

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m. Zoom video meeting

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Jodi Billy, Tony Coffey, Sarah Fogderud (ex-officio), Phil Hunsicker, Mike O'Brien

Board members absent: Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Elenor Burkett (ex-officio), Sandy Holm, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. There were no minutes or meeting notes available from November 5, 2019 to approve. Ann Beaver briefly went through the treasurer's report she had sent to everyone, noting the receipt of dues and current checking account and CD balances. There were no expenses incurred since the last treasurer's report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Phil had not heard from Eleanor Burkett regarding the possible presence of a speaker on the Mississippi River Development Project, so that will likely be on next month's agenda.

LARA goals for 2020

LARA web site — LARA had a web site for several years, but the web master moved out of state and no one else was found to continue it. Also, it did not receive many hits, so the Board discontinued it and now maintains a Facebook page instead and will continue with its electronic newsletter. Sarah Fogderud said she maintains the web site for A.W. Laboratories and is willing to do one for LARA if the Board would like. It currently would cost \$100 per year. Board members were supportive of this idea and were asked to think of things that should be on the web site. Mentioned during this meeting were: history of LARA, mission statement, resources section, member list, and shared items from members associations such as newsletters and association activities.

Environmental Forum — Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and its recommended restrictions and precautions, it is uncertain that such a forum will be able to be held this year.

Projects for CWEPA funding in 2020 — Two possibilities discussed were 1) something related to the Mississippi River Development Project and 2) using funds to provide trees to LARA's member associations to distribute to their members for planting. Jodi Billy volunteered to look into the latter idea. Hopefully Eleanor Burkett will be able to provide information on the former idea.

Phil asked board members to continue to think about what LARA can/should do during the next year.

The next board meeting will be a Zoom video meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 4:00 p.m. Phil will ask Eleanor to again send out the invitation.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary