

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

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

Website: www.hubbardcolamn.org

Email: hccolamn@gmail.com

BOARD MEETING MINUTES – February 4, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** President, Lynn Goodrich at 6:30 p.m.

Representatives:

Bad Axe:

Belle Taine: Doug Scraper

Big Mantrap:

Big Sand: Candy Malm

Blue:

Boulder: Steve Hall

Lower (1-4) Crow Wing:

Middle (5-7) Crow Wing: Steve Center, Debbie Center

8th & 9th Crow Wing: Julie Kingley (SWCD)

10th & 11th Crow Wing:

Duck:

Eagle:

Fish Hook: Don Rumpza

Gilmore:

Ham:

Hinds:

Kabekona: Ralph Smeby

Little Sand: Wayne Swanson, Dan Kittilson

Long: Sharon Natzel, Carolyn White

Palmer: Bert Ahern

Peysenske: John Wilhelm, Nancy Gibbs

Plantagenet:

Portage:

Potato: Ken Grob

Spider: John Weber (Mantrap Twp.),
Hillary Stoltz

Stony:

Tripp: Theora Goodrich, Lynn Goodrich,
Mike VanGuilder

Twin Lakes:

Guest(s): Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries; Jacci Hadfield, Pickerel Lake; Deanne Johnson, West Crooked Lake; Sue Tomte; and Jamin Carlson.

1. **Call to Order:** COLA president Lynn Goodrich welcomed all those in attendance to the first COLA Board meeting for 2016.
 - A. The microphone was passed for individual introductions.
 - B. By unanimous consent Nancy Gibbs, appointment by President Lynn Goodrich as HCCOLA secretary, was ratified by the COLA Board.
2. **AIS/WID Program – Lynn Goodrich and Ken Grob,** Chairman of the County AIS Taskforce
 - A. A plan is in place for the AIS/WID program transition from SWCD to Hubbard County (HC).
 - B. The transition team is AIS Task Force PPI committee, SWCD and HC.
 - C. All is going well. Everyone is trying very hard that the boots-on-the-ground will not be impacted.
 - D. Lake Association contracts will be with HC rather than SWCD now. Kay Rave is the HC Finance person.
 - E. AIS will now fall under Environmental Services. HC is committed to hiring a full time AIS/WID person.

- F. The number of accesses and parking places is the basis for state funding. Using GPS, Jamin Carlson, SWCD, found more accesses. Therefore, HC will receive an additional \$22,000 for AIS/WID from the state. With additional money from the state, the number of lake monitors can be expanded.
- G. Lynn and Jamin at SWCD needs to know ASAP which lakes will purchase supplemental monitoring hours. Ken Grob read a list of lake names who haven't made an hours commitment yet.
- H. Overview of SWCD workload: has 24 different activities, 5 of which are new: Buffer Law, Soil Loss Law, MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, Dept. of Agricultural Township Nitrate Testing and Pineland Sands Aquifer Project. In addition SWCD head, Julie Kingsley, put together the HC Water Management Plan. A big thank-you extended to the SWCD staff for all they've done for COLA and the AIS/WID program over the years.
- I. Bob Gack will be brought on-board early for AIS/WID transition, in addition to the AIS/WID work he does with the resorts.

3. AIS Local Spending Survey – Ken Grob

- A. MN COLA is trying to determine what level of funding is coming from local and county organizations.
- B. Handouts: MN COLA SURVEY – AIS SPENDING DATA: one blank and one filled-out example.
- C. AIS Spending Data is looking for volunteer hours, as: going to meetings, visiting resorts, lake monitoring, veliger training, checking lake vegetation, concrete block installation and monitoring, COLA meetings, HC Board meetings, etc.
- D. AIS Spending Data form important. It emphasizes to the state our level of commitment.

4. 2016: Year of the Watershed – Lynn Goodrich

- A. 2016 COLA presenters will speak on the major (3) and minor (89) Watersheds: how they effect a lake and its water quality, the health of a lake, its shoreline and the lands throughout the watersheds.

5. Board Meeting Structure – Lynn Goodrich

- A. Open Forum – driven by the concerns from the lake associations: what works, what doesn't work, lake problems, access problems, etc.
- B. Consent – having read the minutes and treasure's reports, asking questions if needed and by consent accepting the reports.
- C. Break during meeting – driven by the members
- D. Early Start Time – 6:00

6. Consent of Minutes and Treasurer's Report – Lynn Goodrich

- A. Following a question for each report, reports were accepted by consent.

7. 2016 Chili Challenge for HC Food Shelf – Theora Goodrich

- A. Very worthwhile organization, 45% in HC need food assistance.
- B. March-match for money raised at the Challenge and solicited donations.
- C. Give money for the HC Food Shelf to purchase food. Their cost is cheaper than grocery store prices.
- D. Checks are written to the HC Food Shelf with HC COLA written on the memo line.

8. COLA Committee Reports and Announcements – Lynn Goodrich:

- A. March 1st precinct caucus.
- B. Tues. Feb. 9th League of Women Voters – pre-legislative session meeting with Senator Rod Skoe and Representative Steve Green.
- C. Feb. 10th Guthrie Community Center, Agricultural Grazing Conference with two speakers.
- D. Feb. 20th MN lakes and Rivers Assoc. annual meeting at the Cabin Show, attend annual meeting and admittance to the Cabin show is free. Cabin Show, Feb. 19-21, Minneapolis Convention Center.
- E. April 14-15, 2016 State of the Waters Conference, Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria.

- F. Julie Kingsley announced HC Water Management Plan approved on Tues Feb. 2nd and is on the SWCD website.
- G. Feb. 27th Governor's Water Summit, St. Paul. Conference is full. Online survey is available for input prior to the Summit.
- H. Sharon Natzel, Education Committee: Potential Course Offerings for Summer 2016 handout distributed to ascertain topic interest for training sessions. Return form to Sharon.
- I. Committee Reports: Committee chairs are off for now, reports will be forthcoming at the March 31st meeting.

9. What's Happening on Your Lake: Mike VanGuilder, president of Tripp Lake Assoc.

- A. Tripp Lake is an environmental lake, just under 160 acres, the last in a chain of small lakes. The deepest spot is 55 feet. There is no lake access. Tripp is spring-fed with Bender Creek traveling to 1st Crow Wing, flowing-out eventually to the Mississippi River. As an environmental lake there's no water skiing or jet skis.
- B. Tripp is a simple lake association: 5 full-time residences and 12 part-time/summer residences.
- C. Tripp has a sandy bottom with Bass, Northernns, Dog Fish, etc, lots of natural shoreline, which looks like the Boundary Waters. The lake is home to a pair of eagles and a pair of Loons.
- D. July 4th finds the lake's many pontoons decorated for the annual pontoon flotilla.

10. Next Meeting: March 31st, 6:00 pm, Northwoods Bank Community Room.

11. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Gibbs, HCCOLA secretary