

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)

Board Meeting Minutes 04-27-17; Approved 5-25-17

6 PM refreshments & conversation, 6:30 PM Mtg-Northwoods Bank www.hubbardcolamn.org hccolamn@gmail.com

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

*****Thank you to 04-27-17 meeting hosts: Potato, Palmer plus 8th & 9th Crow Wing*****

1. **Call to Order** – at 6:30 pm by President, Sharon Natzel. Pass-the-microphone introductions of lake association presidents, representatives, and guests. Present were 23 attendees, representing 19 lakes, and 6 guests. Meeting attendance here: <http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/cola-representative-info.html>
2. **Presenter:** Sadie Wunder, MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) Compliance and Enforcement Inspector
 - Presentation Title: Protecting Your Septic System Investment
 - Presentation created by Sara Heger, The Univ. of MN Onsite Sewage Treatment Program (OSTP).
 - Learn the Basics of septic systems; how they work, what they look like, and why we use them.
 - Learn the impacts of phosphorus, nitrogen, and the chemicals that we introduce into our systems.
 - Understand how a compliant septic system **prevents pollution and protects our lakes & rivers.**
 - See Hubbard County Environmental Services for your property’s septic system location & diagrams.

University of Minnesota OSTP: <http://septic.umn.edu>

MPCA SSTS homeowner information: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/SSTS-practitioner-and-homeowner-information>

EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/septic/septic-smart-homeowners>

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVSHhZmU12E&index=5&list=PLYu06XHEBZESW4Hky6T57_6QsiEaV2Lib

Contact information for Speaker: Sadie Wunder [Brainerd], North central SSTS Compliance & Enforcement, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 7678 College Road, Suite 105, Baxter, MN 56425.

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For Hubbard County rep.: Nick Kramer, MPCA, Detroit Lakes, Nicholas.Kramer@state.mn.us, 218-846-8115

See Shannon Geisen’s article in Park Rapids Enterprise covering the presentation:

<http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/news/4261061-protect-your-septic-mPCA-inspector-offers-basic-tips>

3. Decision: Do you have enough “stuff” & want to do a Sports Garage Sale again this Spring?
 - Will decide at May Board Meeting.
4. Reaching out to Engage Larger Community and Educate– Sharon
 - Your Own Letters / Calls / Conversations with Legislators plus the MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates Citizen Action Network (CAN)
 - Sharon is following up on the Lake George Lakeshore Owners Letter sent in March with 2 families; learnings will be applied to Lake Benedict draft
 - HC COLA letter to Governor & Conference Committee - Natural Resources
 - HC COLA Monthly Park Rapids Enterprise Column began – let us know your ideas to cover please
April: <http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/news/4246022-welcome-hubbard-county-cola-monthly-column>
May: <http://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/news/4261059-cola-column-lets-keep-our-eyes-water>
 - 2 Rotary Presentations in June - Water Quality (Sharon) & Value of Water – Shared Responsibility (Dan)
5. Nifty Nine Mtg Hosts to Begin the “What’s Happening on Your Lake & Bring your newsletters to share (10 Mins)
 - A grant was used by 8th & 9th Crow Wing to incent their members with \$100 towards septic pump outs

6. Watercraft Inspector Training Update – Jeff Mosner
 - HC COLA was thanked for luncheon
 - During training, Bill DonCarlos explained how the HC COLA lake associations and townships contribute significantly for supplemental hours for the inspection / education
7. Review Committee Responsibilities for potential updates – Sharon
 - All meeting participants reviewed and provided feedback on draft. Will be revised and finalized.
8. Minutes & Treasurer’s Reports – consent agenda - approved with minutes to incorporate 2 revisions
9. HC COLA Committee Report, Announcements –
http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/cr_2017_04_27.pdf
 - Membership Committee encourages reps without committee affiliation or desires to participate in a different committee to contact Hillary Stoltz, Membership Chairperson, 652-3970.
 - Freshwater Festival is 5/17 at Camp Wilderness; to volunteer contact Julie Kingsley, SWCD, 721-0121
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 to be published approximately 5/15/17
10. Review / Update what have so far for – Sharon :
 - Water Quality, Zebra Mussel Veliger , Spiny Waterfleas – Training set for 5/10 with light supper at 6 PM; will revise form for next season to make it more clear what info is needed
 - Hubbard County-wide Water Quality Monitoring Rpt & Indiv Lake Rpts: lakes asked to extend to May
 - Learning for 2018: Lets Plan ahead – what decisions to make in autumn before the summer gang leaves
11. Motion to adjourn, Hillary Stoltz, seconded by Lynn Goodrich, adjourned
12. Next HC COLA Board Mtg: Thurs, May 25, 2017 6 pm refreshments / social, mtg at 6:30 pm, Northwoods Bank
 - Presenter Julie Kingsley, Mgr HC SWCD on water-related grant & cost share opportunities & process
 - “Nifty Nine” Mtg Hosts for Coffee & Cookies & Hospitality are: **Big Sand, Boulder and Duck**