

CLPO, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes 5/19/26, 7 PM

Location: Joe Kuechle's home

Board Members Present: Joe Kuechle, Rick Thoman, Rob Swanson, Fred Rose, Anne Hall, Amy Ertl

Board Member Absent: Laura Muller

Guest/CLPO member present: Bruce Hall

Meeting called to order by President Joe Kuechle at 7:01 PM.

Secretary's Report: Board secretary, Amy Ertl, emailed the 3/24/26 CLPO Board meeting minutes to the board members. The 3/24/26 meeting minutes were supplied to board members at tonight's meeting for review. Rick Thoman made a motion to approve the 3/24/26 board meeting minutes. Anne Hall seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Board treasurer, Rob Swanson, reported that our current fund balance is \$26,289.88. Rick Thoman made a motion to approve the 5/19/26 treasurer's report. Amy Ertl seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Membership & Communications Report: Laura Muller is absent from today's meeting

- There are 24 paid CLPO members for 2026.

Grants Discussion: Anne Hall

- 2025 DNR AIS Control Grant
 - We were recently reimbursed for \$5972.72 which is what was requested.
 - This leaves us with \$5211.51 which we will need to spend by 6/30/26.
 - We will use these funds to pay for delineation which will cost around \$2600. Delineation should be completed around mid-June by Limnopro Aquatic Science, Inc.
 - These funds will also be used for insurance costs, which should total around \$2200.
- We were not awarded the 2026 DNR AIS Control Grant
- 2026 Meeker County AIS Grant
 - Could request reimbursement for a total of \$10,000.
 - \$2000 for Curly Leaf Pondweed
 - \$8000 for Eurasian Watermilfoil
 - This grant will be used for expenses related to harvester operations.
 - Requests for reimbursement will come up later this summer and fall

Business:

- CRWD north end filter project (Bruce Hall): They are waiting for the water level to go down before they can start the project.
- There is work being done on the south filter.
- Still have two open board positions.
- General harvester discussion: We are counting on volunteers to operate the harvester this year.
 - There is a list of people who are interested in volunteering. There will be training held.
 - Bruce Hall and Fred Rose plan on harvesting in Little Mud Lake tomorrow.
 - If the weather cooperates, Bruce would like to harvest a path on the north end before the upcoming weekend.
- Discussion about the possibility of chemically treating certain areas if we have funding left over. There is a new product that targets AIS only and does not kill the native weeds. However, it is very expensive.

Upcoming meetings/events:

- The next CLPO Board meeting will be held on 6/16/26 (Tuesday) at 7 PM. Location: Joe Kuechle's home.
- The fall/August full CLPO membership meeting will be on 8/15/26 (Saturday) at 12 PM. Location: Watkins Sportsman's Park.

Meeting adjourned: Rob Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne Hall seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by CLPO Board Secretary, Amy Ertl.