

Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission
Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic the meeting was conducted via Video/Telephone conference.

Commission members in attendance: Carole Linn, Bill Lochte and Francine Gough. Absent: Ron Kressin
Also in attendance: Dave Mueller, Treasurer. Absent: Harvey Overturf, Secretary.
There were two additional attendees.

Meeting called to order by Lochte at 11:22 AM.

Verification of Posting.

Motion to approve the agenda in any order at the discretion of the chair by Linn, second by Gough.
Motion approved.

Motion by Linn to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 meeting. Second by Lochte. Motion approved

Treasurer's report presented by Mueller. Beginning balance as of January 1, 2021 was \$30,530.62.
Receipts for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 were \$795.04. Expenditures were \$8,768.40. Ending cash balance as of June 30, 2021 was \$22,557.26.

Payables of \$129.25 for copies, postage and PO Box.

Receivables of \$9,135.00 for advance payment of ERCLA private sector share to ensure adequate cash flow.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Linn, second Lochte. Motion approved.

Copy of said report is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth.

Mueller stated reimbursement materials are ready except for volunteer in-kind amount. Volunteer efforts include CBCW, annual meeting, volunteer peak biomass survey, shoreline work, and website. He stated the Commission is "in good shape" regarding grant reimbursement.

Project Report: 2021 project cash flow was discussed. Motion Linn to approve payment for 15 days of hand pull in 2021 not to exceed \$30,750.00, and payment to Onterra for 2021 costs not to exceed \$21,050.00 for a total cost of \$51,800.00. Second Gough. All voting aye. Motion carried.

DASH Aquatic Services, LLC found little EWM in the Cranberry Bay. Early survey revealed few EWM plants. This could reflect winter kill.

Catfish A21 section yielded the same result.

Volunteer SCUBA divers would be an asset to the hand harvest program. ERCLA will attempt to recruit divers through their website and Constant Contact communications.

Lochte stressed the importance of ensuring competitive bidding for the hand harvest program.

Secchi volunteers are reporting deeper readings this year.

Mueller stated Onterra expenses will be higher in 2022 due to the required native plant survey which is conducted every 5 years.

Date of project results informational meeting: Linn stated Eddie Heath is available the third week in November. He suggested conducting the meeting on Wednesday, November 17th. Commission members desire a hybrid meeting (in-person with virtual).

Commission planning meeting to be scheduled in October prior to the project results presentation.

Motion to adjourn by Linn, second Gough. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Minutes by Carole Linn