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**Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association Board of Directors minutes
Monthly meeting, 6 p.m. Friday, April, 2021
via Zoom teleconference**

Present: Christopher Sampson (president); Kevin Goodman, Jessica Meier, Peggy McMahon, Andy Hines, Jeff Casperson . Absent: Gary Schumacher

1) Chris called meeting to order

2) **Minutes** – Jessica moved, seconded by Kevin, to approve previous minutes from March 2021. All ayes.

3) **Treasurer's Report** – Jessica reported it has been a very quiet early spring in terms of expenses, with zero reported for the last month. Donations and dues continue to trickle in. Our YTD net income through April 9, totaled \$7,311. There will be substantial bills in coming months with the pending ProcellaCOR treatment of hybrid milfoil on Grass Lake, and outlays for DASH work on Pine and Round. Our balance sheet shows a healthy ability to cover future liabilities, as we have total current assets of \$127,841. Of that, \$15,904 resides in our CoVantage Checking account, with the remaining, longer-term reserves split between one money market account and one CD. Chris moved, and Jeff seconded, to accept the Treasurer's Report. All ayes.

4) **In-person Annual Meeting on May 29** – Board members discussed plans for the annual CLPA all-membership meeting, and affirmed that if current pandemic trends hold, we should proceed as planned with an indoor-outdoor meeting at the Round Lake Shelter at 10 a.m. on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. We will prepare as though masking and social distancing guidelines could still be in place, and reserve the right to change plans if public health warrants. Chris will circulate a draft agenda by the end of April; he and Jessica will collaborate soon after to publicize the agenda and invite our members.

5) **Resolution stating CLPA board approval for DNR Healthy Lakes project** – Chris explained how, on behalf of the CLPA, he, Peggy and Kevin had at various times all participated in the advance work of preparing a 2021 DNR grant request to allow interested Cloverleaf frontage owners to improve their shorelines with native plantings and lake-friendly landscaping changes. The grant would be in the neighborhood of \$7,500 total to be divided between 6 to 10 participating properties. Chris thanked Peggy for taking the neighbor-to-neighbor lead and enlisting participants in making this possible. He also said that, while the CLPA's grant-application file is largely complete, it lacks a formal resolution from the CLPA board authorizing himself as president to sign the paperwork making it official. He then read a draft resolution expressing the CLPA's support for the project and pledging to see that the grant and all work are administered in proper fashion. The approved resolution will be forwarded to the DNR grants administrator to complete our file. Kevin moved, and Jeff seconded, in favor of adopting the CLPA Healthy Lakes resolution (attached) as presented. All ayes.

6) Update on 2021 boat-monitor program; resolution designating Andy Hines as coordinator – Kevin and Andy reported that two students, Casey and Brody, have been interviewed and will return as our 2021 Clean Boats, Clean Waters monitors at the County Y town launch. A third student is also interested and will be interviewed shortly. We will focus our hours on Saturdays and Sundays. The DNR has been good about providing links to training and also providing guidelines on the COVID protocols they expect monitors to observe. One thing yet to be resolved is the payroll process – Chris filed for this year’s DNR grant and designated the CLPA as the primary authority, but in previous years the boat monitors have technically been Town of Belle Plaine employees to facilitate payroll and employee issues. Jessica will consult with Town Treasurer Kay Kristof to clarify.

7) Progress report on milfoil-harvest permit, new DASH contractor – Chris shared the good news that our designated 2021 contractor for DASH removal, Pete Karlson, has recently received approval from the DNR to proceed with suction-assisted manual removal of scattered invasive milfoil on Round and Pine lakes, mainly around the perimeters. The permit process was fairly involved, Chris noted, and it likely took a little longer this year because of the learning curve with it being his first time as president helping with the application, and Pete’s first time as a DASH contractor. Fortunately, the DNR Shawano Office pointed us in the right direction. Pete has assembled his pump and equipment and with the exception of some hoses on order, is ready to get his newly rigged pontoon out on the water, perhaps by late April.

8) Sanitary District commits \$5,000 contribution to invasive milfoil control on Grass Lake for 2021 – Although he had shared the good news with CLPA board members immediately after the Cloverleaf Sanitary District board meeting on March 16, Chris again reiterated the news. He also reported that Lake & Pond Solutions, under Onterra’s direction, was going ahead with ordering chemicals and making sure things are in order for June treatment. A question was asked about nearby property owners being notified; Chris said he will check with the vendors but it is possible that a lesser level of notification might apply, given that the chemical ProcellaCOR has little if any “side effects,” so to speak, in terms of limiting swimming, fishing or even watering lawns at the time of treatment.

8) Independence Day festivities – All is on track. The fireworks committee, a separate group, has raised sufficient funds but will always accept more; the CLPA will again coordinate the traditional Kiddie Parade; the CLPA will again assist in identifying prizes for the evening pontoon boat parade; and Kevin from our board will check in with the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department to confirm that they will have their boat on duty that night as has been customary. Details to be discussed at a future CLPA meeting.

9) President’s updates – Chris ran through a couple of quick things that came to his attention over the previous month.

-- The DNR’s Scott Koehnke has contacted us to confirm our continued interest in having a lake-level gauge installed near the County Y culvert that is easily viewable by the general public. Chris replied “yes.”

-- Our occasional watershed consultants Emily Henrigillis and Ana Bartsch are nearing their end of their grant assignment with Fox-Wolf watershed that involved them so effectively on a number of Cloverleaf

projects. We thank them for their efforts and await news on whether they will be continuing with Fox-Wolf in other capacities.

-- The Gibson Island wedding has been approved by the township, with conditions, for September 2022.

-- Chris said he would circulate the spring list of Wisconsin Lakes Association webinars to CLPA board members so we could try to have at least one representative (note-taker) sitting in on those sessions that look to be relevant topics for the Cloverleaves, and report back to our group.

-- Report on recent webinar(s) that Chris has attended that involve research documenting impacts of heavy boating use on lake environments. Nothing immediate that is relevant to Cloverleaves, but always worth watching.

10) **Bylaws need updating** – Kevin recently had reason to search for something in our CLPA bylaws. On taking a closer look, he saw that the Bylaws are badly in need of an updating. There are several outdated references including the address of the organization itself (still listed is the street address of a former president) and maybe a few typos and the like. He invited fellow board members to take a look and share with him immediately any housekeeping-type changes that could be made in time for correction at the annual meeting. Discussion followed as to clarifying or updating substantive matters such as terms of office, term limits or other issues; these will be addressed at a later date.

11) **Misc. issues** – It's time to put CLPA membership stickers on fire lane signs... Jessica has the stickers, Peggy has often handled the walk-and-stick duties, but Gary would like to help, circumstances permitting. In a related matter, there was some confusion involved in the town newsletter printing an incomplete list of members in its spring issue; we will address in our mailing to invite members to the Annual Meeting and also in affixing the stickers. In other news, a lakefront resident expressed concern to a member about light pollution and whether the CLPA could or wanted to address it. We will take up at a future meeting. Kevin said he needs to take some water samples but needs a boat in the water; Chris said he might be able to help.

12) **Next meeting** will again be virtual, at 6 p.m. Monday, May 17 (the third rather than second Monday, at Chris's request).

13) **Adjournment** at about 7:15 p.m.: Chris moves, Jessica seconded, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Chris, subbing for Gary as recording secretary