

Minutes
ISCCW BOARD MEETING February 19, 2019
USFS District Office, Watersmeet, Michigan

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Charlie Schiltz, Steve Wilkinson, David Sherrill, Gene Clark, Arny Domanus, Jim Marrs, Greg Clark, Jim Donlan and Dan Straszewski. Ken Wendt gave his proxy to Steve Wilkinson. Stan Mlynarczyk gave his proxy to Jeff Pytlarz.

Guests Present: Denise Fauntleroy, Barb Gajewski, Scott Pearson (USFS), and Mike Golas (Iron Cty Lake and Stream).

Meeting was called to order at 10:04am by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

1. President's Report: None.
2. Vice President's Report: None
3. Treasurer's Report: David Sherrill reported a Bank Balance as of January 15, 2019 was \$134,839.91. Receipts: Memberships and contributions of \$1,925.00. Total receipts: \$1,925.00. Disbursements were as follows: Wages & Mileage Educator, \$1,492.61; Insurance General and Workman's Comp, \$1,337.00; Conference Registration, \$320.00; Tax and Accounting Services, \$315.00; Employer Taxes, \$127.64; Michigan business Tax, \$39.72. Total Disbursements were \$4,241.52. Bank Balance as of February 19, 2019 is \$132,523.30.
4. Finance Committee Report: None.
5. Membership Committee Report: Gene Clark reports: Since our last report on January 15, 2019, we processed 12 renewals and 1 new memberships, for a total of 320 members. Of this total number, 15 are Class B (corporate, association) members. Contributions to-date total \$25,600.00. We have 155 unrenewed members at this date compared to 114 last year at this time. We will be having the Reminder Mailing to all unrenewed members in March, as usual. We are also seeing good participation from the Cisco Chain. To-date, 107 ISCCW members (33%) are from the Chain; contributions total \$9,050 (35%), in line with previous years. We average some 130-150 members from the Chain. Some data on the Chain: ~750 non-government riparian properties owned by some 600 people. CCROA membership count is 355, of that about 125 contribute money specifically for the CCROA AIS fund.
6. Education Committee Report: Denise Fauntleroy reported:
 - a. Working with LOLA to develop a series of children programs offered through LOLA focusing on nature.
 - b. Conserve School filming is wrapping up.
 - c. Ice pack gifts: Supplier in Colorado; shipping costs exceed the price of the packs. We have contacted an ISCCW member in Colorado and hope to arrange for them to pick up the materials and bring them here.
7. Many Waters Biologist Report, Barb Gajewski:
 - a. Looking into Stream Monitoring programs; have identified 9 sections/streams in Watersmeet Township and will monitor 6 of them. We monitored 2 rivers last year. Money exists in the budget to perform this work. Programs will focus on inspecting the waters at the public access, looking for AIS, plants and/or animal species.
8. Motion to approve the Reports was made by Steve Wilkinson and seconded by Arny Domanus; motion carried. Motion to approve the January 15 Meeting Minutes was made by Jim Marrs and seconded by Arny Domanus; motion carried.
9. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dan Straszewski and seconded by Arny Domanus. Motion carried.
10. Public Comments:
 - a. USFS Botanist, Scott Pearson in for Ian Shackelford: None.
 - b. MDNR representative, James Peace: None.
 - c. CCROA representative, Eugene Clark commented:
 - i. Bob McGuffin made the first presentation to the Land o' Lakes Township proposing a similar Special Assessment District for the ~200 riparian owners on the Wisconsin side of the Cisco Chain this past Wednesday, February 13. It was felt the meeting went well. A second meeting has been scheduled for March xx.
 - ii. The Cisco Chain is applying for three grants from the Bond Falls Implementation Team Mitigation and Enhancement Fund (BFIT MEF) for 2019. Barb Gajewski of Many Waters is leading these efforts. These grants will cover costs associated with:
 1. Water Quality \$5,230: Sample basic water quality parameters useful to monitor for water quality condition and include spring and summer total phosphorous, chlorophyll a, transparency and dissolved oxygen on all 15 lakes of the Chain.
 2. Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring \$8,229: monitor in-lake habitat features, substrate type (sand, rock etc.), and depth that may serve as indicators of ecosystem change and stability over time. The WDNR suggests repeating

these surveys approximately every 5 years. Clearwater, Poor and Indian Lakes will be surveyed via the point intercept method this year.

3. AIS Early Detection and Rapid Response \$7,129: monitor the status of AIS on 8 lakes of the chain, and where appropriate hand pull AIS. If populations are too dense, other methods will be discussed.

4. The CCROA is currently asking for a 75% reimbursement rate for the AIS project and 50% for the WQ & PI projects. Total projects cost ~\$16,900 with ~\$12,100 being reimbursed, if approved.

iii. I am also trying to get a better idea of what ISCCW contributes to the Chain each year as we go forward with our valued relationship. My current calculations suggest that we will be providing some \$17,000 in value each year. This calculation is based on the following 2019 budget costs:

1. Boat Washing/Inspection Activity: \$30,600 x 33% dedicated to the Chain =	\$10,100
2. Boat washer cost amortization: 1 boat washer at a value of \$10,000 / 7yrs x 50% utilization =	\$700
3. Share of Education costs: \$14,800 x 25% shared with Chain =	\$3,700
4. Share of ISCCW Admin: \$10,600 x 25% shared with Chain =	<u>\$2,600</u>
5.	Total
	\$17,100

6. The goal of this analysis is to keep a transparent understanding between the CCROA and the ISCCW. It can be used to keep the value of this partnership in the forefront among CCROA riparians and encourage continued and further membership from the CCROA. Any comments on the analysis are welcome. This is a first look at the numbers. In 2018, the ISCCW received \$23,143 from members of the Chain, this included one large \$10,000 contribution. The figure for 2017 is \$11,675. One could say that this money covers the variable costs of the Boat Washing Activity and the Boat Washer Equipment.

d. LVD Tribal, Roger LaBine: Not present. Jeff Pytlarz noted that the LVD Tribe has purchased 2 boat washers. There is no news yet on how they will be deployed. Jeff will offer them training in the operation and maintenance of the units.

e. Other: Arny Domanus mentioned that Watersmeet will be hiring a police officer and 2 other marine law enforcement officers. What will be the role of the marine officers? Jeff Pytlarz spoke to Mike Rogers after the meeting about this. He said that the tribe no longer wants to provide police services to the township since 70% of their calls are outside the reservation and they are concerned about losing some BIA funding. In response, the township hired one of their officers full time and two part-timers with partial funding from the tribe to get things going. The two part-timers will eventually work as marine control officers but, at this point, they don't have a boat. The full-timer is also EMT trained. Unfortunately, this will mean another mil on the tax bill. Mike stresses that this change was initiated by the tribe and not the township.

11. Old Business:

a. Programs for 2019: On May 8th there will be CLMP volunteer at Bay Collee West Campus in Iron Mountain for the day. An email to ISCCW members will be sent out encouraging participation. Following this on May 9th there will be a conference here on AIS; guest speakers will include Erick Elgin from the MSU Extension and Jo Latimore from MSU. Another will be planned for later in the year.

12. New Business:

a. Operating Plan for 2019: David Sherrill asked if the LVD Tribe was going to continue their contributions to the ISCCW. Jeff Pytlarz said he contacted them but has not heard back yet on this. A motion to approve the Operating Plan was made by Arny Domanus and seconded by Dan Straszewski. Motion carried.

b. Annual Meeting: Jeff Pytlarz recommends amending our By-Laws to give the Board more flexibility in scheduling dates for the Annual Meeting. Right now, the scheduled meeting date of the first Saturday in August has conflicts with other activities in the community during that time. The board agreed with this. Jeff will present alternate language at the next meeting in March. We can then vote on that then.

13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:36am with a motion from Jim Marrs, seconded by Dan Straszewski; motion carried.

14. **NEXT BOARD MEETING, March 19, 2019 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10 A.M.**

Minutes respectfully submitted, Eugene Clark, Secretary