

WAPOA Board Meeting
April 26, 2018
Ideal Community Center

Directors Present: Tom Watson, Gary Olson, Pat Loban, Dave Topinka, Jeff Laurel, Fred Strohmeier, Tony Coffey, Brian Olson, Joe Brodil

Directors Emeriti Present: Dave Fischer, MJ Schneider, Marv Erdman, Ron Meyer

Excused: Jesse Eide, Pam Vaughan

Others Present: Jim Schultz,

President Tom Watson called the business meeting to order at 2:33 PM

Approval of Minutes:

MSC: Coffey/G. Olson to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2018 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Reports: Gary Olson reviewed the monthly/annual reports, the IRS Form 990-EZ and the Minnesota Charitable Organization Annual Report provided to the Board

MSC: Laurel/Strohmeier to approve check register with deposits and checks #2727-2751
Tom Watson explained the reason for the amount of Total Equity on the Balance Sheet. A policy is in place stating that reserves are needed and will be used should WAPOA need to combat an infestation of AIS. This policy will be reviewed.

MSC: Brodil/B. Olson to approve 2018 Year-to-date Reports

MSC: Laurel/Topinka to approve and file IRS Form 990-EZ

MSC: Topinka/Coffey to approve resolution adopting the Minnesota Charitable Organization

Annual Report on behalf of the Board of Directors and to file the report

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION:

Lake Associations: Jim Schultz/Kimble Lake, Fred Strohmeier/Fifty Lakes and Dave Topinka/FOLH reported on activities of their Lake Associations.

Land and Water Preservation Trust: Dave Fischer-Written report provided

Pine River Watershed Alliance: Ron Meyer-Written report provided. Tom Watson recommended that grants could possibly be obtained through Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President's written report provided

-CH 66 Stormwater Project update: see report

MSC: Laurel/B. Olson to confirm the electronic vote conducted in February of 2018 to agree with SWCD request to reallocate \$3,600 of WAPOA funds matched with \$3,600 From PRWA from the Willow Creek project to the CH 66 Stormwater Project

-Willow Creek Project: Per Ron Meyer the plan is in place and a meeting is planned with the contractor. Funding is for this year so must be completed by November.

-Annual Meeting: Three speakers are being considered one of whom is Steve Woods from the Freshwater Society.

-Update: Crow Wing County 2018 AIS Plan; additional hours “policy”. See written report and CWC AIS Inspection and Decontamination Program Policy. WAPOA takes issue with CWC requiring WAPOA to submit a \$37,900 payment by May 1 to “fund” the additional watercraft inspection hours after spending state AIS aid funded hours as administered by the county. The county does state that any unused funds will be returned. The report outlines the stance taken by DNR Supervisor Adam Doll who sought the opinion of the Attorney General, Crow Wing County Environmental Services Supervisor Jake Frie, and President Watson of WAPOA. Representatives present from Kimble and Fifty Lakes Associations voice similar concerns. WAPOA would like the payment arrangement that has been used effectively for the last four years to be kept in place. Dave Fischer has a copy of the initial agreement in 2013 which stated that invoices were due on receipt with a ½% per month late fee. Jake Frie offered a compromise with half of payment due now and half later which was not felt acceptable. The Board agreed to authorize Tom Watson to write a letter to CWC stating the Boards position on this matter. The letter will be circulated to other Lake Associations

-MN Legislature: There are two legislative issues of interest. See President’s Report.

-Minnesota Water Action Day: see President’s Report

-2018 AIS Roundtable-April 28: Agenda provided with a change discussed. Tim Plude will not be speaking so the Q&A period for Dr. Phelps and Bethany Bethke will be extended. A \$500 donation will be made to the MAISRC in appreciation for speakers Phelps and Bethke. The local initiative to engage students may have two representatives present.

-MN COLA Bi-Monthly meeting: WAPOA hosting June 19 at Ideal Community Center, 10AM-3PM.

-Enbridge Pipeline update: See President’s Report for key dates. Alternative route SAO4 is implementable and does not involve any tribal lands. However, Enbridge applied for a route that goes to Superior and SAO4 does not go to Superior.

-Summer Series: See President’s Report for dates and speakers. Wright County Mandatory Inspection Program will be re-scheduled to July giving them more time to get the program approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: see President’s Report. The Committee is speaking with 3 potential nominees one of whom is Rich Hoppe who has an MBA in finance and could fill the Treasurer position. Gary Olson is agreeable to providing support during the transition period. Jesse Eide has two candidates in mind to replace her as Business Liaison.

ACTION ITEMS:

MSC: Coffey/Brodil to approve the authorization of Marv Erdman to complete and sign the 2018 PLM contract

RUN FOR THE WALLEYE-Dave Fischer: Written report provided

PROGRAM REVIEWS:

Membership-Dave Topinka: Written report provided

AIS-Joe Brodil: Written report provided. Tim Plude will be doing inspections in Crosslake and below the damn for Eurasian Milfoil mid-June to mid-July. Joe will need volunteers, whom he will train, to do inspections. Marv Erdman will check on professional inspections to be done by PLM.

Water Quality-Fred Strohmeier: May 7th is their kick-off meeting where supplies will be provided. An e-blast will go out to alert members of the meeting. See the Crosslakers Water Quality Work Group Status report provided by WAPOA representatives Jeff Laurel and Dave Fischer and requesting WAPOA to extend water testing to Loon Lake. The Board agreed that Loon Lake will be added to the lakes to be tested. Kay Rezanka wrote Tom Watson a letter informing him of the additional errors she found with the water quality data which required her revisions and considerable additional time and effort.

MSC: Strohmeier/Topinka to approve \$1,500 payment to Kay Rezanka for her additional work completing the additional revisions to water quality data.

Shoreland Restoration-Brian Olson: Written report provided as well as a Shoreland Restoration Award Program Contact List and the 2018 WAPOA Shoreland Restoration Award Program. WAPOA was not awarded the 2018 Crow Wing SWCD Grant. \$17,000 is remaining from the 2017 grant. Tom Watson feels that grant funding from LCCMR is an option.

Natural Resources-Jeff Laurel: Written report provided

Outreach-Tony Coffey: Written report provided

Communication/Newletter-Tom Watson: Newsletter will cover the AIS Roundup and the Annual Meeting in June. Email will be sent out requesting articles.

Publicity-Pam Vaughan: Written report provided

Business Relations: No report

Land Use/Government Relations-Tom Watson: Tom has been to the Legislature with Jeff Forester of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR) to support Senator Carrie Rudd's bill for replacement of \$400,000 appropriation for 2018-19 for AIS grant.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Pat Loban, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday May 4, 2018

Board Meeting: Thursday May 24, 2018 at 2:30PM Ideal Town Hall