

CLPO, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes 3/18/25

Location: Kue Contractors

Board Members Present: Joe Kuechle, Rob Swanson, Fred Rose, Anne Hall, Kelly Kramer, Laura Jungels, Rick Thoman (virtual), Amy Ertl

Board Members Absent: Jim Wirz

Guest/CLPO member present: Bruce Hall

Meeting called to order by President Joe Kuechle at 7:03 PM.

***Note:** There was a CLPO Board meeting on 2/18/25 but the quorum was not met.

Secretary's Report: Board secretary, Amy Ertl, emailed the 1/21/25 CLPO Board meeting minutes to the board members. The 1/21/25 meeting minutes were supplied to board members at tonight's meeting for review. Kelly Kramer made a motion to approve the 1/21/25 board meeting minutes. Laura Jungels seconded the motion. No discussion. A vote was taken and motion carried with no negative votes. Secretary's report (1/21/25) was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Board treasurer, Rob Swanson, made the treasurer's report today. Rob Swanson reports that we have \$16,083.07 in the CLPO fund. Amy Ertl made a motion to approve the 3/18/25 Treasurer's Report. Fred Rose seconded the motion. No discussion. A vote was taken and motion carried with no negative votes. Treasurer's report (3/18/25) was approved.

Membership & Communications Report: Kelly Kramer

- There are 12 paid CLPO members for 2025 (and the number is growing).
- Kelly will send an email to CLPO members reminding them about the full CLPO April membership meeting (scheduled for 4/26/25 at 11 AM-Watkins Village Hall).
- Apparel: We will discuss with the membership at the full April membership meeting and see if they would like to order apparel again.

Grants: Anne Hall

- Anne reports that the final report for the 2024 DNR AIS control grant is due in June 2025.
- CLPO was selected for the 2025 DNR AIS control grant of \$12,500, but we have not gotten the official notice yet.

Business:

- Bruce Hall gave a CRWD project update: The federal group (employees) that was supposed to review the Indian burial ground concern on the property which is involved with the CRWD filter project no longer exists. This group was cut (governmental cut). Bruce will attend the CRWD meeting tomorrow night and will suggest that perhaps we can put the filter in on the lake side

instead. We will not be able to move ahead with putting in the filter on the other side of the road due to the Indian burial ground concern.

- Raffle: Raffle tickets are being sold at the hardware store and grocery store in Watkins. Raffle drawing will take place at the spring/April full CLPO membership meeting.
- MCAL spring planting project will move ahead/move forward. Will need to use water shoes and a wave reduction fence. Will need to estimate costs involved. Will need 160 hours of volunteer time.
- The harvester pump was delivered. Joe is suggesting that we should purchase a second pump (as a backup). Rick made a motion to order a secondary/backup pump for the harvester. Rob Swanson seconded the motion. No discussion. A vote was taken and motion carried with no negative votes.
- Harvester sprockets (from Silvermist) are \$1510.00 plus shipping costs. These have not been ordered yet. We are hopeful to use 2025 grant funds to purchase these. Had discussion about setting up an account with Silvermist. Kelly Kramer made a motion to approve the purchase of the Silvermist harvester sprockets. Rob Swanson seconded the motion. No discussion. A vote was taken and motion carried with no negative votes.
- Likely will be able to get the harvester in the lake and start using it soon to control the AIS (Curly Leaf Pondweed). Will need to start with volunteers as our hired harvester operators won't be able to start until school is done for the year.
- Had discussion about using Aquatic Solutions of MN for shoreline weed treatment. Also can still use Restoration. These are private projects and not part of the CLPO or CLPO Board.
- There will not be an April CLPO Board meeting. However, we will meet on 4/26/25 at 10:30 AM (at the Watkins Village Hall) prior to the full April membership meeting to prepare.

Upcoming meetings/events:

- CLPO Board will meet at the Watkins Village Hall at 10:30 AM on 4/26/25 to prepare for the April full membership meeting.
- The spring/April full CLPO membership meeting will be on 4/26/25 (Saturday) at 11 AM. Location: Watkins Village hall.

Meeting adjourned: Rob Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Kramer seconded the motion. No discussion. A vote was taken and motion carried with no negative votes. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by CLPO Board Secretary, Amy Ertl.