

**FLPOA Board Meeting**  
**08:30 - 10:30 AM June 13, 2020**

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**Board Members on conference call:** Michael Bury, Jim Castle, Ken Neihart, Mike Prouty, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

**Board Members absent:** Jon Arnoldy, Carrie Bell, Dianne Bell, Cindy Bissonnette and Robert Salo.

**Board Member Actions:** The board accepted the resignations of Carrie Bell and Robert Salo. Thank you Carrie and Robert for your contributions to the association during your board membership.

Jon Arnoldy, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier has committed to another two year term on the board.

**Membership:** Current membership for 2019-2020 is 197.

**Reports:**

Secretary: The Minutes from the 8:30 AM, March 21, 2020, conference call board meeting were approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer reported a total of \$14,125.37 in the checking account and \$1,762.91 in the Pay Pal account. There is \$820.00 in the Karl Bell Fund which is dedicated to the improvement of water quality on Lake Mitchell.

**Expenditures:** The following expenditures were approved by the board.

1. \$314.00 for liability insurance.
2. \$1000.00 to the Whitefish Property Owners Association (WAPOA).
3. \$150.00 to the Pine River Watershed Alliance (PRWA).
4. \$200.00 to Minnesota Waters for the FLPOA website.

**Discussion Topics:**

1. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting has been re-scheduled, tentatively, for Saturday, October 24, 2020. According to the Association by-laws, the association needs to hold the meeting at a central location, elect board members and present a report of activities of the board and association for the year.
2. Land Improvement District (LID): Mike Prouty will contact Jim Schultz, from Kimble Lake, to research the procedures and requirements of a LID. Kimble Lake has had a LID for over 5 years.
3. Enbridge Line 3: The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) accepted the new EPA report or plan in May. Five different groups have filed an appeal to the PUC to reconsider their decision. If this appeal fails, these five groups will probably appeal this decision to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.
4. Fifty Lakes improvement Program (FLLIP): The City of Fifty Lakes has formed a committee that will make recommendations to the city council on actions to take to maintain and protect the lakes and watersheds of the lakes in the city. Bob Stancer, Fred Strohmeier, Ken Neihart, Councilman Mark Bradley and City Clerk/Treasurer Karen Stern are the 5 members on the committee.

5. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS): Crow Wing County has 55 trained AIS inspectors to work at 42 watercraft landings in the county. One of the 42 landings is the landing on East Fox Lakes. The county is paying the salaries of the inspectors at these 42 landings with state funds from the legislature. The other three landings in the city on, Eagle, Kego and Mitchell, are staffed by an inspector who is being paid for by the association. The salary of this inspector comes from association dues and extra donations from our members. Thank you to those members who made extra donations to support the hiring of an AIS inspector for the three landings in the city.  
Veliger tests will again be conducted on the lakes in the city in July. Veligers are the larva stage of the zebra mussel.  
Professional Lake Management (PLM) will conduct AIS surveys at the four public landings in the city. Two Surveys will be conducted at each landing, one in June/July and the other in September.
6. Kego Creek - Beaver Dam #2: The concern with this dam is that the beavers have built the dam to a level that it raises the lake level on Kego above the level of the first beaver dam that has 3 Clemson Levelers to stabilize the lake level on Kego. To stabilize the lake level dam #2 needs to be removed or have some Clemson Levelers installed. The FLPOA is in the process of determining which option is best for dam #2 and also the board is looking for a funding source for the project.
7. One Watershed One Plan: This is a plan that has been developed to preserve and protect our lakes. This plan includes the entire Pine River Watershed. The plan was developed by The Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (CWSWCD) and RMB Labs that is headquartered in Detroit Lakes, MN. The Pine River Watershed Alliance (PRWA) has also been involved in the plan along with many other lake associations. The plan has received a \$482,000.00 grant to administer the plan. The FLPOA Board identifies this grant as a possible funding source for the Kego Creek Dam #2 project.
8. Water Quality on Mitchell Lake: The phosphorus levels on Mitchell are higher than expected. Daggett Brook has been identified as part of the problem but recent phosphorus numbers from Rock Creek indicate another possible source. Testing on Cave Creek has been added to the Whitefish Property Owners Association (WAPOA) testing program that occurs monthly from May through September. Another possible source that has been identified is infiltration of ground water through a swamp between Kego Lake and Mitchell. The association is continuing to study and look for an explanation of the high phosphate readings on Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Neihart  
Secretary FLPOA