

**Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations Board of Directors Hybrid Sept Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, Sept 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM – Approved 10-26-2023**

Northwoods Bank Community Room, 1200 1st St. E, Park Rapids, MN 56470 In-Person and Zoom

In-person attendance 14 plus Zoom attendance 14 for a total of 28 participants. Quorum established with 20 member lake associations present out of 31. HC COLA Meeting was called to order by President, Sharon Natzel at 6:30 PM.

Eric Thorson, Area Wildlife Supervisor, MN DNR Park Rapids Wildlife Office presented on Beaver Management topics and attributes of beaver we appreciate also. The presentation and video are here: <https://hubbardcolamn.org/presentations.html>

The Consent Agenda included the September Treasurer's Report. HC COLA dues are payable by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

Cheryl Hilgemann, RTS program coordinator volunteer, provided a written report on our Restore the Shore (RTS) program. The HCSWCD is working with each of the nurseries to obtain information on the 2024 products / pricing. When available, our HCCOLA order forms will be provided by email to the HC COLA list of RTS Coordinators for the lake associations (LA) & LA Presidents. Fast turnaround for orders and payments may be required.

AIS Operating Team – worked on concept of community based social marketing (CBSM) to engage anglers and educate on why AIS prevention matters to them for 2024 educational advertising. This topic was the focus of the September HC COLA Column in the Park Rapids Enterprise (PRE). The group including the HCCOLA CBSM volunteer team will incorporate this concept in the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Discovery Guide in Oct.

Openings yet for HCCOLA Secretary and E-Team.

**Announcements included:**

MnDOT's Highway 87-Hubbard Open House on 10/4/23; sign up for updates if interested:

<https://www.dot.state.mn.us/d2/projects/hwy87-hubbard/index.html>

MNCOLA report from Sept Meeting is available plus subscribe to the "Current" newsletter. View the recording of Dr. Mark Seeley's presentation on "Evidence for Climate Change in Minnesota: Impacts on Water Resources"

<https://mncola.org/grassroots-agenda/lake-resiliency/>

We continued with lake associations sharing a two-minute update on 2 things that are working well and wished to share with other lake associations plus an area the lake association would like to learn more about from other lake associations.

The next HC COLA Hybrid Meeting is October 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM with presenter, Aaron Anderson, Hubbard County Environmental Services, Environmental Specialist on the AIS Prevention Program.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

**Attendee List Key:** LA = lake association, P = in-person, Z=zoom, \*=lake association's "designated voter" for this meeting

Bad Axe LA: Stacey Barrow – Z\*

Belle Taine LA: Andrea Dutcher – P\*

Big Mantrap LA: Burney Fischer – Z\*

Blue LA: Brent Wittenberg – Z\*

Boulder LA: Bob Wolf – P\*

Eagle- Island LA: David Fastenow – Z\*, Jon Claypool - P

Fish Hook LRA: Gary Smith – P\*, Don Rumpza - P

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Crow Wing LA: Kristin Basinger – Z\*

Garfield LA: Mike Frank – Z\*

Gilmore LA: Keith Minkel – P\*

Hinds LA: Christina Hill – Z\*

Kabekona LA: Ingrid Bey – Z\*

Little Sand LA: Cindy Nollette – Z\*

Long Lake Area LA: Sharon Natzel – P, Jaimie Beretta – Z\*

Portage LA: Ann Wibe and Paul Wibe – P\*

Potato LA: Ken Grob – P, Craig Bihrlle – P\*

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

Steamboat LA: Mike Jacobson – Z\*

Stony LA: Mike Glynn – P\*

Tripp LA: Lynn Goodrich – Z\*

Twin LA: Deb Massey – Z\*

Sustaining Member: David Nelson – P

Guests - P: Erik Thorson – MN DNR Park Rapids Wildlife and also Park Rapids Enterprise Reporter – Robin Fish