

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

**Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
Roundhouse Brewery, Nisswa, MN**

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

Board members absent: Sandy Holm, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by Phil Hunsicker, president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed and went through her treasurer's report noting the receipt of additional dues, the expense of the web site hosting, and interest paid on one of LARA's CDs. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report

Phil shared with the Board that Mike O'Brien had resigned from the Board due to his wife's serious health issues. Phil said he had sent Mike a supportive email and thanked him for his many years of service to LARA.

Debriefing on actions taken via email since the last meeting The Cass County COLA sought monetary assistance to help buy an expensive piece of water monitoring equipment. Board members weighed in unanimously opposing this use of LARA funds for this but willing to help the struggling COLA in other ways if and when needed. Sarah Fogderud had brought to Phil's attention the opportunity to request a lake appreciation proclamation from Governor Walz for the month of July 2021. Board members agreed this was a good idea and Phil submitted the required form requesting this action. The request was granted.

Future LARA contacts with area organizations With Phil's upcoming retirement from the LARA Board, he asked if anyone was interested and willing to be the contact for quarterly Zoom conversations with Northern Waters Land Trust. Tony Coffey volunteered to take this on.

Recruitment of board members Mike O'Brien needed to step down from the Board this summer, Phil will be retiring from the Board this fall, Eleanor Burkett resigned from her ex-officio seat several months ago, and Ann and Tom Beaver will be leaving the Board next July. Board members discussed ways of recruiting new Board members. Ann will send an email within the week to LARA member associations regarding this and the need for new Board members will be included in the information sent to LARA members in place of an in-person annual meeting. Possible ex-officio members were also discussed.

Information to be sent to LARA members in lieu of an annual meeting Based on what was sent in the past, the following information will be included and provided by the person named:

- *Latest treasurer's report – Ann
- *Member list – Ann
- *LARA accomplishments – Phil
- *CWEPA Fund grant -- Ann
- *Call for new board members – Ann/Phil
- *Web site and Facebook information -- Sarah

Next meeting The next meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, September 7, place to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary