

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors meeting Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 4:00 p.m. Roundhouse Brewery, Nisswa, MN

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Jodi Billy

Board members absent: Sarah Fogderud (ex-officio), Dave Peterson

Others present: Tim Terrill, Executive Director, Mississippi Headwaters Board

The meeting was called to order by Tony Coffey, president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed her treasurer's report and briefly explained the month's receipts and disbursements. She said current membership stands at 27 lake associations and one personal membership. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Tony reported that prospective board member Laurie Noll decided she does not have the time, due to family obligations, to serve on the LARA Board. Ann suggested contacting Todd Froemming, Gilbert Lake, to see if he would be interested. Board members are asked to continue suggesting possible candidates for the Board.

Tim Terrill gave a brief history of the Mississippi Headwaters Board, explaining it is a regulatory agency which is government funded. Its regulatory area is the first 400 miles of the Mississippi River. It also has non-regulatory programs aimed at helping connect people to the natural beauty of the river and aiding in the preservation of the Mississippi River and its adjacent lands.

CWEPA Fund request Board members discussed the CLC Landscape Project funding request submitted by CLC instructor Kent Montgomery. Since the proposed college course hasn't been approved yet, the funds requested would be for plantings in a demonstration area. Board members would like more information before taking action on the request and Tony said he would follow up with Kent.

U of MN SAFL wake research funding Ann reported she had mailed the \$2,000 donation approved by the Board at its last meeting and has received an acknowledgment and thank you for the donation.

CWC Moratorium update Tony sent information on the moratorium to board members ahead of this meeting. There was discussion of the county's proposed boardwalk characteristics, especially on the placement and construction of boardwalks crossing a wetland. There was also discussion of administrative subdivision of land versus requiring all land subdivisions to go through the normal platting process. Tony will send board members a draft letter from LARA to the County Board regarding the moratorium. He asked members to send him their comments as soon as possible.

Annual Meeting and Social Tony had checked with Jack Pine Brewery about the use of its private room for this event. Cost would be \$75 for two hours (the rate for non profits). It was

decided to hold the event, Happy Hour with LARA, on Thursday, September 15, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Ann will send an email to LARA member association contacts asking them to indicate their interest in this event. If enough interest is shown, Tony will go ahead with the paperwork to reserve the site.

The next meeting will be September 6, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary