

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
Jackpine Brewery, Baxter, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Jodi Billy, Sarah Fogderud (ex-officio), Phil Hunsicker

Board members absent: Tony Coffey, Sandy Holm, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio), Mike O'Brien

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed and went through her treasurer's report, noting receipts and expenses since the March meeting. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Board sharing Phil asked Board members to share anything noteworthy happening on their lake or in the area generally. Items shared included: possible submittal to Crow Wing County of a letter from LARA opposing wetland replacements allowed by the county under the Wetland Conservation Act; aquatic vegetation in the Mission Lakes; zebra mussels in Lower South Long Lake; over-development on Pelican Lake; sales tax exemption for lake associations on chemicals used for treatment of AIS. Board members thought this last item would be a good article in the next LARA newsletter.

Lakes Appreciation Month Sarah Fogderud shared information on asking Governor Walz to proclaim July as Lakes Appreciation Month. After brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize Phil to draft a letter to Governor Walz to make this proclamation.

LARA annual meeting Board members discussed the pros and cons of conducting an in-person annual meeting this summer. The last several in-person meetings were very poorly attended. The Board decided it would be best to sound out the membership regarding an in-person annual meeting. This will be done in the next LARA newsletter.

Next meeting Board members will decide closer to the usual board meeting date of July 6 whether or not a meeting is necessary/desired.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary