CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 3:45 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Board members present: Nick Bernier, Tony Coffey, Dave Peterson, Carrie Ruud, Michael Bosquez

Board members absent: Jodi Billy, Sarah Fogderud, Alan Albrecht

Guests: Susan Koering, Pelican Lake Association President, and Jon Lubke, CWC District 2 Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 P.M. by Tony Coffey, President.

Motion to approve November 25, 2024, Board meeting minutes by Dave, second by Susan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Dave gave the report in Jodi's absence.

- Checking account funds available as of 1/31/2025 - $15,707.74.
- 6-month (4.3%) CD #1239702 total $4,390.51 matures 5/17/2025.
- 1 year (4.0%) CD #1239701 total $5,545.00 matures 1/17/2026 was renewed last month.
- Dave will look into the 4M Funds as a possible investment parking place for our unused checking funds which receive no interest. 4M currently paying 4.379%.
- Motion by Dave, second by Susan to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

LARA Membership Renewals –
Discussed the cover letter that will go out with the dues notice this year. Dave will send out the statements next week.

CWC 2025 AIS Plan –

a. The County accepted our recommendation of staggered inspection hours.
b. They also had increased the amount of money allocated for education.
c. Have lake associations work with resorts with education/training/materials.
d. Possible use of CWEPA Grant Funding with item c.

Discussed the Governor's Proposed 50% Reduction in the County AIS Prevention Funding.

AIS Roundtable –
Hosted by LARA and WAPOA, this year it will be held at the Ideal Town Hall. Motion to approve up to $500 by Nick, second by Mike. Motion carried. Dave read a "Thank You" note from MAISRC for our support.

CWC Ordinance Change regarding Setback Averaging –
Discussed the impact this would have on water quality. Jon will gather more data to see what the total number of properties might be impacted by this annually.

LARA Membership Spring/Early Summer Workshop –
Discussed ways to help member lake associations increase their membership. It felt like a worthwhile effort. Tony will proceed with planning.

LARA 2025 Happy Hour –
Still will hold it during the July/August time frame. Will use a different venue this time.

No Other Business –

Next meeting: TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 P.M.

By Dave Peterson

Secretary