committee and Volunteers are needed. Please let Lynn know of your interest and think about what items you can contribute. Think about including your “certificate for talent / skillset / service” for silent auction too. Get Dan / Lynn your lake assoc annual meeting dates/times so they can determine the best date for the sale.

### **C. Voices on the Water**

Dan explained that we are looking for stories on your experiences on Hubbard County water’s. Get your stories to Larry Roberts.

### **D. Legislative Action Update**

Dan explained the emails he forwards from Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes & Rivers allows you the reader to utilize the Citizens Action Network and send a message on action items to your legislators based on your zip code. There was a handout provided.

## **7. New Business:**

### **A. IU Capstone Course to Evaluate Lake Water Monitoring in Hubbard County**

Burney Fischer explained via conference call the Indiana University Capstone Course for Fall 2014 will be a lake monitoring program. Students will look at monitoring across Minnesota and Hubbard. There will be 8 to 12 students starting Aug 25.

Burney spoke about the Lake-Lines Magazine – which is a publication by North American Lake Management Society. The Indiana University Capstone Summary Report on the 2013 7-lake surveys will be included in the magazine. Handout provided.

**B. Aquatic Plant Identification Class**

Sharon discussed the Friday 4:30 to 9 PM U of MN Extension Aquatic Plant Identification class listed in the Education section of Committee Reports with Pizza & Pop. The preference was a July class if our instructor is available - - otherwise Aug.

**C. Resolution to Update Bank Account and Signature Cards**

Lynn Goodrich discussed the resolution to update the bank signatures

**MSP** – Motion Made by Michael VanGuilder and Seconded by Julie Kingsley – see below. The Motion Passed.

Be it resolved:

Due to John Weber's retirement as Hubbard County COLA's Treasurer it is necessary to remove him as an authorized signatory of Hubbard County COLA's financial accounts at Citizens National of Bank Park Rapids and a Safe deposit box # 383 at Citizens National Bank of Park Rapids. Additionally John has returned the access key to Hubbard County COLA's Park Rapids Post Office Box #476 (given to Lynn Goodrich and in his possession) and relinquishes access to Hubbard County COLA's Accounts and funds located with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Signatory power and access to the above mentioned accounts and Post Office Box are granted to Dan Kittilson, President HCCOLA and Lynn Goodrich, Vice President-Finance and President-elect of HCCOLA until such access and signatory are rescinded by the Governing Board of Hubbard County COLA.

**D. Friends of Itasca State Park: Handout with website information at**

[www.friendsofitasca.org/](http://www.friendsofitasca.org/) . Dan & Lynn stated appears to be a great organization. HC COLA could join as an organization for \$25. TBD

**8. HC COLA Committee Reports & Announcements:**

The Committee's reports were emailed ahead of time so just touched on highlights. The committee reports are posted on the Hubbard County COLA website [http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/2/6/5/3265696/cr\\_2014\\_03\\_27.pdf](http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/2/6/5/3265696/cr_2014_03_27.pdf)

Peter T spoke about Jerry K retiring. Peter is asking for volunteer to deliver samples to RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes on 5 Mondays from May to Sept. Truck/topper would be ideal. Peter will do on an interim basis. Submit your water quality monitoring team information for 2014 now and plan to pick up your lake's kit on 5/14. He also reiterated the need for donations for the Freshwater Festival and volunteers too for May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Restore the Shore Tree orders will arrive early May too so will need volunteers to help with that. See committee report for details.

Julie Kingsley spoke about the AIS Task Force which has received DNR LGU local unit of government grants for \$4,000 to pay for a Level 1 inspector and \$8000 for a Level 2 inspector. She said that the decontamination unit will be moving to the Park Rapids transfer station. Contact Julie for information on the Lake Service Provider training; this is now needed for resorts renting boats. There is an April 4 class in Walker. Car counters approval yet to be

received from DNR. A resort has asked the SWCD if the resort could pay for an inspector on Saturdays. More in Ken's AIS committee report.

Doug Kingsley provided an update on the Straight River Groundwater Management Area

Dan provided handout on book entitled "Lakeshore Living" by Paul Radomski & Kristof Van Assche. Paul Radomske is a scientist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He currently serves as Minnesota's lead scientific expert on lakeshore habitat management issues. The authors present an approach to lakeshore living that addresses the need to create rich, sustainable places and communities on the water, where both the loon and the family find a place, and where the cabin can be handed down with integrity to the grandchildren. Fragile shorelands require care, and that caring comes from knowledge, experience, and an environmental ethic.

**10. What's Happening on Your Lake:** Large deer herds appearing, an eagle spotted, & other wildlife sightings. Uninhabited Osprey nest removed from power line on Hwy 34 near Long Lake.

Doug K spoke about some lakes are experiencing low Dissolved Oxygen this Spring. They are not going to allow liberalized fishing as it is harder on fish that have survived and difficult to enforce from a violation standpoint. The lakes will be restocked appropriately.

**Next Mtg: Thurs April 24, 2014, 6:30 PM social gathering, 7 PM meeting, Northwood's Bank Community Room. Heavenly Seven Hosts:** Big Mantrap, Duck, Potato, and Twin Lakes

**11. Adjourn Meeting: MSP** to adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by Heavenly Seven Host Lakes: Eagle, Long, and Stony

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