

FOECLA

Board of Directors Meeting

October 12, 2015

President Carl Heltne called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM in the Barnes Town Hall.

Members Present: Denny Scharlemann, Cris Neff, Carl Heltne, Bob Hershey, Ted Eastlund (via video link), Zoning Liaison Carol LeBreck, and Barbara Possin

Guests Present: Pamela Toshner, DNR and Josh Rowley, Assistant Zoning Administrator for Bayfield County

Excused Absence: Thom Storm, Fred Haueter, Anne Torrey

Absent: Jim Krook

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of September 4, 2015
- Financial Report

Motion by D. Scharlemann and seconded by B. Hershey to approve. Motion carried.

Shoreline Improvement Grant: (Pamela Toshner present for discussion)

C. Heltne noted that he previously sent information out regarding the grant. Key points of the communication were:

- Grants available through DNR to fund up to 20 individual projects up to \$1000 each
- FOECLA could serve as a sponsor which would require us to assess interest, provide matching work in-kind including our charging \$150 per applicant to participate
- Applications due February 1st. By this time we would have to communicate to members, outline the possible projects, seek interest, do site visits to confirm project qualifies, and include in application.

Discussion included concerns that non full-time residents would not be present and available at this time of the year, the qualifications of FOECLA members to assess potential project worthiness. Also concern how to implement requirement that landowners sign a 10 year contract to maintain improvements made. Pamela Toshner clarified that this funding is available on an annual basis and grants are funded based upon the quality of the applications. She shared examples of high quality applications. It was also noted that Carol LeBreck has some expertise in doing site visits and Pamela Toshner stated she can also assist. In addition, Pamela stated Jim Giffin from Lake Minnesuing has expertise and is likely willing to assist.

Motion by C. Neff and seconded by B. Hershey to have President distribute informative communication about grant requirements through the newsletter including survey to seek member interest in participating with goal of submitting grant applications by February 1, 2017.

Motion carried.

Act 55; Changes to Shoreline Zoning: (Josh Rowley present for discussion)

Josh explained that the new legislation has resulted in a great deal of confusion and that there is variability among departments, counties and individuals in how to respond and enforce new law. He is attending a statewide meeting of Wisconsin County Zoning officers October 20-23rd and will have more information after this meeting. In the interim Bayfield County is using current land division rules and regulations whenever possible to influence shoreline activity and is willing to go to court if necessary to protect current shoreline restrictions. He stated there is currently no consistency in the response by other counties. He encouraged any questions related to Bayfield County should be addressed to his office.

Decision to have C. Heltne contact Josh after the state meeting to receive an update that can be shared with members. Josh will review the communication before it is e-mailed out. Josh will return annually to our board meeting for updates.

Bayfield County Lakes Forum:

FOECLA has previously been a member. C. Neff will explore possible future support and will report back to the board.

Walleye Spawning Update:

After last board meeting C. Heltne spoke with Ron Jensen, President of Conservation Club (CC) regarding the project. The CC is taking the lead on this project will let us know how we can support the endeavor such as distribution of educational information.

10-5 Town Ordinance:

C. Heltne has met with the Barnes Town Board Chairman and had a very productive dialogue regarding recent discussions at committee meetings. There is no plan to re-open the discussion of this ordinance at future town board meetings. C. Heltne also reported that the Board Town Chair asked the FOECLA continue to support the Vetten Paddlar Race in 2016. (www.vattenpaddlar.com)

Motion made by D. Scharlemann, seconded by B. Hershey:

That the 10-5 Waterski/PWC Ordinance Task Force composed of Ron Carlson, Anne Torrey, Ted Eastlund, Cris Neff will:

- Draft content and design of an educational brochure communicating benefits of the ordinance
- Arrange for "Welcome to the ECL/ordinance announcement" roadway signs to be replaced if damaged or missing and to be adequately sited. Expenses and new signs, if any will need approval.
- Discuss a plan for monitoring activity at Gordon and Barnes Town Boards regarding the 10-5 waterski/PWC ordinance
- Draft talking points for FOECLA board representatives to use if issue re-surfaces

Motion Carried.

Request that C. Heltne seek volunteers for the Barnes Tourism committee and then inform the Barnes Town Chairman that FOECLA would welcome a seat on the Tourism Committee along with suggested names.

Motion carried.

Vatten Paddler

Motion by T. Eastlund and seconded by D. Scharlemann that FOECLA again participate in and support the Vatten Paddlar 2016.

Motion carried.

Planning Strategy Map and Balanced Scorecard Update:

Progress of measure targets were reviewed. B. Possin and C. Heltne will complete and propose updates and bring to April meeting.

Announcements regarding next year:

- Board meeting dates will remain the 2nd Monday of the month April-October.
- F. Haueter will work on the budget in February/March so any budget requests need to be sent to him before end of February.
- Topics for 2016 educational session will be discussed on-line
- Cost for a portable reusable roadside sign for educational events needs to be sent to Fred before the end of February.

Motion to adjourn by C. Neff and seconded by B. Hershey. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Barbara Possin, Secretary