

## **CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)**

**Board of Directors meeting  
Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 4:00 p.m.  
Roundhouse Brewery, Nisswa, MN**

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Phil Hunsicker

Board members absent: Tom Beaver, Jodi Billy, Sarah Fogderud (ex-officio)

Others present: Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing County SWCD

The meeting was called to order by Tony Coffey, president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 board meeting. Ann Beaver handed out and went through her treasurer's report. Current membership is 26 lake associations and one personal membership. The only financial activity since last month's report was the receipt of \$125 in dues. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Melissa Barrick gave the Board a thorough update on the Pine River Watershed and Mississippi River One Watershed, One Plan. The Plan's vision is to align local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized targeted, and measurable implementation plans. She also shared the Pine River Watershed's One Watershed One Plan brochure which shows what Crow Wing County lakes are part of this first step.

**CWEPA Fund grant requests** Board members discussed with Melissa the idea of a grant to help pay/offset SWCD fees charged landowners when they need site inspections done for shoreline stabilization/restoration projects. She said each site inspection currently costs \$125. She will talk to the SWCD person in charge of inspections about preparing a grant request for CWEPA funds to assist with or cover the cost.

**U of MN St. Anthony Falls Lab (SAFL) wake research funding** After a brief discussion on the importance of phase two of this study, a motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$2,000 to this SAFL research.

**Crow Wing County moratorium update** Tony said there was nothing new to report.

**Annual meeting and social** Tony said he and Sarah will work on this. They will determine a feasible location and an early to mid September date.

**Recruitment of new Board members** Phil Hunsicker reported that Dave Peterson, Lake Ossawinnamakee, has agree to join the Board. The other current possible new member, Laurie Noll, Lake Ossawinnamakee, plans to attend the September board meeting and will then decide if she will join the Board.

The next meeting will be August 2, 2022 at 4:00 p.m., likely at Roundhouse Brewery.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary