

CLPO, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes 7/15/2025

Location: Kue Contractors

Board Members Present: Joe Kuechle, Rick Thoman, Anne Hall, Rob Swanson, Jim Wirz, Fred Rose, Laura Muller, Amy Ertl

Board Members Absent: Kelly Kramer

Guest/CLPO member present: Bruce Hall

Meeting called to order by President Joe Kuechle at 7:00 PM.

Secretary's Report: Board secretary, Amy Ertl, emailed the 6/17/25 CLPO Board meeting minutes to the board members. The 6/17/25 meeting minutes were supplied to board members at tonight's meeting for review. Rick Thoman made a motion to approve the 6/17/25 board meeting minutes. Anne Hall seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Board treasurer, Rob Swanson, reported that our current fund balance is \$14,543.72. Jim Wirz made a motion to approve the 7/15/25 treasurer's report. Rick Thoman seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Membership & Communications Report: Kelly Kramer is not present at today's meeting. There are currently 47 paid members for 2025.

Grants: Anne Hall discussed grant progress.

- CLP AIS Meeker County Grant report was sent out on 7/12/25. The reimbursement amount is still unknown. The maximum we could get reimbursed is \$4880.
- DNR Grants: Final report was sent in for the 2024 grant. We should be reimbursed \$3900 around 7/31/25. Cost for sprockets for the harvester will be split between the 2024 and 2025 grants.
- MCAL project: Planting has been completed. Volunteer hours logged so far are 156. Only 4 more hours are needed for grant fulfillment. The fence will need to be removed in September.
- General grant discussion continued.

Business:

- Harvester now needs repair (as of tonight). It will be removed and repaired asap.
- Bruce Hall will attend the CRWD meeting tomorrow. Hopefully we will soon have an update about the CRWD project.
- DNR staff will be shown a harvester demonstration.
- 614,000 pounds of AIS have been removed so far this year.
- Laura Muller has been adding the meeting minutes to the CLPO website.
- CLPO donated \$100.00 to the Sportsman's raffle.

- Fall Picnic/Fall Full CLPO Membership Meeting on Saturday 8/16/25 will start at 11 AM instead of noon. Laura Muller will post this on the website. Joe Kuechle will get the food. Laura will bring a grill. Need to find volunteers to grill.
- Sechi disk reading recently was 4.5-5 feet (per Rob Swanson)
- There was a good turnout for the July 4th weekend boat parade.
- Jim Wirz would like to retire from the CLPO Board.

Upcoming meetings/events:

- CLPO Board will meet at the Watkins Sportsman's Park on Saturday, 8/16/25 at 10 AM to prepare for the full membership meeting.
- Fall Picnic/Fall Full CLPO Membership Meeting: Saturday, 8/16/25 at 11 AM at the Watkins Sportsman's Park. Lunch will be provided.
- CLPO Board meeting is scheduled for 9/16/25 at Kue Contactors at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned: Rob Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Thoman seconded the motion. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by CLPO Board Secretary, Amy Ertl.