

HUBBARD COUNTY COLA

Board Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2017

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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: Bad Axe, South Island, Portage, and Tripp*****

1. **Call to Order** at 6:30 pm by COLA Past President, Lynn Goodrich. Pass-the-microphone introductions of lake association presidents, representatives, and guests. Present were 39 attendees, representing 23 lakes, and 5 guests.

Announcement – Lynn Goodrich: The Kick Off Meeting for 1 Watershed 1 Plan, "A Partnership between Cass and Hubbard Counties", is Sept. 15th, 5-7 pm, Walker Community Center with a complimentary "Brats and Beans" meal. Guest speaker is Ron Sahara.

2. **Speaker Bill Evarts, Fisheries Specialist, MNDNR Fisheries, Walker, bill.evarts@state.mn.us, 218-547-1683,** shared the benefits of trees in the water & shoreline vegetation.
 - A. **Why are large pieces of wood in water important?**
 - a. **Primary production** (periphyton)*, b. Invertebrate production of **fish food**, c. **Cover for fish** in the juvenile and adult stages, d. **Spawning** habitat, e. **Protect shoreline** from erosion, and f. **Promote growth** of submergent aquatic vegetation. [* **Periphyton** is a complex mixture of algae, Cyanobacteria, heterotrophic microbes and detritus that is attached to submerged surfaces in most aquatic ecosystems. It serves as an important food source for invertebrates, tadpoles and some fish. Wikipedia]
 - B. **Lake Thirteen, Cass County**, shows the natural recruitment of trees into a lake.
 - C. **Sand Lake, Cass County, 130 acre round lake.**
 - a. DNR began working with lake association in 2006 to encourage better shoreline stewardship by placing whole trees into the lake. Conversation continued. In 2012 the project began.
 - b. The DNR felled and hauled in trees for strategic shore-lake placement.
 - c. To assure trees remain in place, felled trees are cabled to shore for 1-3 years before being untethered.
 - d. An Oak takes 600 years to breakdown in water; Poplars take 2-3 years.
 - D. **Referral: M J Jennings**, Habitat Program Coordinator, DNR, St. Paul, has coauthored habitat papers and is an excellent resource.
 - E. **See HCCOLA website for PDF version of Bill Evarts program.**
http://hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hubbard_county_col_a_presnetation_2017.pdf
3. **Break**
4. **Approve meet agenda:** Motion by Charlie Pieper, seconded by Deb Rogers. Meeting agenda approved.
5. **Meet One of Our Meeting Hosts:** Bad Axe Lake Assoc., Eurasian Watermilfoil Update, Sue Pickus, President Bad Axe Lake Assn.
 - A. Sue introduced Betty Haukebo, Bad Axe Treasurer-Secretary, and Kaye Molin, HCCOLA Rep.
 - B. **Discussion Eurasian Watermilfoil:**
 - a. Five years ago **Bad Axe's AIS Team**, two identifiers and one raker, was formed for an annual August assessment to check the two access: resort and the unused Boy Scout camp, and two individual places.
 - b. On Wed. Aug. 9th. **Eurasian Watermilfoil, EWM, was found** in a sandy area near the resort. The sample was bagged, Bill DonCarlos, HC AIS Coordinator, verified and the DNR confirmed the sample as EWM. Thurs. Aug. 10th Bill and assistants did a two-day shoreline delineation. Thurs. Aug. 17th, documentation confirmed and elaborated that 1.4 acres were affected with spotty stands of it.
 - c. The resort owner filled out an **application to treat this fall**. The treater will be PLM out of Brainerd. Bad Axe now has a contract with PLM. The **first treatment** will be in Sept. In the spring of 2018 PLM to

survey the treated area. The **second treatment** is scheduled in July 2018. **Cost of treatment** is just under \$2,000 per acre. Bad Axe has 1.4 acres. This year there will be **funding assistance** available through the county. Bad Axe Lake Assn. Is **researching grants** to help with next year's funding.

- d. You can't eradicate EWM but you can keep it under control. EWM can be hand pulled in the spring but not in the fall.

6. **Consent Agenda**, secretary minutes and treasurer's report approved.

7. **Election of Vice President – Lynn Goodrich: Nominations from the floor and candidate Steve Hill, Hinds Lake Association.** Three times nominations were requested from the floor, with no floor nominations, Steve Hill's name was placed by Lynn, nominations closed. Hillary Stoltz made a motion by acclamation we elect Steve Hill as VP of HC COLA, Carolynne White seconded, motion carried.

8. **Finance Team - Dan Kittilson: Gary and Rosa Stolzenberg Memorial & Planners for Potential HC COLA Healthy Lakes Partnership Grant Program**

- A. **Gary & Rosa Stolzenberg Memorial**, \$43,000 +/- depending on the market.
- B. Gary was a leader in Restore the Shore, died suddenly in 2011; Rosa passed in 2016.
- C. Finance Team met to develop plan modeled after Lake Emma Healthy Lakes Partnership Fund.
- D. Additional participation is needed on the team to determine the right course of action.
- E. Interested parties, please contact Lynn, Sharon or Dan.
- F. Motion: Subcommittee of E-Team with two additional members of HC COLA to develop a plan and present it to the E-Team meeting in February. Motion by Ken Grob, seconded by Dan Kittilson. Motion carried.

9. **Committee Reports:**

- A. **Restore the Shore (RTS) – Theora Goodrich:** SWCD is waiting for a list of trees, shrubs, etc. from nursery supplier. Hopefully the list will be ready for the September meeting. The RTS form to lake associations will be due in October.
- B. **Water Quality Monitoring – Lynn Goodrich:** No Zebra Mussel Veligers were found in the samples. Next sampling will be on Sept. 17th and 18th. Only one more sample to be taken and sent to RMB Lab in Detroit Lakes.
- C. **Early Detection Survey – Dan Kittilson:** 1) Detect new infestation, as Bad Axe, Eurasian Watermilfoil. 2) Expand survey to include Starry Stonewort and Eurasian Watermilfoil. 3). Expand AIS Citizen Watch, Lake presidents, Lake representative, AIS Coordinator.
Survey will be sent multiple times. To increase frequency and intensity of Lake monitoring, send survey to lake association members.
"Eyes on Water" slides showed maps of various lakes and how the ZMV samplers were distributed around the lake edge.
- D. **AIS Operating Team Update – Dan Kittilson: County Rapid Response Plan, RRP**, is in place; **Lake Assoc.** are encouraged to have their own RRP.
Inspection funding will again be \$18.50/hr.
Township Verbal Agreement due January 31, 2018. **Township/City Payment deadline** is April 30, 2018.
2019 payment deadline will be January 31.
- E. **Education – Lynn Goodrich:**
 1. Leech Lake One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) comment period for water management issues is open until September 8, 2017. Send information to John Ringle Director, Cass County Environmental Services Dept. Cass County Courthouse, PO Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484, 218-547-7256, john.ringle@co.cass.mn.us
 2. Rapid Response Plan by Hubbard County Released (for Aquatic Invasive Species discovery), <http://www.co.hubbard.mn.us/Hubbard%20County%20Rapid%20Response%20Plan.pdf>
 3. Letter received from Richard Hamilton Smith, Friends of the Headwaters, FOH, seeking continued support from HC COLA.

FOA Donation Motion 8/31/17 by Lynn Goodrich

Motion: I propose that HCCOLA make a donation of \$1000 to Friends of the Headwaters (FOH) in further support of their efforts to effect a rerouting of the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline replacement of the environmentally sensitive areas that Enbridge has included in their Recommended route. I further recommend that the HCCOLA funds used for this donation come from the proceeds of the "Sports Sales" fundraising activities and no membership dues monies be used. This donation to FOH aligns with our mission to protect the waters of Hubbard County and surrounding areas.

Motion seconded by Ken Grob. Motion carried.

Request by Lynn Goodrich: In addition to the above motion, I encourage that individual members, member lake associations, and others to join Theora and I and donate additional money directly to FOH in support of the endeavors to reroute the replacement of Enbridge Line 3 away from the route proposed by Enbridge and ensure that there is both a sound need and environmentally sensitive route for any additional pipelines proposed in the future. It is important to remember that FOH has never opposed a pipeline. They have and continue to oppose the route proposed by Enbridge. We must insist the PUC, DOC, MPCA, DNR and associated state agency's follow the law and the will of the citizens of Minnesota.

F. SWCD, Julie Kingsley, Director:

1. **Pine Haven Camp:** the road has been redone on the south end of Long Lake.
2. **Free Nitrate Test:** 1st Friday of every month, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the SWCD office.

10. Next HC COLA Board Meeting: Thursday, September 28th, 6:00 social, 6:30 meeting, Northwoods Bank Community room. **Speakers will be:** Heather Baird, Brainerd DNR and Michael McCartney, MN AIS Research Center. **Lake Hosts:** Plantagenet, Belle Taine and Twin Lakes.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Charlie Pieper, seconded by Ken Grob, meeting adjourned.

Nancy Gibbs
HC COLA Secretary