

ADAMS COUNTY LAKE ALLIANCE MEETING

Minutes

August 13, 2016

1. Vice President Bob Berry called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. and informed the members that he would be chairing the meeting since Nick Homan was at a Goose Lake District meeting. Bob welcomed all the members present. Officers present included Vice President Bob Berry. Absent and excused were President Nick Homan and Secretary/ Treas. Norm Erickson. Joe Mueller would serve as acting Sec./Treas. for the meeting. Organizations and lakes represented included the Adams County LWCD, Castle Rock, Friendship, Goose, Jordan, Parker, Petenwell and Wolf Lakes.
2. The minutes of the June 11 meeting were reviewed . A motion was made by Virgil Miller and seconded by Oney Karch to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by the members.
3. The financial report was given by acting sec./treas. Joe Mueller. A balance of \$704.44 was carried forward from the June meeting. There were no additions or disbursements which resulted in a balance \$704.44 as of Aug. 13, 2016. A motion was made by Eric Edwards and seconded by Oney Karch to approve the financial report, The motion was approved unanimously by the members.
4. Eric Edwards then updated the members on the new website. Eric is the website developer and he explained the purposes, goals and basic information to be worked into the site. While on line Eric explained the structure of the website and informed us that the website address is aclakes.org. He did remind us that the site is a work in progress and encouraged us to register on site and submit information. There was some question as to whether we should be on facebook and it was decided that facebook was more of a social site and that at present ACLA would not be best served by it.
5. Oney karch then reported on the lake level problem on the Tri-Lakes. This is a dam related problem. He also reported that boats are illegally being secured to dykes and that this appears to be on ongoing problem this summer.
6. There was no CSWAS representative present and no action taken on a CSWAC rep. from ACLA.
7. Bob Berry reported on the continuing situation regarding the Friendship Lake dam. The dam owner has been given until Sept. 5th to make the necessary repairs to the dam, including a required dam analysis. If no action is taken the DNR will drop the level of the lake 2 inches per day until the level is reduced to the original stream bed. The Village of Friendship is ready to challenge the DNR's decision to drop the level. Bob

informed us that the Friendship Lake District has set up a meeting with the dam owner on Aug. 22nd. The purpose of the meeting is the possibility of the district taking over ownership of the dam. Attorneys will represent the involved parties. Bob informed the members that the main issue will be a purchase price.

8. It was motioned by Eric Edwards and seconded by Virgil Miller to table bylaw changes until the October meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by the members.

9. Reesa Evans updated the members on the Lake Specialist position in Adams County. Three scenarios were explained that would result in funding the position. The first is 100 % funding by the county. The second is 50% funding by the county with the remaining 50% being secured with a grant from the DNR. The third would be based by contractual agreement with the county. Individual contracts by lake districts and associations may also be an option. Reesa explained that first two options were unlikely to be passed by the county board and that there was only a very small chance that the Lake Specialist position would be saved. The members emphasized the point that the county board members be contacted in hope of funding the position at 100% since DNR grant funding is gone. The members discussed the point that the Lake Specialist position involves much more than AIS monitoring. Reesa did mention that upon the loss of her position that Wolf Lake had agreed to retain Reesa as its consultant.

Reesa continued by informing the members that two dams on the tri-lakes are experiencing gate actuator problems with related water level issues. The actuators have been ordered. Blue-green algae is also a problem on the tri-lakes as it is on Castle Rock and several other lakes. Two dog deaths have been attributed to the algae problem as well as a number of human related illnesses.

She explained that aquatic plant surveys are being done and that diver assisted suction harvesting will be done on Deep Lake on Aug. 18th and 19th. Reesa informed the members that the 2017 Lake Conference will have a "Minding our Waters" theme. She continued by explaining a change in DNR codes that required all lake management plans to be reviewed and approved every 5 years for any eligibility for grant funding. A habitat protocol will be emphasized in the LMP's. Reesa finished by reminding the members of the ten mile "water walk" to be held on Sept. 17th. She asked the members to email her for details.

At this point in the meeting it was motioned by Eric Edwards and seconded by Virgil Miller for the ACLA president to submit a letter to the county board asking the board to sustain 100% funding of the Lake Specialists position. The letter would contain all appropriate reasons for funding the position. The members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

10. A motion was made by Eric Edwards and seconded by Oney Karch to table the water confluence meeting in October until we could contact another related group.

11. There was no new business.

13. A motion was made by Eric Edwards and seconded by Oney karch to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Joe Mueller
Acting Sec./Treas.