**COLA Executive Committee Minutes: November7, 2017**

Attendees: Tera, Larry, Rachel, Dick, Rich, Jules, Jennifer, Wanda

Discussions:

* Bring MN Association handout to the next meeting.
* Lake Association survey “Comments”:
	+ No July meetings.
	+ Like handouts
	+ Need the website
	+ Facebook is a good way to communicate
	+ Topics:
		- Fish Kill
		- AIS research
		- Inspection logistics:
			* Lake Inspector program
		- Continuing Education on AIS – possible early 2018 meeting
		- October meeting with League of Women Voters:
			* Candidates to address city issues, lakes, other water issues
* Tera provided a report on the Pelican Watershed District news:
	+ Email from the DNR on 11/2/17 regarding all funding for AIS is finished. (attached)
	+ A week prior to this email, Tera was at the AIS Committee meeting, during which there was no mention of this email coming out. During this meeting, Heidi Wolf spoke on fostering sustainable behavior to fight AIS in Becker County. Communities need to build up a coalition to support this issue. Development and support of AIS “programmable messaging” leading to social engagement of the message. Discussion followed about contacting Doug McKenzie and supporting a pilot program. Kathy Coyle was also mentioned as a possible partner in this effort.

10MM was taken from the DNR and given to the counties to fight AIS.

* + Dick says that Lake Associations are not recognized by the DNR. Lake owners do not vote locally.
	+ Tera said that she is ready to start working on the website. Just need to call her to set up times to meet.
	+ Tera also mentioned that the state is asking for volunteers to be on the State AIS Stakeholder Advocacy committee. COLA should be represented. Tera is on this committee for 2 years. There are 9 meetings per year, which are held in St. Cloud.
* Becker County SWCD:
	+ Where are Karl and Peter regarding AIS in 2018? Other 2018 goals that we might be able to help them with. Are there still possible “grant” opportunities to help treat lakes for AIS?
	+ Possibility of an AIS taskforce/advisory board? Jennifer has mentioned this to Karl and Peter in the past. They have not responded to this request.
	+ Who is the County Commissioner associated with SWCD?
* Discussion on decontamination units:
	+ CD3 Unit is self-sufficient.
	+ Can we get the developers of this machine to come to a meeting?
	+ Roy Smith: How to proceed with his request? Get more information on the CD3 and pass onto him.
* Summit meeting in Minneapolis in February:
	+ Send out invite to COLA reps and Lake Associations
* How do we help our COLA representatives communicate with their Associations?
	+ COLA Executive Committee members attend other Lake Association meetings.
	+ Executive Committee members attend other Lake Association meetings that are not part of Becker County COLA.
	+ Report on AIS research
	+ COLA booth at the County Fair
	+ At each of our COLA meetings, establish a message that the COLA representatives can take to their Association meetings/members.
	+ Discussion of Lake Association newsletters.
* Established the Executive Committee meeting dates for 2018 through May:

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|  **Executive Meeting dates:** |
| *Executive Planning Mtg: 9am Tuesday, December 5, 2017* |
| *Executive Planning Mtg: 9am Tuesday, January 2, 2018* ***Change date*** |
| *Executive Planning Mtg: 9am Tuesday, February 6, 2018* |
| *Executive Planning Mtg: 9am Tuesday, March 6, 2018* |
| *Executive Planning Mtg: 9am Tuesday, April 3, 2018* |
| *Executive Plannning Mtg: 9am Tuesday, May 1, 2018* |

**2018 COLA meeting dates:**

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| **May** |  |  |  |
| **June** |  |  |  |
| **July** |  | Meeting in Question??? |  |
| **August** |  |  |  |
| **September** |  |  |  |
| **October** |  |  |  |

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