

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations Board of Directors Hybrid Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM until approximately 8 PM – Approved 5-25-2023
Northwoods Bank Community Room, 1200 1st St. E, Park Rapids, MN 56470 and Zoom

In-person attendance 10 plus Zoom attendance 23 for a total of 33 participants. Quorum established with 23 member lake associations present out of 31. HC COLA Meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Natzel at 6:30 PM.

Aaron Anderson, Environmental Specialist, Hubbard County Environmental Services - AIS Program previewed the 2023 AIS prevention plans for the season. Aaron's slides are available on our website: www.hubbardcolamn.org → communications → [presentations](#)

Jake Shaughnessy, Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District (HC SWCD) informed us about the Crow Wing River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Request for Community Stakeholders Issues and Priorities due June 9th at 4:30 PM.

The goal of using the watershed framework is to address water quality concerns and protect resources throughout the watershed by planning and partnering across jurisdictional boundaries. The Memorandum of Agreement for partnership to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan for the Crow Wing River Watershed is with Becker County, Becker SWCD, Cass County, Cass SWCD, Hubbard County, Hubbard SWCD, Todd County, Todd SWCD, Wadena SWCD, Wadena County. Survey to share:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdxGqck7nGmsppPlu13ZWSGOI15KFsmWw6yFcYIUVEbbLC48g/viewform>

Consent agenda items followed the break and brief introduction spin-around for the first mtg of the year:

- Draft 10-27-2022 HC COLA Minutes
- Treasurer's Report - Keith Minkel

Budget Comparison, Keith Minkel, Treasurer; Motion to Approve: Jon Dennis, Second: Bob Wolf, Passed Unanimously

HC COLA Charitable Fund Advisory Committee recommendations:

- Grant Application Recommendation for 2023: The motion was made by Gene Hanson to award the 2023 grant of \$2000 to the single applicant, Long Lake Area Association (Hubbard County) Foundation. This 2023 Project is entitled: Long Lake Aquatic Vegetation Point-Intercept Survey & DNR AIS Delineation Protocol Between P-I Survey Points and will be conducted by RMB Environmental Laboratories mid-August. Seconded by Bob Wolf. Passed Unanimously.
- Recommendation for the 2024 Grant Round to begin June 1, 2023 through April 15, 2024 for \$2000: Motion by Larry Roberts and seconded by Gene Hanson. Passed Unanimously.

Restore the Shore (RTS) tree / plant / seed orders from the HC SWCD will be available for the lake associations' RTS coordinators to pick up Fri 5/12/23 morning at the Fair Grounds. Cheryl Hilgemann will email the details to the coordinators.

The Water Quality Monitoring "Water Cooler Wed" is 5-10-2023 at the Park Rapids Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot, 5 to 7 PM. Peter Tuomisto has emailed the lake association water quality monitors. Keith Minkel provided the pricing for 2023 for the RMB Environmental Laboratory analysis. The 5-months WQM is \$285 (an increase of \$30 from 2022) with an offset contribution from the HC SWCD. The zebra mussel veliger is \$110 and if you also want the water analyzed for spiny waterflea, that is an additional \$37 per bottle. We will also have literature available and Aqua Weedsticks for your lake association to deliver to your lake's resorts with in-use boat launches; part of the "Adopt Your Resort" program. We will have the pilot monofilament line recycling tubes for your lake assoc to try this summer. All will be available at 5/25 HC COLA meeting too.

Spiny Waterflea Surveillance with MAISRC – webinar 4-28-2023. More on program at <https://maisrc.umn.edu/spinysurveil>

The E-Team has been reviewing the By-Laws and found that updates may be beneficial. This opportunity will be covered at a later meeting. There will be a 20-day review period per the by-laws before modifications can be approved by the Board of Directors.

The MAISRC AIS Detector's course is June 2nd in-person here in Park Rapids with 8 hrs of on-line class prep. Scholarships available! Register here: <https://learning.umn.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=27946673&courseTitle=ais-detectors-core-course>

June 23 – 24th is the “Lab to Lake: MAISRC Regional Workshop” at Cedar Lakes Casino with Conference on Fri and Field-based activities on Sat. HC COLA will be helping on Fri with demonstration of CD3 unit capabilities. Only \$30 for Fri with presentations, QAs, panels with MAISRC researchers, local managers and community leaders on starry stonewort, spiny water flea, zebra mussels, rusty crayfish, AIS impacts to wild rice and more. Learn about cutting-edge online tools. Only \$45 for Fri and Sat with field based activities – Registration and more info here: <https://maisrc.umn.edu/events/june-23-24>

Committee Reports - - please review our 1st Quarter

Newsletter: http://www.hubbardcolamn.org/uploads/3/4/5/6/34563649/hc_colan_first_quarter_2023_e-newsletter.pdf

Our HC COLA Membership Team to host “Meet and Greet”/ “Come & Go” & Celebrate 35 yrs of HC COLA, all public invited, [Zorbaz-Park Rapidz](#) at 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Taco Tuez, June 6, 2023. Buy Your Own Food & Beverage; Try Your Hand at Bean Bag / Spin the Wheel, Learn more about AIS Prevention

Other info shared included:

Christina Hill, GreenCorps with Hubbard County Solid Waste, explained that they are can divert reused materials from the landfill for community-based projects. Examples are the HC COLA zebra mussel settlement samplers of pvc, monofilament line recycling tubes of pvc and the loon artificial nesting platforms of pvc assembled by 4-H youth with HC COLA.

Burney Fischer, Big Mantrap Lake Association shared that the BMLA just learned yesterday that 3M’s Wonewok will close and be sold. It is 15% of BM shoreline; about 800 acres. The BMLA is working with Land Trusts, DNR, county officials, and HC COLA. See the Park Rapids Enterprise article: <https://www.parkrapidsenterprise.com/business/3m-to-close-its-wonewok-corporate-retreat-near-park-rapids>

HC COLA Hybrid meetings at Northwoods Bank Community Room & Zoom, Thurs from 6:30 to 8:30 PM:
May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug 31, Sept 28, Oct 26

Attendee List Key: LA = lake association, P = in-person, Z=zoom, *=lake association’s “designated voter” for this meeting

Bad Axe LA: Angela Haukebo – Z*

Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – Z*

Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – Z*

Blue LA: Steve Stromme – P*

Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P*

Middle Crow Wing LA: Cheryl Hilgemann – Z*, Andrew Schmidt – P

Eagle-Island LA: David Fastenow – Z*

Eighth & Ninth CW LA: Cheri Godfrey – Z*

Emma-Stocking-Bottle LA: Gene Hanson – P*, Jim Dillon – Z, Brian Long - Z

Gilmore LA: Keith Minkel – P*

Ham LA: Walt Stachon – Z*

Hinds LA: Christina Hill – Z*

Kabekona LA: Ingrid Bey – Z*

Little Sand LA: MaJeana Hallstrom – Z*

Long Lake Area Assoc: Jaimie Beretta – Z, Sharon Natzel – P, Larry Roberts – P*

Palmer LA: Phil Kirkegaard - Z*

Plantagenet LA: Krystie North – Z*

Portage LA: Tom Stennes – Z*

Potato LA: Bob Berdahl-P, Craig Bihrlé – Z*

Spider LA: Jon Dennis – Z*, Rose Lawler – Z

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

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z*

Twin LA: Deb Massey – Z*

Guests In-Person include: Aaron Anderson – Hubbard County

Guests on Zoom include: Wade Massure – DNR Fisheries

Note: We learned after-the-fact that at least one lake association did not receive the invitation for the April meeting electronically. We will continue to improve upon our technical capabilities for hybrid meetings and email distribution.