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## Outcomes Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 pm, 2023

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 Lakes & Rivers:

Ann Lake Watershed Alliance  
Fish Lake Improvement Assn.  
Knife Lake Improvement District  
Lewis Lake Property Owners' Assn.  
Mora Lake  
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.

No Quorum – Will continue with the meeting tracking votes and have the next meeting with a quorum approve all actions.

In Attendance: Peter Ripka, County Commissioner; Deanna Pomije, Jon Sanford, Kanabec SWCD;  
\*Oren Larson, Lewis Lake; Marv Stutz, Fish Lake; Kyle Shepard, Mora Lake; Chris Jahnke, Pomroy Lake

\*Remote attendees

### **Agenda Items:**

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:00PM
  - Pledge to the Flag
  - Everyone introduced themselves with 2 new members: Peter Ripka and Kyle Shepard
2. \*Elect Chair  
Pomije asked for nominations for a chair.  
Sanford nominated Ripka for chair, seconded by Jahnke, motion passed without a quorum.
3. \*Approve Agenda – Any additions...  
Larson motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Stutz, without a quorum.
4. \*New Member: Mora Lake, Kyle Shepard, Council Member

Shepard mentioned that he's on the Mora City Council and the park board and described the two boat access sites on Lake Mora.

Larson motioned to add Mora Lake into the COLA group as a voting member with Kyle Shepard as their representative, seconded by Jahnke, motion passed without a quorum.

5. \*Approve outcomes, Dec. 8, 2022 - corrections and additions

Stutz motioned to approve the Dec. 8, 2022 COLA Meeting outcomes, seconded by Larson, motion passed without a quorum.

6. \*Treasurer's Report & Expenses  
Any invoices from Lake Associations?

AIS Expense – total \$3,854.70

Qtr. 4, 2022 – SWCD staff time:

- Education - \$610.28
- Coordination - \$2,296.51

Total boat inspector mileage from 2022 - \$947.91

Stutz motioned to approve the listed AIS expenses, seconded by Larson, motion passed without a quorum.

7. 2023 Budget:
- % allocations to categories
  - No. and salary 2023 boat inspectors

Pomije reviewed the newly calculated budget with the group. With the addition of Lake Mora as able to receive AIS funds it was suggested to add back \$5,000 into this year's allocation for about equal distribution between the lakes. Pomije will work to revise the budget as suggested.

No motion to approve the budget until the revision is completed and up for review.

8. AIS Plans for 2023 – anything additional than what's in the 2023 plan?
- Acres to spray
  - # Boat Inspectors
  - Planned Surveying: plants & mussels
    - PVC below docks
    - Veliger sampling – SWCD has net
  - Ambassador Training
  - Starry Trek – not in 2023, instead use boat inspectors to survey and educate through lake assn. events
  - County Fair
  - Other Activities

Pomije reviewed the potential list of planned 2023 AIS activities and asked for comments. It was agreed to not host Starry Trek this year and instead have the boat inspectors use the rake to conduct AIS early detection searches at all boat accesses. Along with this will plan to have boat inspectors aid in AIS education with lake associations at their normally planned association member gatherings throughout the summer.

Stutz motioned to seek out 2 boat inspectors for the 2023 summer season at a rate of \$15.50 - \$16/hour pay rate with the higher rate for experienced or returning inspectors. Seconded by Larson, motion passed without a quorum.

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

- ✓ Each Lake Assn. open to discuss concerns they have & report on activities
- ✓ Fish Lake, Stutz spoke on their recent fishing contest successes. He also provided an update on their carp removal research: looking into a carp tournament and checking on pricing for a professional angler harvest.
- ✓ Lewis Lake, Larson said that Mary Shimshock is concerned over the presence of black algae around the lake. She has been researching this concern over the years with state agency staff. They are seeking more assistance to come up with a resolution to address this algae concern. The phosphorus testing hasn't shown large numbers.
- ✓ Mora Lake, Shepard mentioned a meeting with Joe.

#### **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: **March 9**, from 5-6pm, in person meeting SWCD Office or remotely with Google Meet

Jahnke motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stutz, motion passed without a quorum.

#### **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.