

RALALA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2021

Welcome: President Bob Eddy called meeting to order at 9 a.m. via WebEx. Present: Anne Bonnerup, Jeff Caza, Kim David, Gary Langer, David Lawson, Bob Lee, Mark Mosman, John Rowell, Linda Van Straaten, Mikie Walker and Darril Wegscheid. Also with us was Susan Tyra representing the Washburn Lake Association.

Minutes. Minutes of the last meeting were corrected and motion to accept amended minutes from Darril. 2nd Anne. **Approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's report: John Rowell updated the board about a couple of minor changes to the financial statements that had been provided to them in advance. Darril made a motion to approve the financial report with the changes proposed by John Rowell, Bob Lee second it. The motion carried unanimously.

Current Business

POL (Protecting our Lakes) Bonnerup: Bob Eddy asked Anne to recap committee meeting. Anne said that she and Bob Lee had met with Justin Burslie, City Administrator, to ask about shoreline restoration triggering a septic inspection and septic pumping. Burslie said that, in fact, according to the City Ordinance, that would be true for any shoreline restoration within the City of Emily .

The CLT Board met on March 8 and approved their expenditure of \$3,500.00 to contribute for the Outing launch area in Luscher Park on Lawrence Lake. Tim Donnay (chair) worked with MNDOT to mark the "no mow area." Prairie Restorations is asking for 20% down on the work they will be doing. The Soil and Water District is willing to cost share up to possibly 50%. Work would begin in June or July.

Frustrations dealing with two jurisdictions (Cass and Crow Wing Counties), contacts, contracts and timelines were discussed. Planting can be done any time. Funding sources will be pursued.

Discussion about funding for the Lake Stewardship Program “Bennie Program” (so dubbed by Bonnerup) \$100.00. The intention of the “Bennie” is that it would partially offset costs to the home owner for the septic inspection and pumping. Planning of a Community Educational Event on June 12, 2021, and CLT clean up day were discussed. Right now only 17 people can be inside in the Crooked Lake Town hall. Linda VS made Motion: RALALA under guidance of Anne B, to carry off the outreach program on 6/12. This will be the POL “kick off.” Langer 2nd.

Discussion about Saturday, July 24 Parade of Shores. Launch of project to be announced in the coming Newsletter. Need recommendations sent to the committee for most improved shoreline. Eddy volunteered to have his rain gardens (finished last year) to be on display.

Budget for this event discussed \$3,500 through Lakes and Shores Committee budget. Bob Lee moved to approved the overall POL budget for the POL project. John Rowell 2nd. Discussion followed concerning our commitment for maintenance projected to be \$1200 per year for 10 years and how to include that in overall budget.

One Watershed/One Plan (Water Quality Committee) Discussion about this being sponsored by state agencies, but they are asking for support. Bob Lee formulated a resolution to cooperate with and endorse the project. By supporting this, we could benefit when we seek grants from these state agencies in the future, providing a framework on which to build grant requests.

Resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the Board has acquainted itself with the policy initiative developed by the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources and being participated in by various Minnesota state agencies and local governments known as "One Watershed, One Plan";

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be beneficial for the protection and preservation of the lakes within the scope of RALALA's interests for RALALA to do what it can to cooperate with and support this policy initiative;

NOW THEREFORE, the following resolution is hereby adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of RALALA will: (a) continue to continuously monitor developments under the One Watershed, One Plan initiative; (b) both attempt to take actions itself and to encourage others to also take actions to further the plans and policies promulgated under the One Watershed, One Plan program; and (c) cooperate with the agencies and local governmental units taking part in the One Watershed, One Plan program by providing such information and proposals as may be needed

aDavid Lawson made motion to approve resolution. Bob Lee 2nd. Motion carried.

ILID Status: ILID Committee submitted an in-depth report on the status of ILIDS at each lake access and what their recommendations would be going forward. They recommended that RALALA spend \$375.00 for an update on the Lawrence Lake Access. David Lawson moved that we make the expenditure. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.

Water Quality Initiative : Discussion took place over the Line #3 placement in relation to wetlands, trails and the lake and the need for sampling of the water in streams. What had initiated this discussion was a report in 2010 about contamination. The indication was there that more research needed to be done along with the Line #3 placement. Discussion about recruiting volunteers to do Secchi readings and the need for training to do that.

Membership: Darril reported that there are 206 memberships in and paid for but he is hopeful that we will reach the 225 memberships sought for 2021. Discussion about visiting our neighbors in person and reminding prior members that they need to renew their membership.

Newsletter: Kim told us that the newsletter is in the works and the draft is out for approval. Discussion would continue off line.

New Business:

Future Board meeting dates were discussed, in an effort to find a proper window so every board member can participate. Board will be polled; Bob Eddy will send out a brief survey for response from the board members.

Annual Meeting Date: We will target August 7th at 08:00 – 10:00. Location TBD.

Fund Raising suggestions for 2021 Gary Langer discussed a 50/50 program which would be managed via email/USPS. Linda to follow up raffle license to see if it fits this idea. Other opinions discussed. We should probably have the fund-raising subcommittee readdress this in the near future.

Motion to adjourn: Bob Lee motioned to adjourn, Darril seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mikie Walker, Secretary