



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 10, 2011**  
**Forest Town Hall**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Boulay, Denise (Vice Pres) Gilbertson, Bob (Treas) Klokow, Denise (President) Kluzak, Keith (Secretary) Kluzak, Rodger Russler, David Sunderlin, Sam	Appledorn, Karen Sonnee, Doug	Dale Petelinsek Fred Wenthe Jason Wood Craig Arnold

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

**MINUTES**

Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2011 board meeting. **Motions passed unanimously.**

**TREASURY UPDATE**

Bob gave an update on the status of the association's funds. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report dated September 30, 2011. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made and approved unanimously to approve expenditures for owls and falcons to Sam and Denise B.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

CARP PLAN – Jason and Dale provided the update.

-Obtaining permission for installing the fish grates on the outlet of Circle Lake is proving troublesome. An alternate idea of installing a temporary grate a little farther down stream is in the works and could be in place in May.

- The team does want to get fish grates installed in County Ditch #32 and hopes to meet with interested parties this winter.
- Installation of fish grates on the pond in the Anderson addition is intended for this fall.
- The team intends to reach out to the commercial fisherman, Jim Mertens to improve relations.

#### WATERSHED PROJECT PROPOSAL – Keith provided the update

- The permit to allow stream bank stabilization work is on hold until Randy Bradt and Todd Kolander with the DNR can inspect and review the site. The meeting date will be 10/17.
- Nugent Property Upland Erosion Control Project; the grant has been applied for, the land owner does want CLA to contribute financially to the project, the matching amount for the grant is expected to be about \$9663. A conversation with Keith and Steve Pahs did confirm this is the the best use of funds at this moment.
- Peter Fryer, a southeast Minnesota engineer that works with Rice County Soil and Water has mapped out the Circle Lake Watershed and has identified 3 specific sites considered ideal for a wetland restoration area.
- The watershed team will try to visit with other individuals who may be more influential to landowners who have been reluctant to perform watershed improvement projects in the past.

#### ACQUATIC AND NATIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT

- Sam and Denise K attended a restoration meeting. Sam and Denise are working to coordinate with enough willing landowners to warrant applying for a grant. If they are able to do so they need CLA to be prepared to come up with a portion of the matching funds.
- A motion made and approved by two thirds majority to allocate up to \$5000 for a native planting grant and landowner educational workshops.
- Bob stated the acquisition of the weed cutter should soon be finalized.

#### FUNDRAISING

- Fred Wenthe encouraged a CLA member to attend the next Tri-Lakes Sportsman's club meeting to discuss matching funds for specific projects.
- Dave is hoping to obtain a donation from his employer.

#### SEDIMENT

- Dale mentioned dredging the lake as a future project.

#### WEBSITE

A motion was made and unanimously approved to allocate up to \$1000 towards upgrading and enhancing the CLA website. The funds will come from the operating budget and not the lake improvement fund.

#### 2012 ANNUAL PICNIC

Craig Arnold graciously agreed to host the CLA annual picnic next summer. Date and time to be determined at a later meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Keith Kluzak, CLA Secretary