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## **Becker County Coalition Of Lake Associations E-Newsletter - December 2020**

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Welcome to Becker County Coalition Of Lake Associations (BC COLA) new E-Newsletter! Subscribe and watch your inbox to catch all future issues.

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## **From The President- Rich Cieslak**

***Happy Holidays to all BC COLA members!***

I hope you were able to get out and enjoy your summer and fall despite the pandemic, closures, and social distancing. I know my dogs and I struggled at times and I can only imagine what it was (is) like for families to be shut in for the better part of a year.

Your COLA Executive Team has hosted two Zoom meetings for our membership and five Executive Team face-to face meetings throughout 2020. Chuck Becker was kind enough to give Rich and Wanda a personal boat tour of Big Sugarbush Lake, noting the length and narrow structure of the lake. The tour made it obvious why their Lake Association is so concerned about the effect of wake boats on their shoreline and water habitat.

As we move into 2021, we know that we will be scheduling monthly meetings, just to stay in touch. These meetings could be in person, via Zoom or a combination of both. We are also hoping that this Newsletter will bridge a communication gap, bringing the latest information regarding MN COLA, our partnerships with the Pelican Watershed District and Becker Soil and Water, water quality interest items, and our latest collaboration with Hubbard and Ottertail COLAs. Many thanks to John Kruse, the creator of the [www.lakeadmin.org](http://www.lakeadmin.org) website and publisher of the Ottertail County COLA Newsletter, for his expertise and work with the publishing of this BC COLA Newsletter.

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Thank You!

[\*\*Rich Cieslak, President BC COLA\*\*](#)



## **Our Lakeshore/Groundwater Videos**

These animated videos about lakeshore restoration and stewardship were created in collaboration with the Anoka County Water Resource Outreach Collaborative and several local Lake Associations. The videos describe lake processes and gives lakeshore owners some steps they can take to restore their shoreline and become lakeshore stewards.

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## **Battle Against Flowering Rush**

**Detroit Lakes Tribune**

Spraying herbicides on flowering rush: Researchers later figured that applying the herbicide diquat to the underwater part of the plant, in the right concentration at the right time of the year, would work against flowering rush and not harm native bulrushes

Now, lily pads and sandy lake bottom are again sheltering fish and providing spawning habitat: In fact, flowering rush has now been reduced to the point that it was kind of hard recently to find a sample to send to another state, said Pelican River Watershed District Administrator, Tera Guetter.

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## MN COLA Takes On Statewide Issues

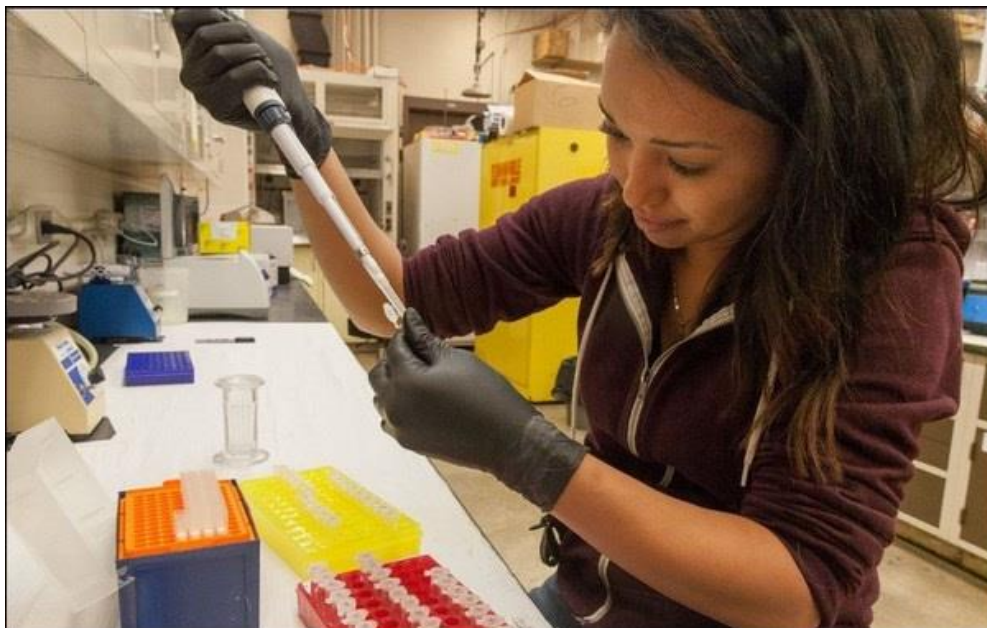
Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations (MN COLA) traces its origins to 2010 when a need was recognized among individual County COLAs and Lake/River Associations for an organization to network and collaborate on a statewide level, ensuring that their voice in the Minnesota agencies and legislature was unified. Initially, a partnership was formed between the Hubbard County COLA and Becker County COLA to organize a network of lake association coalitions from other counties. The non-profit *Minnesota Waters* helped to facilitate the process, together with the *Initiative Foundation* in Little Falls.

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**Upcoming 2021 MAISRC Research Projects**

We are excited to announce new MAISRC research projects that will be starting in 2021! These projects were selected as part of a competitive proposal process following a comprehensive research needs assessment. The results of these projects will improve our ability to detect, prevent, and manage aquatic invasive species throughout Minnesota. Funding for these projects is provided by the [Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund](#) as recommended by the [Legislative – Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources \(LCCMR\)](#).

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## Featured Posts- December 2020

- [Introducing lakeadmin.org](#)
- [12 Ways To Protect Your Lake](#)

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## BC COLA Positions / Policies

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## BC COLA 2020 Executive Team

President	Rich Cieslak	Buffalo-Rice-Rock
Administrative Assistant	Wanda Roden	Melissa-Sallie
Treasurer	Kathy Anderson	Floyd Shores
MN COLA Representative	Jules DuVall	Cotton

Executive Planning Committee:  
 Larry Anderson            Floyd Shores  
 Tera Guetter              White Earth

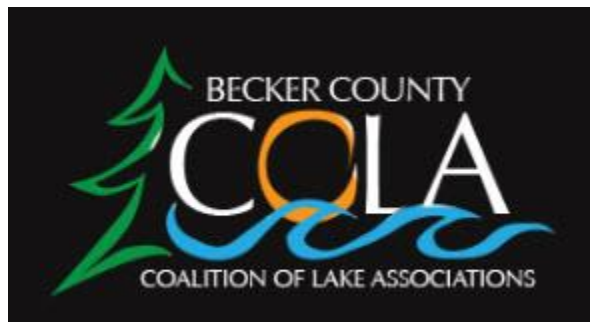
**[2020 Meeting Minutes](#)**

**BC COLA Executive Committee Positions Open**

Based on BCCOLA policies and procedures regarding term limits, all BCCOLA positions are open for consideration. Interested persons are encouraged to email [richcieslak@gmail.com](mailto:richcieslak@gmail.com) or [wrnodak@outlook.com](mailto:wrnodak@outlook.com) for more information. It is desired to have a diverse Executive Committee representing as many lake associations as possible in Becker County.

**Lakes Represented In BC COLA**

Bad Medicine Lake Association · Big Cormorant Lake Association · Big Surgarbush Lake Association · Bijou Lake Association · Buffalo – Rice – Rock Lakes Association · Cormorant Watershed District · Cotton Lake Association · Eunice Lake Association · Floyd Shores Association · Fox Lake Association · Height Of Land Association · Island Lake Property Owners Association · Lake Detroiters Association · Little Cormorant Lake Association · Little Toad Lake Association · Long Lake Betterment Association · Maud Lake Association · Melissa – Sallie Improvement Association · Middle Cormorant Lake Association · Pearl Lake Association · Pickerel Lake Association · Round/Ice Crackin Lakes Association · Stakke Lake Association · Toad Lake Association · Tulaby Lake Association · Turtle Lake Improvement Association · Upper Cormorant Lake Association · White Earth Lake Association · Wolf Lake Association



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