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## Outcomes Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 pm, 2022

Meeting at Kanabec Soil & Water Office  
or remotely via. Google (login on the agenda)  
Kanabec County - Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA)  
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Kanabec Lake Associations:  
Ann Lake Watershed Alliance  
Fish Lake Improvement Assn.  
Knife Lake Improvement District  
Lewis Lake Property Owners' Assn.  
Pomroy Lake Assn.  
Quamba Lake Assn.  
Kanabec Rivers

**Kanabec County COLA Identity:** Concerned citizens of the lakes in Kanabec County working towards better water quality for the common good. Focusing on preventing the introduction and limiting the spread of AIS.

Civic Organizing Purpose: To broaden governing responsibility to include those impacted, but not replacing existing governing responsibilities of board members and supervisors.

In Attendance: Dennis McNally, County Commissioner; Deanna Pomije, Jon Sanford, Kanabec SWCD;  
\*Oren Larson, Lewis Lake; Marv Stutz, Fish Lake; Ron Meinen, Quamba Lake; LuAnn & Kevin Johnson, Knife Lake; Ray Penwarden and \*Sharon Smith, Ann Lake  
\*Remote attendees

### Agenda Items:

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:00PM
  - Pledge to the Flag
  - Introductions, if new members present
2. \*Approve Agenda – Any additions...  
Ray Penwarden motioned, Marv Stutz seconded to approve this current agenda, passed unanimously.
3. \*Approve outcomes, Oct. 13, 2022 - corrections and additions  
Marv Stutz motioned, Oren Larson seconded to approve the meeting outcomes from 10/13/22, passed unanimously.
4. \*Treasurer's Report & Expenses  
Any invoices from Lake Associations?

11/2022 reconciliation of inspector salary				
Number Inspectors	AIS Boat Inspector	reimbursed	salary gross pd.	Difference to request
1	2022	\$ 3,777.07	\$5,966.25	\$2,189.18
2	2021	\$ 8,535.34	\$9,695.00	\$1,159.66
2	2020	\$ 7,428.12	\$9,318.75	\$1,890.63
1	2018	\$ 4,688.67	\$5,886.00	\$1,197.33
				<u>\$6,436.80</u>

AIS Expense – total \$6,436.80

- Boat Inspectors salary reconciled from 2018-2022: subtotal \$6,436.80  
Previously only reimbursed for net salary paid, now requesting the difference between net and gross salary paid out.

Kevin Johnson motioned, Ray Penwarden seconded to approve the above listed AIS expenses totaling \$6,436.80, passed unanimously.

McNally had to leave the meeting early. He said farewell, thanked the committee for their work and expects to see people out and about on the lakes, as this will be his last meeting with us.

5. Self Service Decontamination Unit Signs for 2023 – quoted at \$525 each installed  
Planned for pilot at Knife Lake, Fish Lake & Ann Lake, 1 each  
(Staff will seek DNR approval on sign over the winter.)

Update...

6. Year End Reports:
  - ✓ AIS 2022 Accomplishments

Requesting input from each Lake Assn. - **DUE DECEMBER 18, 2022** to Deanna, Kanabec SWCD [Deanna@KanabecSWCD.org](mailto:Deanna@KanabecSWCD.org) or 320-679-1391

- ✓ AIS Plans for 2023
  - Acres to spray
  - # Boat Inspectors
  - Planned Surveying: plants & mussels
  - Other Activities

Some of the members volunteered activities they did in 2022 to be included with the year-end reports. Deanna explained the options available for submitting the information to her by 12/18. For 2023 Ray mentioned seeking out training for ambassador volunteers to help with AIS education and to offer free t-shirts and hats to those finishing the training.

**Lake Assn. Check-Ins / Discussion:**

- ✓ Each Lake Assn. open to discuss concerns they have & report on activities

Lewis: Oren mentioned in 2022 they had plats in the water by the dock to monitor for any new invasive mussels, etc. They are planning to apply for a DNR grant for curly leaf control funding.

They had a well-attended picnic in August. He shared their total phosphorus (25 ppm) and chlorophyll-a (10 ppm) testing with the group. These are mid-range results for our east central area. They sprayed 4.6 acres in 2022 and are planning for a new vegetation survey in preparation for their 2023 spraying efforts.

Knife: The Johnson's mentioned that they have a lake assn. meeting next week where they will be reviewing the prep. work to sending out landowner letters to set up the lake vegetation spraying for 2023. Letters are going out in Jan. and due back in March. They spray about 50 acres.

Ann: Ray said they had good results with their spraying this year. They are awaiting the results from the sediment core sampling from 2022. He said their secchi disc reading have gone down with the lower water levels, more sediment.

Fish: Marv said their wine tasting fundraiser was very well attended. They have a fishing contest coming up in Feb. Also looking to promote carp removal through a tournament and raise funds for their control efforts. They've sprayed 26 acres. Deanna mentioned meeting with Dave, others from Fish and EutroPHIX Company on their water quality concerns and sediment core sampling.

Lake Full of Fish may be interested in forming a Lake Assn.

#### **Other Items:**

- Open Public Comment Period
- Meeting Evaluation / Share around the table – How did things go? Were you heard? Did the agenda items get covered?
- Next scheduled meeting: **Jan. 12th, 2023**, from 5-6pm, in person meeting SWCD Office or remotely with Google Meet  
+On Agenda - 2023 Budget for Review

Marv Stutz motioned, Ray Penwarden seconded to adjourn the meeting, passed unanimously with those yet left at the meeting.

#### **Kanabec County - Coalition of Lake Assn. (COLA) - Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**

**Purpose Statement:** Meet regularly utilizing civic standards to organize ourselves, building capacity and infrastructure as needed to support our goals in leading toward better water quality through a focus on Aquatic Invasive Species.

#### **Civic Standards:**

1. All those impacted by the problem are stakeholders. Together they define the problem, set goals and work toward solutions as active citizens.

2. The stakeholders are accountable for contributing resources (leadership/time, knowledge, constituencies and dollars) to solve the problem for the common good.
3. All stakeholders are engaged in making decisions and policies that contribute to the common good.
4. All stakeholders agree to be transparent throughout this process. We agree to implement policies where we individually have the authority to act.