

Itasca Waters Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2022 4:30 pm online via Zoom

Attendance (quorum 6 of voting Board): Present (P), Absent (A), Excused(E), Left (L). Non-voting Technical Advisory Board

Board of Directors				Technical Advisory Board	
Sandy Anderson	P	Pat Leistikow	P	Andy Arens	A
Jan Best	P	David Lick	P	Benjamin Benoit	A
Kathy Cone	P	Shirley Loegering	P	Megan Christianson	A
Jesse Davis	P	Jan Sandberg	P	Stephanie Kessler	P
John Downing	P	Davin Tinquist	P	Eric Raitanen	A
Bill Grantges	P			Chad Severts	P
				Dan Swenson	A

Guest: Perry Loegering

Coordinator: Bethann Perendy

Agenda Items/ Attachments A#--	Key Discussion/ Outcomes	Follow-up Needed Who/When
Call to order	Meeting called to order by Jesse Davis at about 4:30 pm	
1. Agenda	An agenda was circulated in advance of the meeting. <i>Motion to approve the agenda as amended to move several items to consent and combine two items for Perry Loegering. (Dave Lick, Bill Grantges) M/S/U</i>	
2. Financial Report A#2.1, A#2.2, A#2.3, A#2.4, A#2.5	Question about the cost of Facebook advertising--sometimes \$25/20, frequency determined by event. Target typically Itasca County—Bill will call Bethann. Jesse noted that nonprofits have many target options. Dave asked about a check written to IWLP—it was for indirect fees, from Blandin to Operating and reflects internal controls. <i>Motion to approve the financial report. (Dave Lick, John Downing) M/S/U</i>	• Bill G: contact Bethann about Facebook ads
2021 990 Forms A#2.6, A#2.7, A#2.8, A#2.9	<i>Motion to approve the 990 forms A#2.6, A#2.9 (revised Board list). (Dave Lick, Jan Best) M/S/U</i> <i>Motion to approve the MN Charities Report A#2.8 (Dave Lick, John Downing) M/S/U</i>	
3. Unfinished Business		
3.a SWCD WPIC Update 5.c. Recon for Flow Gaging Sites—Perry L Thoughts A#5.c	Perry Loegering described recent activities for 1WP1. After funding was obtained, they sponsored a Smart Salting workshop for 70 or so Itasca County highway employees--some operations may change. Nearing completion is hiring a firm for a stormwater retrofit for Deer River and Cohasset, which is needed to apply for certain funding. Perry also addressed Item 5.c . He was invited to attend the kickoff for Headwaters Cycle 2 (he was involved in the first round in 2014). He thinks the flow gaging will be part of this work. Increased monitoring near the pipeline corridor and chloride will be his suggestions for the cycle 2 monitoring effort. Board members had lots of thoughts about chloride--possibility of a chloride monitor on the causeway, testing last year on both retention ponds, concerns about water softeners and chloride in septic systems, a possible LCCMR grant possibility. Or a Water Wisdom topic could be	• Board: consider possible grant topics focused on chloride • Education Committee: consider topics focused on chloride including alternatives to traditional water softeners, treating iron in well water

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	alternatives to traditional water softeners, how to deal with iron in well water.	
3.b Monofilament Fishing Line Recycling Report A#3.b	<i>Move to the Consent agenda</i>	
3.c SWCD Geologic Atlas Update A#3.c	IW's approved funding for the County Geologic Atlas in the amount of \$5,000 will be on hold until such time as Andy Arens with SWCD informs us that he will be starting the project. There is an additional \$3,800 in IW Memorial Fund that would be available if the Board desired to use it for the atlas. According to Pat Leistikow, there are no restrictions on how we spend the money in that fund.	• Shirley: update Board on Geologic Atlas project in January
3.d Board Member Recruitment Committee	Shirley has agreed to chair a recruitment committee. Those interested are Jesse, Stephanie, Kathy—others should contact Shirley. She suggests that they develop an elevator speech, recruitment strategy, specific positions needed, and start contacting folks. Dave will suggest some names—Therese Nett, Ryan Newman, Rachel Newman. Davin will no longer be a county commissioner but may stay on Board. Pat L plans to finish January 31 and has yet to find a replacement. Jesse suggested Bev Swenson as potential treasurer.	• Shirley: solicit possible new Board member names from the Board, focus on Treasurer, and establish committee
3.e Status on Use of 2018 Blandin Grant Funds and Report	<i>Move to discussion for the budget</i>	
4. New Business		
4.a NCROC Perennial Garden Report A#4.a	<i>Move to the Consent agenda</i>	
4.b NCROC Visitor Day Report A#4.b	<i>Move to the Consent agenda</i>	
4.c Approve 2023 Meeting Dates	<i>Motion to approve dates for upcoming Board meetings: January 9, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13 2023; January 8, 2024 at 4:30 pm via Zoom. (Pat Leistikow, Dave Lick) M/S/U</i>	
4.d AIS Detector Training	Bill's intent is to get all his inspectors to take the AIS Detector Class--several took the course last year. He was looking for funding for a class but may have other requests coming up in connection with a regional workshop. Last year, a class was offered as part of Water Wisdom at a cost of \$2500. It not currently in the Water Wisdom budget.	
4.e Minnesota Wildflowers Donation A#4.e	Discussion if this is appropriate. Pat mentioned the Children's Discovery Museum lake place display that IW helped fund needs repair.	
4.f 2023 Board Members and Officers—January Organizational Meeting	Members up for re-appointment are: Jan Best, Bill Grantges and Shirley Loegering. Shirley has indicated she is not seeking re-appointment. Officers: Davis (President), Cone (Vice-President), Leistikow (Treasurer) and Sandberg (Secretary). Pat has indicated she will only continue as Treasurer through the end of the month.	• Jan Best, Bill Grantges: contact Jesse and Jan S about interest in continuing • Jesse Davis, Kathy Cone, Jan Sandberg: contact Jesse and Jan S about interest in continuing as officers.
4.g 2023 DNR No Child Left Inside Grant A#4.g	Bill noted that this is a great grant, but we need to have the right partners. Jesse mentioned that he made an application related to the Youth Water Summit, but his application came in a few seconds late and was rejected.	
4.h 2023 Budget A#4.h	Pat noted that there is nothing in here for Bill's AIS needs, there may be decreased donations, and she has yet no billing from the accountant. Youth Water Summit—the committee is discussing if it will happen, last year spent \$8,200 of the \$9,300 budget, more than in previous years	• Pat L: contact Blandin about allowing continued expenditures from the 2018 grant past the end of the year.

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	<p>due in part to having to pay for some of Melanie’s work. Possibly Bethann could take over some of the scheduling work but that might require additional hours. They will likely need \$6000 total. Discussion if any could come from shoreland funds (as it is a private grant not federal)</p> <p>Shoreland: Pat estimates that there will be \$22K left at 12/31. We will need another extension (Mary Magnuson?) noting that Blandin is moving away from operational funding to projects. Pat will copy Sonya on any communications. Dave thinks they need about \$5000 for Shoreland, possibly including a social event.</p> <p>Consensus that we need a revised budget for approval.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board members: Email Pat with ideas for a revised budget including how to adjust if Blandin 2018 funds cannot be used past the end of the year.
4.i GoDaddy and iPage, Charity Navigator	Postpone discussion to January—Bethann has a chart with domain names and vendor description.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan S: Put GoDaddy/iPage item on the January agenda
4.j Clean Water Initiative Report A#4.j	<p>Need to determine if septic money will continue into 2023. Of the original budget of \$15,000, about \$8,000 has been spent.</p> <p><i>Motion that if the Blandin grant funds can be used beyond the end of the year, that we continue our contribution to the ICOLA and Deer Lake septic programs. (Dave Lick, Jan Sandberg) M/S/U</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat L: contact Blandin about continued use of 2018 grant funds
4.k KAXE Annual Donation	<p>May be worth asking for some extra announcements given their failure to post anything for seven months earlier this year.</p> <p><i>Motion to donate \$500 when we are billed with a focus on Shoreland Advisors messages (Dave Lick, Kathy Cone) M/S/U</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ?: ask about additional messages when we are contacted about a donation
4.l Call for 2022 Annual Report	<i>Move to the Consent agenda</i>	
5. Consent Agenda	<i>Motion to approve the consent agenda (Kathy Cone, Shirley Loegering) M/S/U</i>	
5.a. Minutes from Board meeting July 11, 2022 A#5.a		
5.b. Text Describing Itasca Waters for ICOLA Website A#5.b		
5.c. Recon for Flow Gaging Sites—Perry L Thoughts A#5.c	<i>This item was moved up and discussed with 3.a</i>	
5.d. Around the Horn Report for July ICOLA A#5.d		
5.e. Aquatic Plant Management Grants A#5.e		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board: Any questions about AIS should go to Bill Grantges
5.f. ICOLA Minutes October 19, 2022 A#5.f		
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6. Reports		
6.a President's Report		
6.b Coordinator/Office Report A#6.b	Report distributed earlier today	
6.c Education A#6.c	Shirley is looking for feedback, including future topics, for the Water Wisdom series that had a successful first year. A funding request has been submitted to Pat L for the budget.	• Board: suggest topics for 2023 Water Wisdom series
6.d Executive/ Governance Committee		
6.e Finance		
6.f Grants		
6.g Marketing		
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6.i Personnel		
6.j Planning		
6.k Shoreland Advisors		
6.l Vision/New Projects		
6.m Youth Water Summit	See discussion above under budget.	
7. Other		
Adjournment	<i>Hearing no objection, Jesse adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm</i>	

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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 March 13, 2023
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Executive Committee meetings are held as needed and communicated in advance to the Board and Technical Advisory Board.

As we have several members without Gmail addresses and to save me some time, I will continue to modify links in the future to allow anyone with a link to view. Last month I had restricted it to those linked to the Google Drive account but then had to give permission when someone without Gmail to access.

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