CROW WING COUNTY LAKES AND RIVERS ALLIANCE (LARA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Aug 11, 2026, 3:00 P.M. Zoom Call

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:35P.M. by Tony Coffey, President.
2. No guests today.
3. Motion was made to approve the last meeting minutes. Passed
4. Tony provided the treasurers report as of July 31 2026:

Cash on Hand	$ 15,186.38
12 Month CD	$ 5,766.80
6 Month CD	$ 4,641.15
Total	$ 25,594.33
Grant Funds Available	$ 12,100.00

Motion was made to approve the treasures report as submitted. Passed

5. Membership renewals. Cullen Lakes was the last association that paid their dues. We are left with Edna, Fawn and Fifty Lakes who have not paid their dues and have not responded to emails asking for any update on their status as a member. Two lake associations – Grave Lake and Lower Hay have both decided to withdraw from membership with LARA.
6. Rush Lake/Middle Cullen Starry Stonewort Updates. Tony provided updates on starry stonewort treatment progress at Rush Channel and Cullen Lake, noting that while chemical treatments temporarily reduce biomass, the invasive plant continues to regrow from bulbils in sediment. Whitefish has applied chemical treatment and they are working to kill the biomass. The approach is to continue to hit the biomass and kill it before it produces the Bulbils which is how the plant reproduces. Rush will do more treatments and are investigating options for treatment. Additional news is that Hubbard County is getting additional Starry Stonewort discoveries. The Starry sightings are turning up across multiple lakes.

7. Newsletter – For the newsletter, Tony will write an article on Starry Stonewort in Rush channel and ask C. B. Bylander to give an update on Middle Cullen Lake and what has been done to control it. Sarah will write an article about CWEPA funds and how to apply for them and how/where to use them. Bob will write an article on the success Lake Ossawinnamakee has had with their wake boat zone restrictions map, working with residents to adhere to the request, and working with DNR to get the signs posted. Michael to send Sarah the list of emails so she can send out the newsletter.
8. LARA 2026 Happy Hour Annual Meeting - Aug 25 at *Gather* on County Road 3 from 4:00-6:00p. Featured speakers Madeline (Maddie) Hayden from MAISRC and Sarah from AW Research.
    I. Maddie is giving an update on:
        a. MAISRC Introduction
        b. ZM Research – Genotyping and lake impacts, also low dose copper treatment in Lake Riley
        c. Swimmer's Itch – Biology, lifecycle, why MAISRC is studying it
        d. Starry Trek/Starry Stonewort
    II. Sarah is giving an update on:
        a. Water trends in Crow Wing County
9. Other business/announcements - None
10. Next meeting. September 8, 2026. 3:00-4:15p. Location- TBD
11. We adjourned at 4:05pm

TREASURER REPORT

LARA financial statement 07/31/2026					
RECEIPTS	MONTH	YTD		CURRENT ASSETS	VALUE
Dues	$175.00	$2,425.00		**CHECKING ACCOUNT**	**$15,186.38**
Donations				**CD'S**	
CWEPA IF Grants		$0.00		1239701 (1/17/26)	$5,766.80
Grants				1239702 (11/17/25)	$4,641.15
Personal membership				**CD Total**	**$10,407.95**
				TOTAL ASSETS	**$25,594.33**
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$175.00**	**$2,425.00**		**(total minus grant funds)**	**$13,494.33**
				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		$88.00		5/12/24	$3,800.00
Check charge		$51.54		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	$500.00	$500.00		Foundation 11/20/19	
CWEPA Grants				Northland Arboretum	
MN Lakes & Rivers dues		$125.00		3/8/21	$3,000.00
MN COLA dues		$150.00		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	**$500.00**	**$914.54**		**Total**	**$13,400.00**
				Grant funds available	**$12,100.00**
YTD NET INCOME (LOSS)		**$1,510.46**			

AGENDA

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Meeting of the Board of Directors – Zooom
Tuesday, Aug 11, 2026, 3:00 – 4:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87205440500

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of guests
3. Approval of minutes from July 15, 2026 board meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. LARA Membership Renewals
6. Rush Lake/Middle Cullen Starry Stonewort Updates
7. Newsletter
8. LARA 2026 Happy Hour and Annual Meeting
    a. Speakers:
        i. Madelyn Hayden – MAISRC Update
        ii. Sarah Fogderud – Water Quality Trends in CWC
    b. Location – Gather on 3
9. Other business/announcements
10. Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD
11. Adjourn