

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

Board Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2017; Approved 6-29-17

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“Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations is the Leader

in Protecting Hubbard County Lakes and Rivers for this and future generations!”

Thank you for tonight’s meeting host: Big Sand, Boulder and Duck.

1. **Call to Order** at 6:30 pm by Past President, Lynn Goodrich. Pass-the-microphone introductions of lake association presidents, representatives, and guests. Present were 33 attendees, representing 25 lakes, and 3 guests. **Agenda** accepted as presented.
2. **Speaker: Doug Kingsley, DNR Fisheries,**
 - a. **DNR Fee increases** on Fishing & Hunting Licenses and State Park fees was included in the Governor’s Budget proposal and is also included in the latest version of the Environmental Omnibus bill awaiting the Governor’s signature.
 - b. **The 2-line License**, with half the money going to Walleye stocking, was not included in the Omnibus bill. Continuing to be disallowed is the import of Golden Shiners with the proviso that the DNR prepare a report on Why Importing Bait is a Hazard.
 - c. Also passed on Sunday was the **Legacy, Outdoor Heritage Fund**.
 - d. **Three different bills** had No Net Gain Amendments, where land received by the DNR had to be off-set by the sale of land of equal value. With lots of problems and issues with the amendments, it was dropped later in all three bills.
 - e. **Handouts available** for work completed in the Park Rapids and Walker DNR offices.
 - f. **Data shared re: the Walleye stocking program.** The Walleye stocking program began in the early 1900’s. In 2005/2006 a higher stocking density was done on twenty-two lakes to see if higher density stocking would increase the walleye population. During the winter of 2016/2017 enough data was compiled for evaluations, comparisons and recommendations. Recommended: 11 out of 22 lakes will have only fingerling stocking, on 9 out of 22 lakes the stocking density will be cut back, and 2 out of 20 lakes will continue with the higher density stocking.
 - g. **The Schedule** for upcoming survey of lakes...dates/times is available through the DNR Fisheries, Park Rapids.
3. **Jeff Mosner – Enbridge Line 3 Replacement**
 - a. **The Draft Environmental Impact Statement**, 5,600 pages, has been completed and is ready on-line to review.
 - b. **Open Sessions for Comment:** there will be 22 area locations with open sessions for comments. The Park Rapids session will be June 7th from 10:00 am – 1 pm, Northwoods Bank Community Room. Written comments are due by July 10th.
4. **Break**
5. **Duck Lake Overview – Deb Rogers**
 - a. **The Duck Lake Association** was established in 2005. A few years ago a Lake Management Plan was completed.
 - b. **Duck Lake** inhabits 2 counties: Hubbard and Wadena and 4 townships: Hubbard, Crow Wing Lake, Shell River and Huntersville.
 - c. **Statistics:** 326 acres, shoreline 3 miles, 23’ maximum depth, 9’ clarity, 1 DNR public access. On the east Duck Lake is close to the Shell and Crow Wing Rivers and Huntersville State Forest to the south. Duck Lake

has the highest density of homes on a lake of the the 100 lakes in Park Rapids area. As of 2016, there were approximately 120 homes on the lake.

- d. **Issues:** In 2009 Faucet snails were found in the Shell River and the Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership Line 3 Replacement Project which goes south of Duck Lake.
- e. **Events:** July 4th Flotilla and the Labor Day, end-of-the-season picnic at the DNR lake access.

6. Settlement Samplers for Detecting Zebra Mussels - Dan Kittilson

- a. **AIS Identification Workshop**, June 9th, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Northwoods Bank Community Room, 35 people are registered. Jointly sponsored by U of M Extension Service and HC COLA.
- b. **Online Survey:** reviewed and discussed.
- c. **Need:** More eyes on the lake and increase eyes on the water **to check** samplers, docks and lake vegetation.
- d. **Ottertail County** has 24 lakes infected by Zebra Mussels. Better off to check than wait and see.
- e. **Contact John Stewart, DNR, 218-308-2366**, for putting settlement sampler at a boat access.

7. Sports Sale:

- a. Lynn Goodrich proposed COLA take this year off, get commitment from people to donate and participate, and have the sale next year. Lynn's proposal approved by consent.
- b. Contact Lynn to donate sports, yard, lake items.

8. 20-year Report: If your Lake Association wants to be involved in the 20-Year Lake Monitoring report or to obtain an Individual Lake report, email Sharon Natzel.

9. Consent Agenda accepted for Minutes and Treasurer's report.

10. Next HC COLA Board Meeting: June 29th. Coffee Hosts to be: Little Sand, Ham, Stony and Middle CW.

11. Thank you to the volunteers for Restore The Shore who bagged trees and to the Fresh Water Festival volunteers.

12. Motion to adjourn: Motion by Jan Rumpza, seconded by Hillary Stoltz. Meeting adjourned.

Nancy Gibbs, HC COLA Secretary