

Cloverleaf Lakes Protective Association

Board of Directors minutes – Sunday April 16, 2023

Location: Breakaway Bar, 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Kevin Goodman, Jessica Meier, President Gary Schumacher and Chris Sampson, acting as recording secretary

Excused: Andy Hines, Jeff Casperson, Pete Jensema

1. Gary called the meeting to order at about 6:35 p.m.

2. **Approval of minutes from Feb. 2023 CLPA meeting** – Jessica moved and Kevin seconded to approve the previous meeting's minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.

3. **Treasurer's Report** – Jessica reported that it was a quiet month. So quiet that there were no expenditures for the CLPA during the month of March. Our balance sheet shows that our total assets remain about where they have recently been: We have nearly \$54,000 in a CD, about \$47,000 in a money-market account, and \$17,756 in our checking account.

A couple of relatively routine money management issues are on the horizon. Jessica reports that she has used QuickBooks software all of the years that she has been CLPA treasurer, but the company is now looking to institute a \$15 monthly charge for our formerly free level of service. Jessica will investigate whether a Google product or another no-charge option might be an acceptable choice instead. Also, with rising interest rates, there was discussion about cashing in our CD and reinvesting in a higher-rate CD. (When the interest-rate paid is around or below 1%, any penalty for early withdrawal is extremely minimal.) Again, Jessica will investigate.

Kevin moved and Chris seconded to accept the monthly financial report. All ayes.

4. **Resolution to allocate "up to \$20,000" for 2023 DASH services** -- It was pointed out that while the CLPA board of directors at previous meetings had indicated a desire to continue contracting with Pete Karlson for DASH manual harvest of invasive milfoil on our lakes, this approval had not yet been made official in the form of a motion. Discussion centered on whether we should cap the 2023 allocation at "up to \$15,000 worth of service" or at a higher amount, "up to \$20,000 worth of service." Members reached general consensus that in either case the cap does not obligate the CLPA to spend ALL of the allotted amount; We will evaluate DASH progress as the season plays out, as we always do, and make determinations on how much more work to authorize (and service to purchase) based on progress made, likelihood for success, growing conditions, etc. Kevin moved and Gary seconded for the higher cap number. There were three votes for a \$20,000 cap, and one vote for a \$15,000 limit. The motion

therefore passed to earmark “Up to \$20,000 for DASH services to be provided by Pete Karlson during calendar year 2023.”

5. Boat landing updates: life jacket loaners and boat-monitor program – The DNR has sent the CLPA two new life jackets (youth size) to help restock/refresh the supply for the “Borrow one if you need it” station at the boat landing. Kevin said we will inspect all the jackets this spring to make sure they are in usable condition as they are brought out of winter storage. Anecdotal reports are that the jackets get at least some use, and there appears to be minimal theft or vandalism, if any. Andy Hines, our volunteer coordinator for the boat-inspection program to fight the spread of invasives, was not present for a report, but it was related that he has summer workers lined up to staff this year’s efforts.

6. Preliminary discussion of setting a date for CLPA Annual Membership Meeting – Because only four of the seven CLPA board members were present (enough for a quorum, but not ALL of the members), it was decided that we would communicate via email as to whether we would stick to the traditional Memorial Weekend Saturday morning scheduling, or has sometimes been suggested, go later with a June Saturday morning. The consensus of those present was that it might be too late to change for this spring, but that we would invite further discussion. Also, it was noted that the WAMSCO organization has obtained and outfitted a trailer as a traveling environmental education center; it was suggested that if it’s ready in time, it could be parked at the CLPA annual meeting. Chris, who is our rep to the WAMSCO board, said he would ask about the availability.

7. Next meeting – After a little discussion, it was agreed that our next CLPA monthly meeting should be in-person, and at the Town of Belle Plaine community center on Hwy 22, at 9 a.m. Monday, May 15.

8. Meeting adjourned a little after 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Sampson, temporary recording secretary