

Itasca Waters Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023 4:30 pm online via Zoom

Attendance (quorum 5 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	David Lick	E	Andy Arens	A	Eric Raitanen A#0.1	E
Kathy Cone	P	Jan Sandberg	P	Benjamin Benoit	A	Chad Severts	A
Jesse Davis	P	Cory Smith	A	Megan Christianson	A	Dan Swenson	A
John Downing	P			Stephanie Kessler	E		
Bill Grantges	P						

Coordinator: Bethann Perendy

Guests: Perry Loegering, Wes Sisson

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 Jesse introduced Wes Sisson, who is interested in joining the IW Board. See his application A#0.2	
1. Agenda	An agenda was circulated in advance of the meeting. <i>Motion to approve the agenda. (John Downing, Kathy Cone) M/S/U</i>	
2. Financial Report A#2-1	Sandy briefly reported on interaction with the new CPA, working toward a more detailed report than the balance sheet sent out for today. About \$3,500 in donations for January-February, expenditures mostly employee related and Water Wisdom of about \$5,000. We currently have about \$96,000 available. <i>Motion to approve the financial report. (Jon Downing, Bill Grantges) M/S/U</i>	
3. Unfinished Business		
3.a Report to Blandin for 2018 Grant A#3.a-1 , A#3.a-2 , A#3.a-3 , A#3.a-4 , A#3.a-5	The documents sent by Pat Leistikow to Blandin in January are attached. Sandy and Jesse have heard nothing. The thinking is that Blandin is looking to share more information next month.	
3.b Web Issues A#3.b	Bethann referenced some earlier confusion about different costs for web issues—GoDaddy (Itasca Waters domain) iPage (itascawaterslegacypartnership domain). The linked document has information on this. Since the last meeting, bills have come in (they vary from every year to every three years). Discussion about dropping payment for itascawaters.net just paid but will renew in another three years. Question if it makes sense to keep itascawaterslegacypartnership.org. <i>Motion to remove auto renew for the itascawaters.net domain name (Sandy Anderson, Bill Grantges) M/S/U</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan S--put domain name issues on the May agenda • Jan S--Research IWLP name at state level, • ??--research who owns itascawaters.com-- https://www.whois.com/whois/itascawaters.com • Jan S--research trademark issue in past minutes
3.c Board Member Recruitment Committee Update	Jesse reported that about 25 letters went out, handwritten. He is following up with a person in the banking industry.	

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	Wes filled out an application that is attached to the minutes.	
4. New Business		
4.a Itasca-SWCD WPIC Update	<p>Perry Loegering reported that the committee is still seeking a few members. After a workshop last fall for work crews on chloride, the SWCD purchased a few of the more efficient liquid chloride applicators for the County highway department. County has added application monitors to better assess how fast salt is being applied in various areas. He submitted the application referenced in agenda item 4.c below. Also coming up is the sub-watershed planning process for Upper Mississippi -Grand Rapids Watershed. Itasca County will be the lead with public input meetings. An item is the sale of trust fund lakeshore lands. He will work with Bethann to get information to the membership. Wes asked if there was legislation about the sale of trust fund lands—no, legislators want funds raised for the schools although the funds per pupil is low (\$18) compared to the environmental value of the land.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perry Loegering--Update in May • Jan S-- Agenda item for May on education vs advocacy, spending limits, need to register as a lobbyist. ??—research the education vs. advocacy item. • Shirley L--Consider possible item for Water Wisdom about the economics of lakeshore
4.b Treasurer Transition Update	Discussed earlier—Sandy is working with Bethann and new CPA	
4.c Ratify MPCA Surface Water Monitoring Request A#4.c	Perry submitted the request to PCA on February 27 <i>Motion to ratify action of the Executive Committee to submit a request to MPCA for chloride monitoring. (John Downing, Jan Sandberg) M/S/U</i>	
4.d Citizen Science Project to Sample Microbes A#4.d	<p>John noted that a proposal for molecular testing is being submitted to the LCCMR and he is looking for general support. He feels that microbials are a coming problem.</p> <p><i>Motion that John Downing draft a letter of support for Professor Sheik's microbial atlas to be submitted in name of Itasca Waters. (John Downing, Jan Sandberg) M/S/U</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John—draft letter of support for Professor Sheik's microbial atlas
5. Consent Agenda		
5.a Minutes from Board meeting January 9, 2023 A#5.a		
5.b ICOLA minutes February 15 A#5.b		
5.c New Board Member Handbook	Files are in Google--Drive Board of Directors\Handbook and include current policies, annual report, bylaws and strategic plan. Let Jan S know if other items should be included	
6. Reports		
6.a President's Report	Members were directed to the written reports.	
6.b Coordinator/Office Report A#6.b	<p>Bethann reviewed her report including a flyer for ICOLA that could be included in the membership packet. She welcomes other items for that mailing—Bill will share AIS material.</p> <p>Events: we have been asked to participate in several events—at Rapids Brewing, FFA Plant Sale. For Rapids Brewing, Jesse suggested something hands on (Pat might be interested, also Bill) The river side cleanup might be complicated this year. Consensus that we should participate—John has swag, frisbees.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill—send Bethann AIS info for the membership packet. • Bethann—contact Rapids Brewing about another river clean folks. • Bethann—contact John for swag

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	We should also participate with the FFA sale	
6.c Education A#6.c	Bill reported that the AIS Detector contract was signed. Registration for detector training can open now with a code needed for free training. When should it be opened—April, sooner?	• Bill—follow up with Shirley about timing for AIS Detector registration
6.d Executive/ Governance Committee		
6.e Finance		
6.f Grants		
6.g Marketing		
6.h Membership & Fundraising		
6.i Personnel		
6.j Planning		
6.k Shoreland Advisors		
6.l Vision/New Projects		
6.m Youth Water Summit A#6.m	Bethann reviewed her report—things are moving along.	
7. Other		
	Shirley raised a few questions about Water Wisdom John volunteered to be the representative to AIS meetings but wonders if he is needed. Wes asked if IW has participated in the Iron Range Sustainability event in Mt Iron. Jesse--good org to partner with. John asked if he could mention that his ice out event on Wednesday is in collaboration with Itasca Waters—consensus that this is fine.	• Bill—contact John about AIS meetings
Adjournment	<i>Hearing no objection, Jesse adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm</i>	

Upcoming Meetings & Events

May 8, 2023, July 10, 2023, September 11, 2023, November 13 2023, January 8, 2024

All at 4:30 pm via Zoom

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.

Follow Up Needed ✓ completed before minutes distributed

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