

CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

**Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 4:00 p.m.
Roundhouse Brewery, Nisswa, MN**

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

The meeting was called to order by Tony Coffey, president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2022 board meeting. Ann Beaver distributed her treasurer's report and briefly went through the past month's receipts and disbursements. She noted the web site expense was more this year because we needed to reimburse Sarah Fogderud for part of last year's expense. The normal yearly expense is \$125.95. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report.

CWEPA Fund Grant request Tony contacted Kent Montgomery, CLC instructor, asking for more information regarding his grant request for a CLC Landscape Project. Kent emailed the following for the Board to consider, which Tony forwarded to the Board prior to this meeting:

"Currently, there is both a Horticulture program and Natural Resources program at CLC. We intend to use students from both programs to plot out, plant, and maintain the area. The proposed program would "repackage" courses from both programs into one that would create a more intentional and streamlined way for students to get both training aspects in order to incorporate native plantings into landscape design. We are a few years away from approval, but this project would serve students currently in both programs. With or without approval, students in these classes would gain experience with environmental landscaping.

"We are planning this in a high traffic area, with appropriate signage, to attract non-student interest. The message will be that this approach is less impactful to terrestrial and shoreline habitats, requires less water, herbicide, and other inputs as these species are adapted for existing conditions. The anticipated outcome is less water use, erosion, and chemical inputs to water bodies, as this approach becomes more normalized (one of our goals with these demonstrations, such as the restored prairie on campus)."

After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to award the CLC Landscape Project up to \$3,000 to purchase plants for the project.

CWC Moratorium update Tony reported that the moratorium on boardwalks is still in place until next spring. The CWC Land Use Ordinance was revised to allow Administrative Subdivisions in the Shoreland District for non-riparian properties. The ordinance still prohibits Administrative Subdivisions for riparian properties.

CWC Short Term Rental Ordinance Revisions The county has requested public input regarding its proposed changes to its Short Term Rental Ordinance revisions. Board members agreed LARA should provide input, basically supporting the proposed changes and emphasizing the need to "beef up" enforcement. Tony will put together a letter with LARA's comments and email it to the Board for their comments before sending it to the county.

Happy Hour with LARA Plans are set for this event on Thursday, September 15 from 4-6 p.m. at Jack Pine Brewery. Tony asked Sarah to send him LARA's past year accomplishments. She has put together a very informative flyer on LARA to hand out to attendees. Board members agreed that Tony should make a short presentation on LARA at an appropriate time during the event.

The next board meeting will be October 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary