

CLPO, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes 1/21/25

Location: Kue Contractors

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

Guest/CLPO member present: Bruce Hall

Meeting called to order by President Joe Kuechle at 7:02 PM.

Secretary's Report: Board secretary, Amy Ertl, emailed the 11/19/24 CLPO Board meeting minutes to the board members. The 11/19/24 meeting minutes were supplied to board members at tonight's meeting for review. Rick Thoman made a motion to approve the 11/19/24 board meeting minutes. Jim Wirz seconded the motion. No discussion. A vote was taken and motion carried with no negative votes. Secretary's report (11/19/24) was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Board treasurer, Rob Swanson, made the treasurer's report today. Rob Swanson reports that we have \$15471.75 in the CLPO fund. Amy Ertl made a motion to approve the 1/21/25 Treasurer's Report. Anne Hall seconded the motion. No discussion. A vote was taken and motion carried with no negative votes. Treasurer's report (1/21/25) was approved.

Membership & Communications Report: Kelly Kramer

- There are 69 paid CLPO members for 2024.
- There is 1 paid CLPO member for 2025.
- Kelly will send an email to property owners requesting 2025 dues. In that email, she will also communicate with the members about the 50/50 raffle tickets and inform the members about the progress of the north filter CRWD project.
- Apparel: We will discuss with the membership at the spring full membership meeting and see if they would like to order again. We will bring the leftover apparel that we have on-hand to the spring full membership meeting and try to sell.

Grants: Anne Hall

- Anne gave an update about the 2024 DNR AIS grant. The total grant awarded was \$10,000.00. Prior to June 30, 2024, we spent \$6600.87. After June 30, 2024, we spent \$2445.68. We have \$953.45 left to spend.
- The 2025 MCAL grant has been submitted. This is for funding the vegetation plantings on the south side of the lake at the Meeker County Park. We will need 160 hours of volunteer time for this project to meet grant requirements.
- MCAL dues are due in April 2025.
- Anne has submitted the 2025 DNR AIS grant application.

Business:

- Joe Kuechle reports that he has ordered the top and bottom sprockets for the harvester. Sprockets will likely cost \$750.00 (but Joe is waiting for the exact cost). We will need new straps too. Harvester pump has been ordered. Joe will list the used harvester motor for sale.
- Bruce Hall reports that the government is discussing decreased AIS funding. He suggests contacting our legislature about this.
- Bruce Hall reports that that 2025 bog permit has been issued. We probably won't receive our CLP and/or EWM removal permits until March 2025.
- Bruce Hall reports that the CRWD north filter project was approved on 1/15/25. The public hearing passed (there was one dissenting opinion). The project will not begin until there is an environmental impact study completed due to the native burial sites on the property. We are hopeful that the project will start at some point in 2025.
- Raffle: Joe Kuechle passed out the 50/50 raffle tickets to the CLPO Board members. The drawing will take place at the spring full membership meeting.
- The Watkins Sportsmen's fishing contest will be on the ice this year (1/25/25).
- Bruce reports that he has a second crew of kids that might be able to help operate the harvester this summer (juniors from Rocori).
- Fred Rose plans to run the harvester in May 2025 while the kids are still in school. He will need a helper or helpers.
- More discussion about the MCAL spring planting: We will need to order the plants. Likely we will need to plant them sometime during the timeframe of 5/15/25-5/31/25. Will be planting just east of the beach area in 6 inches to two feet of water. Will likely be planting bulrush and other emergent vegetation (they come in trays of 36). Could also possibly plant in early June 2025. Will probably plant about 1000 plants.

Upcoming meetings/events:

- Next CLPO Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2/18/25 at 7 PM at Kue Contractors.
- The spring full CLPO membership meeting will be on 4/26/25 (Saturday) at 11 AM. Location: Watkins town 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.

Respectfully submitted by CLPO Board Secretary, Amy Ertl.