

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations Annual Meeting Thurs 8-29-2024 Minutes – Approved 9-26-2024

Date -Thurs 8-29-2024- Northwoods Bank – Community Room, Park Rapids, MN, and Zoom on-line


<p>6:30pm Program Nick Budde, Hydrogeologist – Groundwater Atlas Program- DNR</p>	<p>Part A- Geology, previously completed 2018 Part B – Groundwater Atlas recently completed for Hubbard County. https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/groundwater_section/mapping/county-geo-atlas.html Study used available data from well testing and also measured relative age of water samples, looking at tritium levels, indicating appearance of radioactive fallout since 1953 seeping into groundwater, and carbon-14 levels for deeper water older than that. Chloride and nitrate contaminants come from surface sources. Arsenic and manganese occur naturally in groundwater to varying degrees</p>	<p>Assessment of risk of aquifer contamination relates to those factors, and is higher risk for shallow wells with coarse sand geology. Some wells show close connection with nearby lake water sources. Sampled 90 wells; data from 50 others; didn't use HCSWCD sampling.</p>	<p>Workshop Friday, Sept 11 @ 12:30-3:30 pm - can contact nick.budde@state.mn.gov 651-259-5072</p>	
<p>Opportunity</p>	<p>Discussion Points</p>	<p>Motion/2nd/vote</p>	<p>Next Step</p>	<p>Measure</p>
<p>Business mtg 7:17pm- Sharon Natzel</p>				
<p>Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Approved Minutes are placed here: https://hubbardcolamn.org/20241.html</p>	<p>Ken Grob- approve Keith Minkel – 2nd</p>	<p>Approved unanimous</p>	
<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Keith Minkel – spendable money in the Hubbard COLA Charitable Fund at Northwest MN Foundation is available for grants</p>	<p>Lynn Goodrich Jon Dennis – 2nd</p>	<p>Approved unanimous</p>	
<p>Budget-2025</p>	<p>1) Anticipate slight decrease in interest 2) Slight increase potentially in water testing cost, supplies, website, etc.</p>	<p>Jon calculated about 6.8% increase in expenses. Lynn Goodrich- approve</p>	<p>Approved unanimous</p>	

	<p>3) Anticipate may need to pay speakers</p> <p>4) Slight increase for education</p> <p>5) Budget was provided earlier to the board</p>	Burney Fisher- 2 nd		
Elections of Officers				
President	<p>Jon Dennis put forward as candidate as is Vice President / President Elect</p> <p>Asked x 3 for other nominations</p>	<p>Nominated- Lynn Goodrich</p> <p>2nd Burney Fisher</p>	Approved unanimous	
Presidential Remarks	<p>Jon briefly thanked Sharon for her 8 years of exceptional service , beyond the expected 2 year term, with efforts that were recognized by MAISRC as well as other groups.</p>			
Special Recognition	<p>Sharon- recognized Dave Nelson as an individual sustaining member providing his boat / trailer and creating input sheets and maps of the 14 sample spots for the dual rake tosses for the 3 lakes (Pickerel, Frontenac, and Midge) that were surveyed for aquatic vegetation on Rake Toss Tuesdays. He also used the decontamination station between all the water bodies.</p>	<p>Dave noted that the rake toss was a lot of fun and was very instructional in learning plants, and encouraged people to do this</p>		
	<p>Peter Tuomisto – who has been working with lake water quality monitoring since 2010 and coordinating WQM since 2012. He works with RMB Environmental Laboratories and effectively manages the coolers / sample bottles, paperwork and shuttle delivery service May – Sept. He also manages the 2 meter sampling tubes and fixes / creates more when needed. He delivers the zebra mussel veliger samples too. He ensures a shuttle driver volunteer is available if Peter isn't available.</p>			
Recognition	<p>Derek Carlson, of Middle Crow Wing Lake Association recognized as their new HCCOLA Representative and</p>			

	AIS Prevention Coordinator. He also achieved AIS Detector Certification with MAISRC in 2024. His father, Don Carlson, was an original supporter of AIS prevention.			
	Rush Lake Association representatives recognized, LaDonna Cleveland and Bernie Gearin			
V-Pres	No nominations or volunteers from the floor	Jon notes this as a priority for sustainability of the organization		
Appointment of Secretary	Sharon Natzel, now past president, has agreed to be the Secretary	Jon – nominated Sharon Lynn – 2 nd	Approved unanimous	
Appointment of Treasurer	Keith Minkel has agreed to stay on as Treasurer	Jon – nominated Keith Lynn – 2 nd	Approved unanimous	
Signatories for bank account, CD, safety deposit box	Lynn Goodrich would come off as a signatory, Jon Dennis comes on as a signatory as president, Sharon Natzel stays on as a signatory now as past president, and Keith Minkel stays on as treasurer and third signatory.	Ken Grob moved that Jon Dennis, Sharon Natzel, and Keith Minkel would be the three signatories. 2 nd Burnie Fisher	Approved unanimous	
Hubbard COLA Charitable Fund Advisory Committee for the fund at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation	Larry Roberts current member, is moving out of state so would come off the advisory committee. These current committee members would remain: Sharon Natzel (Long) Gene Hanson (Emma-Stocking-Bottle) Keith Minkel (Gilmore) Bill Karsten (Garfield) And Jon Dennis (Spider Lake) would come on as HCCOLA president	Motion- Mike Glynn to approve these members 2 nd – Derek Carlson	Approved unanimous	
e-Team membership	Jon notes that Lynn Goodrich would normally be off of the e-Team as past president, but can still remain as a lake association representative for Tripp Lake. Lynn is also a key person as a MNCOLA representative as well	Motion – to approve Lynn Goodrich (Tripp Lake) & member at large of the e-Team	Approved unanimous	

	as a supervisor in the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District	2 nd Mike Glynn		
Membership Committee	Ken Grob has agreed to serve on membership team.			
Meeting Schedules	HCCOLA Board - Proposed continuing meetings the last Thursday of the month, Mar-October 6:30-8:30, at the Northwoods Bank, which costs \$20 for use of AV connection. They generously provide the ethernet line needed for our hybrid meeting OWL technology's performance.	<p>Please mark your calendar for the last Thurs of the month dates in 2025 at 6:30 to 8:30 PM for the hybrid meetings....</p> <p>March 27</p> <p>April 24</p> <p>May 29</p> <p>June 26</p> <p>July 31</p> <p>Aug 28</p> <p>Sept 25</p> <p>Oct 30</p>		
	HCCOLA E-Team meeting; members, please mark your 2025 calendar for these monthly meetings on these Wednesdays at 9:30 AM to 11 AM on Zoom:	<p>E-Team 2025:</p> <p>Jan 22</p> <p>Feb 19</p> <p>Mar 19</p> <p>April 16</p> <p>May 21</p>		

		<p>June 18</p> <p>July 23</p> <p>Aug 20</p> <p>Sept 17</p> <p>Oct 22</p> <p>Nov 19</p> <p>Dec 17</p>		
Rake Toss will be a different day of the week each month	June, July, and August			
MAISRC showcase	Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center (MAISRC) invites you to our annual AIS Research and Management Showcase on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 from 8:30am - 5:30pm . This one-day, in-person event is a chance to hear updates from our research teams on their latest discoveries in the world of aquatic invasive species (AIS).	https://maisrc.umn.edu/showcase		
Next hybrid meetings: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM		<p>Thurs Sept 26, 2024 - Hubbard County SWCD Staff will update us on a grant to help our lake associations develop or update lake management plans, etc.</p> <p>Thurs Oct 24, 2024: - Aaron Anderson, Hubbard County</p>		

		Environmental Services, Environmental Specialist will provide an AIS Prevention Program Recap of 2024 and Plans for 2025 Please Note: This is the 4th Thursday		
Billboard – changeover in Sept thru almost the end of Dec '24	New billboard design shown  <small>This is the Wildlife Forever Billboard for Sept – December 2024 as part of our HCCOLA Partnership with Hubbard County Environmental Services 1-year billboard rental.</small>	We have permission to use the image from Wildlife Forever in the Park Rapids Enterprise “ Flannel Shirt “ magazine in later Oct.		
Adjournment 8:30			Motion – Keith Minkel 2 nd – Sharon Natzel - unanimous	

Minutes submitted by: Jon Dennis and Sharon Natzel, HCCOLA Secretary

HCCOLA Hybrid Meeting Attendee Info for Thursday 8/29/2024

From 8/29/2024 Attendees: 23 member lake associations out of 31; 17 in-person in the Northwoods Bank Community Room, plus 14 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*

Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – Z*

Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – P*

Big Sand LA:

Blue LA: Peter Tuomisto – P*

Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P*

Duck LA:

Eagle- Island LA: Greg Chromy – P*

8th & 9th Crow Wing LA: Kristin Basinger – Z*

Emma-Stocking-Bottle (ESB) LA: Gene Hanson – P*

Fish Hook LRA: Gary Smith – P*

Garfield LA: Mike Frank – Z*

Gilmore LA: Keith Minkel – P*

Ham LA: Walt Stachon – Z*

Hinds LA: Christina Hill – Z*

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:

Portage LA: Paul Wibe – P*

Potato LA: Ken Grob – P, Craig Bihrlé – P*

South Island LA:

Spider LA: Jon Dennis – P*, Rose Lawler – Z, Dan Olympia - P

Steamboat LA:

Stony LA: Mike Glynn – P*

10th & 11th Crow Wing LA: ,

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z*

Twin LA: Debra Massey – Z*

Sustaining Individual Members: Dave Nelson - P

Guests: Representative Krista Knudsen – MN House of Representatives - Z plus MN DNR presenter - Nick Budde - P

Guests: Brush LA - P: Bernie Gearin, LaDonna Cleveland