

Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2023

Commission members in attendance: Francine Gough, Ron Kressin, Carole Linn and Bill Lochte:
Also in attendance: Dave Mueller, Treasurer; Marc Groth; and Eddie Heath, Aquatic Ecologist Onterra LLC via phone.

Meeting called to order by Kressin at 10:10 AM at the Eagle River City Hall.

Verification of posting.

Motion by Linn to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting; second by Lochte. All voting aye. Motion approved.

Discussion of recruitment of Commission secretary. Potential candidate identified. Will follow-up with candidate.

Mueller presented the Treasurer's report. Balance on hand as January 1, 2023 is \$6,421.37. Mueller stated there are adequate funds to cover 2023 and probably 2024 project costs. Grant end date is June 30, 2023. Need to file for grant extension.

Heath indicated if all project activities are continuing, the DNR will probably extend the grant. Per the DNR, grant deadlines are now December 31st annually. Heath recommended to spend the remaining funds in the current grant, and then apply for a new grant.

Heath informed the group that the DNR now requires an Aquatic Plant Management Plan every 5 years, and a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan every 10 years.

The ERC Comprehensive Lake Management Plan was completed in December, 2019. The Aquatic Plant Management Plan will need to be completed by August 1, 2024. The Commission will apply for a control grant with an application date of November 15, 2024. Consider ERCLA funding the Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

For successful grant application, the Commission will need to demonstrate projects identified in the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan have been done.

Discussion of utilizing Healthy Lakes Grant funding for projects identified in the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan ensued. Possible projects include placement of fish sticks and planting shoreline plants. Mueller will follow up with Quita Sheehan at Vilas County Land and Water.

Group acknowledges ERCLA involvement needs to increase.

Mueller suggested a possible fish sticks project on the island in Scattering Rice Lake.

Lochte suggested networking with other lake groups to see how they implement their projects.

Mueller stated the Onterra costs have been set with Onterra for 2023, and DASH costs have been confirmed at \$2,000/day for 10 days of diving. Mueller will request written confirmation with DASH Aquatic Services.

The Commission will seek additional bids for ecologic and management services for the 2024 control grant application.

Brief discussion of CBCW. Request bids for 2024 CBCW services.

Motion by Lochte to approve the Treasurer's Report; second by Linn; all voting aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 27 at the Eagle River City Hall at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Minutes by Carole Linn, Acting Secretary