

## FOECLA

### Board of Directors Meeting

September 4, 2015

President Carl Heltne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Barnes town Hall.

**Members Present:** Denny Scharlemann, Cris Neff, Carl Heltne, Bob Hershey, Thom Storm, Fred Haueter, Ted Eastlund, zoning liason Carol LeBreck, Barbara Possin

**Excused Absence:** Anne Torrey

#### **Healthy Lakes Grants:**

C. Heltne informed board that the DNR is offering total grant of \$20,000 to fund 20 different properties at grants of \$1,000 each for shoreline restoration. FOECLA can serve as the sponsoring organization for these individual grants. Requires an in kind match of \$5,000 which can be met through volunteer work hours.

Will need to assess member interest through a survey and a selection process. C. Heltne volunteered to author the grant application.

Motion by D. Scharlemann and seconded by F. Hauter authorizing C. Heltne to obtain more information regarding the Healthy Lakes Grant and bring back to board for decision at next meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Shoreland Zoning:**

Discussion of two documents handed out to board members regarding an effort being lead by the Plum Lake Association to repeal recent state legislation that removed shoreland zoning authority from counties.

Motion made by C. Neff and seconded by T. Strom to have our President send a letter of support to John Richter, President of the Plum Lake Association.

Motion by T. Eastlund and seconded by D. Scharlemann to have Treasurer send \$3,000 to support this effort.

It was agreed that communication and information for members to make financial contributions directly to the effort put in a 1 page posting on the web site under the News Tab. C. Neff and T. Eastlund will draft the document, including history of the FOECLA involvement in original "150 feet" legislation. This will be sent to C. Heltne, who will then post it on the Website.

**Walleye Spawning Effort:**

F. Hauter gave overview of past and recent interest and efforts by the Conservation Club to install wing dams on the river between Upper and Middle Eau Claire Lakes in order to restore walleye spawning habitat. Land owners need to grant permission and the DNR is responsible to design and grant a project permit. There has been no project permit granted and no plan implemented by the Conservation Club. Estimated total funding for this project is \$3,000 to \$6,000.

Motion by B. Possin and seconded by F. Hauter to have C. Heltne speak with Conservation Club President regarding options for collaboration between our organizations and determine if financial support is desired. He will report back to board at next meeting.

**LEEP Planning for Fall Event:**

Discussion regarding the \$400 grant, how to allocate the money and if additional funding is needed over and above the approved budget.

Motion by D. Scharlemann and seconded by T. Eastlund to have committee spend dollars as allocated in budget and grant. If these funds are insufficient the committee should return to the board and request additional funding along with the justification.

**New Board Member:**

T. Eastlund presented summary of a potential new board member. Following presentation he made motion and B. Possin seconded to have Jim Krook fill vacant 1 year board position, to expire July, 2016. Motion carried.

**Minutes of August 10, 2015:**

Approved as distributed.

**August Educational Event Reviewed:**

D. Scharlemann reported that the evaluations were very positive.

**Dam Committee Report:** T. Eastlund reported that upgrades to Middle and Lower Eau Claire Lake dams are completed.

**Fall LEEP Event Needs:**

C. Neff reported that the event is September 24<sup>th</sup> and the personnel are needed for 2 safety boats. C. Heltne will send out e-mail request for volunteers.

### **Dates for 2016 Events:**

- Board meetings will remain the same, on the second Monday of the month at the Barnes Town Hall from 1:30-3:30. These will occur from April through October.
- Beer Social will be held Saturday June 25, 2016 at location to be determined
- Annual Meeting will be Saturday July 16, 2016 at Barnes Town Hall.
- Education Seminar will be Saturday August 20, 2016 at Barnes Town Hall. Topic to be determined.

### **More Efficient Meetings:**

T. Storm shared a document of suggestions for more productive meetings. After discussion the following Principles were agreed upon:

- All committee reports are to be sent out by the Thursday before the board meeting.
- Committee reports are to be reviewed by all members before the meeting.
- A consent agenda format will be used for these reports reviewed in advance. If any member wishes discussion or has questions/concerns about the report the individual will indicate this to the Chair.
- Board Members will commit to be present for an on-time meeting start.
- All meetings will begin with a brief personal "good news" from each member .
- All members act to support the agreed upon meeting end time
- Members support the Chair's responsibility to manage the discussion by not speaking until being recognized by the Board Chair. This includes only one person speaking at a time, no "side talking" and staying focused on the agenda item

Meeting adjourned at 3:50PM  
Barbara Possin, Secretary

