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## **Becker County Coalition Of Lake Associations E-Newsletter - January 2021**

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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**

January 2021

Greetings from your Becker County COLA Executive Committee.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and 2021 is off to a good start for you.

So far, the winter has been very mild and even though there is ice on the lakes, it's hard not to start thinking about spring. We have put together our summer meeting schedule for our area Lake Associations and will be sending that out soon.

Please pass along any of your upcoming local Lake Association dates and times to us, as we would like the opportunity to address as many Lake Associations meetings as possible this summer.

Until next time, enjoy the beautiful weather and we will have more to share with you in February.

Be safe and Thank You,

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



## Thank A Lake Association

**If You Love Boating, Fishing, or Even Having a Day of Swimming,  
Thank a Lake Association..... Better yet, join one!**

“The lake association culture in Minnesota is unique in the United States,” said Jeff Forester, Executive Director of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates. "I meet and talk regularly with Statewide Lake groups in other parts of the country. No place has more, or more active lake associations, than Minnesota." MLR wanted to measure the contributions lake associations make.

The study, "**Minnesota’s Lake Associations: Who they are and what they do,**" was conducted by researchers at Concordia College, Moorhead, on behalf of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR), a non-profit organization with members statewide that is based in the Twin Cities. The research study was funded by a small grant from MLR, with matched funding provided by Concordia College’s Office of Undergraduate Research.

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## **BOAT WAKE AND PROPELLER WASH IMPACTS ON MINNESOTA LAKES UPDATE**

Several Becker County COLA members have made an investment in the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory Healthy Waters Initiative research project. The research will involve the impact of boat generated wakes and propeller wash on bodies of water. This initiative focuses on conducting robust research on Minnesota’s lakes and rivers. The current project is focused on studying the impacts of boat generated waves and propeller wash on lake bottoms and shoreline. The study will examine several large recreational watercraft under different usage scenarios. Research has begun on this multi-year project. Scroll down on their website under “projects” for some very interesting videos of their challenging October 2020 testing. The [website link](#) is located within the attached update.

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### **Featured Posts – January 2021**

- [Balancing Road Safety And Salt](#)
- [Lake Stewardship](#)
- [Infested Waters List](#)

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### **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.

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### **BC COLA Positions / Policies**

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# BC COLA 2021 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:

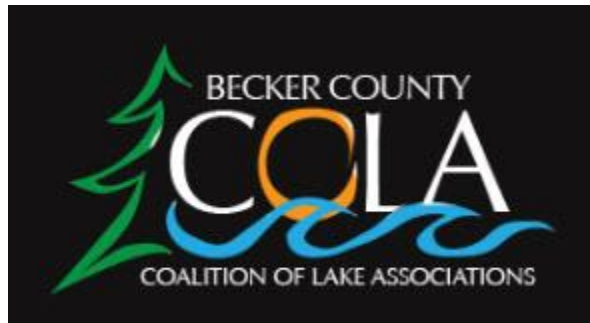
Larry Anderson	Floyd Shores
Tera Guetter	White Earth

## [2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

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## Lakes Represented In BC COLA

Bad Medicine Lake Association · Big Cormorant Lake Association · Big Sargarbush 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



## Comments and Suggestions Welcome

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