

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

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 4:00 p.m.**

**Roundhouse Brewery, Northern Pacific Center, Brainerd, MN**

Board members present: Ann Beaver, Tom Beaver, Jodi Billy, Eleanor Burkett (ex-officio), Sandy Holm, Phil Hunsicker, Kent Montgomery (ex-officio), Mike O'Brien

Board members absent: Nick Bernier

Others present: Kathy Moore, Executive Director, Northern Waters Land Trust

The meeting was called to order by Phil Hunsicker, co-president. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2019 board meeting. Ann Beaver handed out and went through her treasurer's report, noting the receipt of dues and one donation and the payment of the yearly P.O. box rental. She also noted the receipt of the CWEPFA Designated Fund grant of \$3,400. She set up a separate category in the report to track the Fund's receipts and expenditures. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Board members introduced themselves to Kathy Moore and she gave the Board a description of her organization, what it does, and what she does as its Executive Director.

**LARA Facebook page vs website** Board members still like the idea of having a Facebook page rather than a website, since the website was not being visited by many and the former website manager is moving to Michigan. No one wants to take on the responsibility of managing a website and money can be saved by letting it go. (Mike, did you agree to do the Facebook page?)

**CWEPFA Fund grant** Phil Hunsicker reviewed the reclassification of the fund to a Designated Fund and noted LARA will receive the annual funds available each spring, to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors to support the purposes of the Fund. One possible use of some of the grant funds is to cover the lab expenses of Kent Montgomery's CLC class's water testing program. Kent was asked to submit a detailed request to the Board. Whatever projects are funded must be reported to the Initiative Foundation for its records.

**Eleanor Burkett's new job** Eleanor said she is now working for the Nature Conservancy, focusing on lake associations and protecting water quality. She offered to write an article on her work for the next LARA electronic newsletter.

**LARA's next project** A number of items suggested on the agenda were discussed, but no decisions were made yet. Ann Beaver suggested inviting Dave Williams, a vocal proponent for more ordinances (especially Crow Wing County) regulating VRBOs (vacation rental by owner). Ann said she has been in contact with him and will invite him to attend the June LARA board meeting. An additional item discussed was a means of tracking septic system compliance. Discussion on possible projects will continue at future meetings.

**Other business** There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting** The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, at 4:00. Brewery to be announced.

Minutes submitted by Ann Beaver, secretary