CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:00 P.M. Zoom Call
First Western Bank, Nisswa, MN

Board members present:	Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Carrie Ruud, Susan Koering, Michael McDaid, Bob Noll
Board members absent:	Mike Bosquez, Sarah Fogderud, Alan Albrecht
Guests:	Jon Lubke, Ed Cromwell, John MacGibbon

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:03P.M. by Tony Coffey, President.
2. Tony introduced Ed Cromwell and John MacGibbon to the board
3. Motion to approve November 4, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer's report – Tony gave the financial report.
   - Checking account funds available as of today - $13,675.92
   - 1 year (3.25%) CD #1239701 total $5,766.80 Matures 1/17/2027
   - 6-month (3.75%) CD #1239702 total $4,556.48 Matures 5/17/26
   - **Total Funds available: $23,999.20.**

   - CWEPA funds available - $11,899
5. LARA Membership Renewals -- Received 3 renewals
   a. Mission,
   b. Upper South Long Lake,
   c. Rabbit, Clinker, Carlson and Cuyuna
6. LARA Education and Awareness Initiatives were postponed to next meeting without Alan attending to discuss the topic
7. AIS Update – assorted discussion with John giving input regarding Middle Cullen. There is a DNR grant opportunity Cullen Lakes and WAPOA have applied for. Tony also discussed the additional purchase Whitefish is making in longer barriers for treatment in up to 10 feet of water. There were questions about the cost alternatives for treatment chemicals and the need to determine the efficacy of the different treatment options.
8. CWC 2025 AIS Prevention Plan was approved by the County with the County covering 85% of the administrative expenses. Thank you to the County for this help and assistance

9. Newsletters – Tony is asking for suggestions to generate more topics and articles. Additionally, if you are responsible to deliver an article based on the Article list below – please accelerate your deliver of the article to Tony so we can put out a newsletter. **Need help from everyone to prioritize this activity - thanks.**
10. Other Business – None
11. Next Scheduled Meeting is TBD but will take place in April or May
12. Motion to adjourn was made and carried

Newsletter Articles:

- Early Detection Volunteer Program – Carrie/Shannon Watters
- Resort Owner Program – Alan
- Starry Stonewort Research Project Update – Tony to ask Mike Verhoeven
- CWEPA Grant to Cullen Lakes Association – Sarah?
- Seaweed (aquatic plants) as fertilizer – Alan and Nick
- Happy Hour Wrap Up – Tony
- Board Member Changes, Retiring and New – Tony
- Other
    - Highlight a member association and lake

AGENDA

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Meeting of the Board of Directors – Zoom Only
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:00 – 4:15 pm

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87179340852

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of guests
3. Approval of minutes of November 4, 2025 board meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. LARA Membership Renewals
6. LARA Education and Awareness Initiatives
    a. Resort Owner Program – Discussion
        i. Association Letter
7. AIS Update
    a. Rush Lake/Middle Cullen Lake Starry Stonewort Update
    b. Lake Association Grant Opportunities
        i. County
        ii. DNR
8. CWC 2025 AIS Prevention Plan
    a. LARA member communications
9. Newsletter Articles – (See page 2)
10. Other business/announcements
11. Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD
12. Adjourn

LARA financial statement 1/30/2026					
RECEIPTS	MONTH	YTD		CURRENT ASSETS	VALUE
Dues	$0.00	$0.00		**CHECKING ACCOUNT**	**$13,675.92**
Donations				**CD'S**	
CWEPA IF Grants		$0.00		1239701 (1/17/26)	$5,766.80
Grants				1239702 (11/17/25)	$4,556.48
Personal membership				**CD Total**	**$10,323.28**
				TOTAL ASSETS	**$23,999.20**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$0.00**	**$0.00**		**(total minus grant funds)**	**$11,899.20**
				CWEPA FUND GRANT	
				Receipts	
DISBURSEMENTS				3/13/19	$3,400.00
Membership				6/18/20	$3,500.00
postage				3/11/21	$3,600.00
printing				3/9/22	$3,700.00
Administration				3/13/23	$3,800.00
P.O. box rental				5/12/24	$3,800.00
Check charge				3/4/25	$3,700.00
Insurance bond				**Total**	**$25,500.00**
Annual meeting					
Communication					
Web site					
Education				**Disbursements**	
Secretary				National Loon Center	$3,400.00
Sponsorships				Foundation 11/20/19	
CWEPA Grants				Northland Arboretum	
MN Lakes & Rivers dues				3/8/21	$3,000.00
MN COLA dues				Crow Wing SWCD	
Miscellaneous				4/14/23	$2,000.00
Happy Hour w/LARA				Cullen Lakes Association	
				8/19/25	$5,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$0.00**	**$0.00**		**Total**	**$13,400.00**
				Grant funds available	**$12,100.00**
YTD NET INCOME (LOSS(		**$0.00**			
Miscellaneous is Domain Networks					