

HCCOLA Hybrid Mtg Thurs 9-26-2024 at 6:30 PM w/In-Person-Northwoods Bank Community Room & Zoom online – Approved Minutes 10-24-2024

Meeting Topic	Opportunity	Discussion Points / References	Next Steps	Measure
<p>HCCOLA Presentation by Brandon Spain-Brist, District Forester, Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District</p>	<p>Brandon explained the grant that the HCSWCD received</p>	<p>Brandon explained the grant the HCSWCD received which started 2024 and ends May 2028 called Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Priority Lakes (PL) Project</p> <p>- Target and protect the water quality of the 26 best fishing lakes in the Upper Mississippi River Basin (UMRB)</p> <p>Brandon’s Presentation PDF located on HCCOLA website <a href="http://www.hubbardcolumn.org">www.hubbardcolumn.org</a> under Communications → Presentations: <a href="https://www.hubbardcolumn.org/presentations.html">https://www.hubbardcolumn.org/presentations.html</a></p>	<p>- HCSWCD to develop lake plan template. Brandon will share template</p> <p>- Priority lakes on list of 26 includes Steamboat, Garfield, and Kabekona</p> <p>- Other lakes may be aided if funding lasts</p>	<p>Reach out to Brandon with questions and if your lake is interested.</p> <p>brandon@hubbardswcd.org 218-732-0121 Ext. 101 <a href="http://www.hubbardswcd.org">www.hubbardswcd.org</a></p>
<p>Four Short Updates from past HCCOLA Charitable Grant recipients to help us all learn</p>	<p>Grant Writing Volunteer Coach available – Ingrid Bey</p>	<p>Examples available of past applications and the professional reports from the aquatic vegetation surveys conducted :</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_hmQfhXuIVcMjm8KzER8wmHHTAVgHvld?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_hmQfhXuIVcMjm8KzER8wmHHTAVgHvld?usp=sharing</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Grant application</a> deadline Monday 10-14-2024</p>	<p>Recipient Grants in June 2025</p> <p>Participation in Rake Tosses on 1 to 3 Lakes to learn aquatic plants as you sample and help in 2025</p>
		<p>Bad Axe Lake Association 5-Year Update on their 2019 HCCOLA Charitable Grant received for a portion of their Aquatic Vegetation Survey – Brian Kaatz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Season 2024, expansion of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM); perhaps due to mild winter. Delineation survey and chemical treatment to manage EWM cost the BALA \$16,000 in 2024, which was a big bump compared to previous years. Lakeshore owners help with early detection</li> </ul>		

		of new EWM areas. BALA has a 501(c)(3) Northwest MN Foundation fund for donations from property owners.		
		<p>Kabekona Lake Association 3-Year Update on their 2021 HCCOLA Charitable Grant for portion of Aquatic Vegetation Survey – Ingrid Bey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The KLA aquatic veg survey in '21 found no AIS. Their board determined to hire survey every 3 yrs based on MAISRC guidance. In 2024, hired Aquatic Survey Professionals of Nevis, MN, to do a point-intercept survey of lake with GPS, sonar and visual inspection and special emphasis on 3 higher risk areas. No AIS detected in '24. Ingrid's comparing data from '21 to '24. More chara this year but in checking with Dr. Dan Larkin, Professor for UMN Ext AIS Detector classes, plants can vary over the years and a rake toss isn't always in same direction even at the same location over time. Chara can be a really good plant as stabilizes sediment, binds nutrients aiding in water quality plus provides food and great habitat for animals. KLA is "Celebrating" their abundant Chara!</li> </ul>		
		<p>Long Lake Area Association (Hubbard County) Foundation's 1-Year Update on 2023 HCCOLA Charitable Grant for portion of their Aquatic Vegetation Survey when starry stonewort was identified - Sharon Natzel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treated SSW Aug '23 &amp; diver handpulled in Sept '23. Obtained DNR variance Spring '24 to manage SSW patch at south access with biodegradable burlap cover to limit light, deplete SSW bulbils, and prevent spread by boats. Checked every 2 wks by divers in summer '24. Two chemical treatments in '24 as found SSW in different areas of access. Plan professional survey every 5 years or as needed. Near-shore AIS monitoring 2x/summer with volunteers around lake neighborhoods that sample with rake tosses and visual scans. Nine families signed up at LA annual mtg for a dock visit at their home to learn the aquatic vegetation around their docks this summer! The Township of Hubbard received a gifted CD3 Waterless Boat Cleaning System through the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund / Stop Starry</li> </ul>		

		Stonewort Grant administered by MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates in Nov '23. Boater use sessions totaled over 400 and individual tools use was just under a 1000 mid-April to mid-Oct '24. The LLAA Foundation reimburses the township for annual maintenance costs like insurance, wet/dry vacuum pump out, etc		
		<p>Middle Crow Wing Lake Association Update on their Aquatic Vegetation Survey paid for in part through their HCCOLA Charitable Grant received in 2024 – Derek Carlson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCWLA Board determined it was best to learn what aquatic vegetation is on all 3 lakes instead of just high risk areas. They hired Aquatic Survey Professionals from Nevis and did not find AIS on the 3-lake point intercept survey, along with use of sonar &amp; visual observations. MCWLA now has a proactive approach to AIS.</li> </ul>		
Update on Shoreline Restoration on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Walt Stachon, Ham Lake Association	<p>Walt showed “before” and “after” pictures of the 80 feet of restored shoreline that he and his wife, Deb, installed in 2021, using coir logs, seed mixes and 800 plant plugs. He showed the gas powered pump and watering system that they installed in 2021 to help establish the \$4000+ investment. Used watering system quite a bit in 2022. Maintenance on the restoration has been pretty minimal. With ice out this spring 2024, many had ice ridges on lake. Their shoreline held up well in the ice out, just broke some stakes holding the coir logs so Walt replaced those. Roots are beginning to grow through the coir logs. Some weeding of Reed Canary grass. The shoreline vegetation really helps the water quality by filtering runoff from the road with 80 ft of shoreline. Lots of flowers now in August with bees visiting. Brandon Spain-Brist of the Hubbard County SWCD provided guidance at the beginning of the project.</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tyVFwan3TLkKAIYYC7ool24IpfYb5JUt/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tyVFwan3TLkKAIYYC7ool24IpfYb5JUt/view?usp=drive_link</a></p>	Update on “Restore The Shore 2025” at Oct mtg	
MAISRC Showcase Update	Jon Dennis, Ingrid Bey & Sharon N	<p>Jon D emailed update plus eDNA powerpt &amp; Augmented Reality powerpt which were viewed in meeting. All are available in this share area.</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eQBMuFWunWOFncbZ4V94JE9Yq22pBtll?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eQBMuFWunWOFncbZ4V94JE9Yq22pBtll?usp=sharing</a></p> <p>Ingrid updated us on MAISRC project with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe to do surveillance project on the SSW and Wild Rice Interactions on Leech Lake in Steamboat Bay. The wild rice doesn't seem to be affected at this point. SSW is getting thicker and advancing. Project team using</p>	<p>Continue to engage in projects</p> <p>View MAISRC YouTube Videos on many projects</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/@maisrc/videos">https://www.youtube.com/@maisrc/videos</a></p>	View our share area for the MAISRC Flyers which have websites.

		<p>transects, which are plots in the lake, to monitor a couple times a week.  <a href="https://maisrc.umn.edu/research/47">https://maisrc.umn.edu/research/47</a></p> <p>Sharon updated on session focused on microbes and evaluating innovative coatings to prevent AIS: <a href="https://maisrc.umn.edu/coatings">https://maisrc.umn.edu/coatings</a></p> <p>These demonstration stations flyers with websites are in the share area on Phragmites and also Zebra Mussel Safari  <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eQBMuFWunWOFncbZ4V94JE9Yq22pBtII?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1eQBMuFWunWOFncbZ4V94JE9Yq22pBtII?usp=sharing</a></p>	View MAISRC website / participate in webinars <a href="https://maisrc.umn.edu/">https://maisrc.umn.edu/</a>	
Reference: 2024 Sept Thru Dec	Mtg Folder & Partners' Info	Google Drive with HCCOLA Mtg Files and Multiple Collaborators Info: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LBUBUqgVZHyRvmOeibpvngtQGK7xAib9?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LBUBUqgVZHyRvmOeibpvngtQGK7xAib9?usp=sharing</a>	Ck 4 Info Added Periodically	Subscribe to the Multiple Partners' Newsletters
Approve Minutes from Last Meeting	08-29-2024 Draft Minutes Annual Meeting	<p>The draft minutes were shared ahead of the meeting for review. Approved Minutes are placed on the HCCOLA website:  <a href="https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2024.html">https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/2024.html</a></p> <p>Motion to approve: Lynn Goodrich, Tripp Lake  Second: Gary Smith, Fish Hook  Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>	Update Website	Implement the approved board decisions
Approve Treasurer Rpt by Keith Minkel	Review report online and discuss	<p>Treasurer's Report was viewed online during the meeting and discussed prior to approval.</p> <p>Motion to approve as presented: Lynn Goodrich  Second: Ingrid Bey, Kabekona LA  Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>	HCCOLA sending invoices for Dues & WQM /ZMV	HCCOLA to receive payments from the lake associations
Determine CD Investment	Keith Minkel explained Investmt Strategy	<p>CD matures 9-26-2024. Discussed known projects related to AIS Operating Team that will take some funding yet 2024 and early 2025; tools for access pilot. so can consider reinvesting with special rate for 5 months as Finance Committee recommends. Plus including additional funds from checking in CD.</p> <p>Motion to accept the finance committee recommendation :  Derek Carlson, Middle Crow Wing LA  Second: Susan Rengstorf, Spider LA  Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>	Complete CD purchase per BOD decision.	
Discussed and Approved the	Information provided ahead of	After discussion, the HCCOLA BOD unanimously voted to endorse the MN constitutional amendment 1 on the ballot for MN through the MnGreatOutdoors.org, a 501c3 organization, where Conservation MN among others are listed as supporters. We will	HCCOLA Secretary to complete support application and provide logo.	Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment has

<p>Endorsement of MN Constitutional Amendment 1 on MN Ballot</p>	<p>the mtg for review / study</p>	<p>use the Eyes on the Water logo for this support for renewal of using a portion of Minnesota State Lottery proceeds to fund conservation activities. The lottery funds the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) which over past 30 years has grown to provide \$80 million per year in projects. Some of these projects are MAISRC projects highlighted in the showcase and the Stop Starry Stonewort w/CD3 Systems at SSW-infested MN accesses.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mngreatoutdoors.org/supporters">https://www.mngreatoutdoors.org/supporters</a></p> <p>Motion that HCCOLA endorse the amendment – important for the environment: Ingrid Bey, Kabekona LA  Second: Keith Minkel, Lake Gilmore Association  Approve: Passed Unanimously</p>	<p>HCCOLA to help get the word out in Oct HCCOLA Column article.</p> <p>HCCOLA Lake Associations to help get the word out to their members on the constitutional amendment.</p> <p><a href="https://www.mngreatoutdoors.org/about">https://www.mngreatoutdoors.org/about</a></p>	<p>the same effect as voting no on the amendment.</p>
<p>Informational</p>	<p>If ?'s, ask Chamber President Please</p>	<p>A proposal is being discussed in the lakes area by the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce on creating a Regional Destination Marketing Organization to attract more visitors in the shoulder seasons – fall, winter, spring. This is the type of organization that helped with the campaign to benefit northern ice-fishing communities with the “Keep It Clean / Be Nice To Our Ice” state-wide effort, for example.</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cLByhP486KOGzh_qOscNcbirGny9h1Te/view?usp=drive_link">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cLByhP486KOGzh_qOscNcbirGny9h1Te/view?usp=drive_link</a></p>	<p>If you are interested in learning more – pertains to motels / short term rentals - please read the flyer from the chamber in the link to the left. Reach out to the chamber president if questions / need clarification.</p>	
<p>Future HCCOLA Hybrid Meeting Schedule for 2025</p>	<p>HCCOLA Hybrid Mtg at 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Thurs Oct 24, 2024 with Aaron Anderson, Hubbard County Environmental Services, AIS Program Mgr reporting on 2024 Season and plans for 2025.</p> <p>Committee report by the AIS Extended Operating Team is on the HCCOLA website:  <a href="https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/20241.html">https://www.hubbardcolamn.org/20241.html</a></p> <p>HCCOLA Reps, please mark your calendar for the last Thurs of the month dates in 2025 at 6:30 to 8:30 PM for the HCCOLA hybrid meetings....  March 27  April 24  May 29</p>	<p>The BOD are the HCCOLA Representatives for the member lake associations.</p>	<p>Attendance by the HCCOLA Board of Directors at these Hybrid HCCOLA Board Meetings. Educational Presentations are open to the public!</p>

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**HCCOLA Hybrid Meeting Attendee Info for Thursday 9/26/2024:**

From 9/26/2024 Attendees: 23 member lake associations out of 31; 15 in-person in the Northwoods Bank Community Room, plus 16 signed into Zoom. Total attendees: 31

Attendee List Key: LA = Lake Association, P = in-person, Z = Zoom, \*=LA's "Designated voter" for 8/29/2024 mtg

- Bad Axe LA: Stacey Barrow – Z\*, Brian Kaatz - Z
- Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – Z\*
- Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – P\*
- Big Sand LA: Steve Kimpton – Z\*
- Blue LA: Brent Wittenberg – P\*
- Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P\*
- Duck LA: Deb Rogers – Z\*
- Eagle- Island LA:
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing LA: Kristin Basinger – Z\*
- Emma-Stocking-Bottle (ESB) LA:
- Fish Hook LRA: Gary Smith – P\*
- Garfield LA:
- Gilmore LA: Keith Minkel – P\*
- Ham LA: Walt Stachon – Z\*
- Hinds LA: Christina Hill – P\*
- Kabekona LA: Ingrid Bey – Z\*
- Little Sand LA: Cindy Nollette – Z\*
- Long Lake Area LA: Sharon Natzel – P\*
- Lower Crow Wing LA:
- Middle Crow Wing LA: Derek Carlson – P\*
- Palmer LA:
- Plantagenet LA: Krystie North – Z\*
- Portage LA: Paul Wibe – P\*
- Potato LA: Ken Grob – P\*

South Island LA:

Spider LA: Dan Olympia – P\*, Rose Lawler – Z, Susan Rengstorf - Z

Steamboat LA:

Stony LA: Mike Glynn – P, Bill Petersen – Z\*

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

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z\*

Twin LA: Debra Massey – Z\*

Sustaining Individual Members (Non-Voting):

Guests: HCSWCD presenter Brandon Spain-Brist – P, Shannon Geisen - Z

Guests: Brush LA - P: Bernie Gearin, LaDonna Cleveland, Shell River – Steve Henry - P