

**“Team Up for Clean Waters”**  
**Itasca Waters**  
**Quarterly Board Meeting**  
**Monday, October 16, 2017 4:00 pm**  
*J135, Itasca County Courthouse*

**Board members present:** Dennis Anderson, Jan Best/Brian Whittemore, Patty Gould-St. Aubin, Bill Grantges, Dave Lick, Davin Tinquist, John Zimmerman

**Technical Board present:** Andy Arens, Eric Raitanen

**Board absent:** Kathy Cone, John Downing, Katy Hopkins, Pat Leistikow, Bill Marshall, Grant Prokop, Jan Sandberg,

**Technical Board absent:** Moriya Rufer, Dan Swenson, Dan Steward

**Guests:** Tim Scherkenbach, Megan Christianson

As there was no quorum, any actions will need to be ratified at the November Executive Committee meeting or at the January Quarterly meeting (including August and September actions of Executive Committee).

**1. Administrative Items**

**a. Agenda**

*Motion to approve the agenda. (John Zimmerman, Davin Tinquist) M/S/U*

**b. Minutes from Quarterly Board meeting July 21, 2017** (sent via email)

*Motion to approve minutes from the July 21, 2017 Quarterly meeting. (Brian Whittemore, John Zimmerman) M/S/U*

**c. Approve Treasurer’s Report**

See Attachments #1 & #2. David Lick in Pat Leistikow’s absence gave the report. Essentially \$92,000 is available for use, of that \$25,000 left over from Blandin and being used with their permission to do public awareness. This includes the Youth Summit and will also be used for some payments for the website make over.

*Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. (Patty Gould St. Aubin, Bill Grantges) M/S/U*

**d. Approval of new Board members**

Dave introduced Tim Scherkenbach and read his bio, including a lifelong career mostly in management of air and water quality initiatives.

*Motion to approve the election of Tim Scherkenbach to the Itasca Waters Board of Directors. (Patty Gould St. Aubin, Bill Grantges) M/S/U*

Patty GSA introduced Megan Christianson, discussing Megan’s work in local area boards with a current focus on resorts.

*Motion to approve the election of Megan Christianson to the Itasca Waters Board of Directors. (Bill Grantges, Brian Whittemore) M/S/U*

**e. Website Project**

Brian is meeting with Terry Barth and his designer to authorize the beginning of the web remake tomorrow. Brian lowered his estimate of cost based on Terry's input believing it will come in at \$5-10k for the rewrite with an additional \$5k to be paid to the designer for art and images.

*Motion to approve up to \$5,000 to initiate website redevelopment work. (Brian Whittemore, John Zimmerman) M/S/U*

#### **f. We are Water Project**

Brian and Jan gave an overview, covering many of the details already in earlier minutes for the benefit of the new board members. MN Humanities is the lead agency, they choose 6-8 venues, with IW agreeing to be the lead for Grand Rapids. Reif will be the local display venue. The Historical Society and Isaac Walton league are early partners. There is an upcoming meeting to delve into details. The grant originally envisioned was not obtained by MN Humanities but the Humanities budget is likely to fill a gap for what is needed for a local coordinator - details at the meeting.

#### **g. Shoreland Project**

JZ described project, a replacement for our focus on AIS. With community input we decided on "shoreland." Four focus areas are littoral, buffer planting, erosion and runoff, excavation and septic. First step was an outline for each area that would serve as the website basis - since developed into the best 6-10 questions a homeowner would have in each area. IW would not develop original content, rather be a broker for the best authorities and their answers via URL's. There will be a landing page to help make it easy and functional, then moving on to perhaps service projects in the four areas like landscapers, excavators, speakers' bureau, site assessments, and similar.

#### **h. Blandin Grant**

Dave covered this update, referenced John Connelly's involvement, our first meeting and his goals, then broke the \$150,000 request into components for the three years of the project: \$75,000 - hire director, \$10,000 Deer Lake septic inspection seed money, \$5,000 for a second lake septic project, \$5,000 to fund work for ICOLA, \$10-15,000 for our website remake and maintenance, and then less defined amounts for PR, services like site visits and similar. Andy Ahrens talked about State of Minnesota grants that are available to help local government units provide loans to private property owners to cover the cost of septic system construction and upgrades.

### **2. Committee/Other Reports**

#### **a. Education Committee**

Dave L. briefly noted that planning for the 2018 Youth Summit is underway, and that speakers for this event on May 22nd have generally been identified.

#### **b. Membership Committee – Patty Gould-St. Aubin**

Patty GSA has had many conversations with Katie H. about the base membership list that Shirley Loegering maintained. Dave L. said he would contact Shirley to get the list; he also said that he would get a letter drafted that could be sent to the membership that would also include an application form. The body of letter could also be used in an email that could be sent to all members having electronic addresses. Megan C. noted that the best time to get all of this done would be in early November; it's before the holidays and gives businesses ability to use donations as a deduction on their 2017 taxes. Finally, it was decided that any electronic membership payments should be setup through PayPal rather than Donor Snap.

#### **c. AIS – Bill Grantges**

Bill Grantges reviewed the AIS Coordinator Program Report dated October 16, 2017; copies were handed out to meeting attendees. Bill highlighted the following points:

Watercraft inspections will continue in the County through November 1; in 2017 30 inspectors conducted 24,000 watercraft inspections in the County

Zebra mussels were discovered in Little Winni Lake 1.7 miles downstream from the Winni dam

Zebra mussels were discovered in North Star Lake; there was follow-up discussion by the group regarding mistakes that were made in communications prior to DNR posting notices about the infestation at public landings on the lake

A \$420,00 Multi-Region Resort Ambassador Program grant was awarded to Itasca County, Cass County and Lake Vermillion/Burnside Lake region to develop and expand AIS detection and inspections at resorts, lodges, campgrounds and marinas. Itasca County is the lead for the program. Megan C. noted that it will be critical that AIS information/messages be delivered to resorts and similar. on a person to person basis.

Following Bill's presentation there was discussion regarding the need for and deterrent value of having DNR conservation officers and Itasca County Sheriffs writing tickets when boaters are caught bringing AIS to boat accesses. To date, only warnings have been issued and this is not sending a strong enough message.

Meeting adjourned 6:10 pm

Executive Committee meetings are the second Wednesday at 10 am, typically at Second Harvest board room. Minutes are distributed to all Board members and all members are invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

A schedule for the 2018 Board meetings will be set at the November Executive Committee meeting.







Itasca Water Legacy Partnership										
Detail Fiscal Year 2017										
			<b>October 10, 2017</b>							
			IWLP	IWLP	Youth	Blandin	Itasca County	Itasca County	Itasca County	
			Operating	Memorial	Summit	IWLP	AIS Prevention	AIS Communication	AIS CAP	
8/24/2017	Memberships	50.00	50.00							50.00
8/29/2017	GRACF	400.00	400.00							400.00
8/31/2017	Interest	8.81				8.81				8.81
9/13/2017	Memberships	100.00	100.00							100.00
9/30/2017	Interest	8.53	8.53							8.53
	Dividends	24.35	24.35							24.35
		17.00	17.00							17.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>11,463.29</b>	<b>6,093.87</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,300.40</b>	<b>69.02</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,463.29</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>91,002.09</b>	<b>63,584.59</b>	<b>1,696.36</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,721.14</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,002.09</b>