

ISCCW Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

USFS Visitor Center, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Eugene Clark, Ken Wendt, Arny Domanus, Jim Donlan, Joe LoMastro, David Sherrill, Steve Wilkinson, Greg Wenzel

Board Members Represented by Proxy: Larry Grems, Margaret Marrs, Stan Mlynarczyk, Jeff Pytlarz, Yvonne Stone

Guests Present: Denise Fauntleroy, Ian Shackelford, Barb Gajewski, Bill Artwich, Carol Sherrill, Mike Golas, Dave Lamoreaux, Bruce LaPointe (Community Planner, LVD Tribe)

Meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Gene Clark, chairing the meeting in Jeff Pytlarz's absence. A quorum was verified by Gene.

1. President's Report: Read into the minutes by Gene Clark:
 - a. The D & B and SAM registrations have been updated and renewed and Jeff received a signed copy of the Forest Service Participating Agreement for 2017.
 - b. Also, Jeff received a verbal commitment from the Township for \$15,000 for 2017 on our two-year contract. Unfortunately, we are to receive no money from the tribe's 2% committee this cycle. I understand that they are only providing funding for their contractual obligations.
 - c. You might want to amend the agenda to include discussion of the funding for lake treatments this year. Got an e-mail from Ian saying that chemical treatment of Langford is covered under our RAC grant so we're good to go. Ian will bring that up at the meeting.
 - d. Report on the Watersmeet Planning Commission meeting 3/8/17. With regard to the Short Term Rental application for Duck Lake, the Duck Lake Riparians' Association was represented at the public hearing by counsel. In addition, there were many residents of Duck Lake as well as other lakes in the township present all of whom spoke against granting the application. The attorney stated that there were major flaws in the application and the way that residents had been notified, namely that the use stated in the application does not conform to the ordinance in that it is clearly for commercial purposes and that since riparians in Michigan own the bottom land notification was not properly delivered to all within 300 feet of the property in question. When it came time to vote on the application it was decided to table the matter until the next meeting to address the concerns brought up in public comment. The next meeting will be April 12, 2017 at the Community Center at 6:30. Watch for notice to be posted along with the agenda.
2. Vice-President's Report: Nothing to report
3. Finance Committee:
 - a. Ken provided information on the CLMP meeting scheduled for May 3rd from 8:00am-4:30pm CT, to be held in Iron River at the Windsor Center. Besides representatives of the 19 new lakes signed up for this training, we are expecting and planning for many more participants. This is the first time for this training in the Western U. P. and IT IS FREE. Anyone with an interest in the why and how to of monitoring the health of our lakes is welcome to attend this training. Ken distributed a sheet with the particulars and the training agenda. Anyone needing more information can contact Ken. At Ken's request Arny Domanus raised a motion to allot up to \$300 for "shared costs" associated with the meeting (water, coffee, sweet treats, ice, paper products, etc.) and for pizza

after for the volunteer workers. Joe LoMastro seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. For lake monitors who may need a refresher for the 2017 spring phosphorous testing procedure there will be a short demonstration at the Iron County Lake Association meeting in the Iron River Library at 10:30am on April 8th. People who want to attend can ride with Ken, call or email him.
 - c. In response to a question on budgeted eradication funds for infected lakes, Ken mentioned that lake treatment funds from the 2017 portion of the MISGP Grant could possibly be allocated to other lakes within the grants 25 named lakes if not all used where originally indicated. Ken also commented that, in addition, the approved budget (in the Eradication section) contains monies for this activity for Langford, Bass, and LVD, plus a sum of \$10,000 for "On-Going" problems.
 - d. The Michigan Lake & Stream Convention is still on for April. Denise and Ken are currently planning to attend.
 - e. Joe LoMastro stated that he is securing bids for EWM treatment on Duck Lake for a 5- acre strip. He noted that their applicator, Aquatic Biologists has noticed a higher than normal vegetation growth rate this winter.
 - f. Barb Gajewski mentioned that we will be asking three companies to quote this year on eradication, they are PLM, Clean Kill, and Cason and Associates
4. Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance on February 21, 2017 was \$121,865.26; receipts were \$450.00 and are attributed to memberships. Disbursements totaled \$300.00, which included Many Waters LLC (\$100.00), and Michigan Waterfront Alliance (\$200.00). Our bank balance as of March 21, 2017 is \$122,015.26. There is a pending MISGP Grant payment of \$21,371.84.
 5. Membership Committee: Eugene Clark reported that he processed 5 renewals/new members since last his last report in February for \$200 in donations. Total memberships for 2017 are at 339: 322 Class A and 17 Class B. Total donations for 2017 are \$25,650.00. New members total 69 for \$4,250.00 in donations to-date. We mailed 128 renewal reminder letters this past week. Thanks to Ken for re-drafting a great renewal letter.
 6. Education Committee: Denise Fauntleroy reported:
 - a. The Landing Blitz for July 2017 is scheduled.
 - b. I will be working this week on placing ads in papers for the third boat inspector/washer position.
 - c. The 2017 Education Schedule is under development.
 - d. Working on ISCCW 4th of July Parade entry...plan to change it up!
 7. Many Waters: Barb Gajewski reported:
 - a. RFQ is complete for Langford for the proposed 2017 treatment. Will need someone to send it out from the ISCCW. The board suggested that Ken send it out since Jeff is out of town.
 - b. Bass and Duck Lake permits are in MiWaters, not sure the status with Jeff if those were submitted.
 - c. Still need clarification from ICCD on what needs to be bid out for working under the MISGP.
 - d. Asked the board for permission to use the ISCCW as the permit holder for the proposed purple loosestrife treatment on the north side of Thousand Island Lake. The ICCD will be doing the treatment but suggested that the ISCCW take out the permit. Permit is \$75 and would be reimbursed to the ISCCW by the CCROA. Joe LoMastro set a motion to permit Barb to access MiWaters site and secure the permit for ISCCW. Steve Wilkinson seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 8. Approval of Reports and the Minutes:
 - a. Motion offered to approve all reports and the minutes as amended by Joe LoMastro and seconded by Steve Wilkinson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 9. Business Agenda: Greg Wenzel moved that the agenda be adopted as amended. Second by David Sherrill. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

10. Public Comments:

- a. USFS: We have a new five-year agreement, sharing GLRI funding for AIS prevention. The agreement expires 2/15/2022 and includes \$25,500 for work this year. Earlier we signed a modification to our RAC agreement, delivering your RAC grant for work in LVD. Ian needs to submit two annual reports for our GLRI and RAC agreements; thank you Ken and Denise for your help. Ian also needs to submit reports for Langford Lake and Cisco Chain agreements, and welcomes help from Many Waters. Ian has been working with Jim Donlan, Jeff, Ken, and Barb about a Langford Lake spring herbicide treatment. Thank you for preparing a request for bids. \$10,000 is available from your RAC grant, assuming you use 2,4-D, triclopyr, or endothall. Ian asked if ISCCW had any AIS expenses in January. \$2,700.48 remains in our old agreement, which expired 1/31/2017. We'll need to deobligate whatever funds were unused.
- b. MDNR: No report.
- c. CCROA: No report.
- d. LVD Tribe: Bruce LaPointe is replacing Roger Labine as the LVD Tribe representative on the ISCCW. Bruce gave some background on himself, including work on building single family housing and casinos in various UP tribal locations. His cell No.: 906-395-1302; email: bruce.lapointe@lvdtribal.com.
- e. Other:
 - i. Arne commented: The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is comprised of various people with different backgrounds that serve on the RAC. Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties get Title II funds back from the US Government in lieu of paying taxes on Federal Lands - Ottawa in our area. Money is appropriated by congress thru the USFS and the RAC determines how the funds should be spent by awarding grants to requests received. In the past we have awarded grants to ISCCW, Gogebic County Road Commission, Friends of Sylvania and various Lake Associations. All grants awarded have to benefit the Ottawa forest in some way.
 - ii. Mike Golas of Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership thanked us for participating on CLMP. He gave background on his organization and spoke of their outreach efforts. In particular, the Partnership is reaching out to the 2 high schools in Iron County to offer Partnership member activities as opportunities for students or teachers to supplement or support their educational interests.
 - iii. David Sherrill cited an article in the Vilas paper regarding AIS grants. He said the PILT (Payment in lieu of Taxes) for Gogebic County may be a source of funds for ISCCW. Dave, Ken & Jeff could look into this.

11. Old Business: none.

12. New Business: none.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 am. Next meeting to be held on April 18, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Watersmeet Community Center.

Minutes recorded by Gene Clark for Daniel M. Straszewski, Secretary