

# CLPO, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes 1/20/26, 7 PM

**Location: Kue Contractors**

**Board Members Present:** Joe Kuechle, Rob Swanson, Fred Rose, Laura Muller, Anne Hall, Amy Ertl

**Board Members Absent:** Rick Thomoan

**Guest/CLPO member present:** Bruce Hall

**Meeting called to order by President Joe Kuechle at 6:58 PM.**

**Secretary's Report:** Board secretary, Amy Ertl, emailed the 11/18/25 CLPO Board meeting minutes to the board members. The 11/18/25 meeting minutes were supplied to board members at tonight's meeting for review. Laura Muller made a motion to approve the 11/18/25 board meeting minutes. Fred Rose 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 \$14,283.75. Amy Ertl made a motion to approve the 1/20/26 treasurer's report. Anne Hall seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried.

**Membership & Communications Report:** Kelly Kramer is absent.

- Kelly Kramer has resigned from the CLPO Board.
- Laura Muller will take over Membership and Communications.
- Newsletter will be put together by our upcoming February 2026 Board meeting. The newsletter will contain reminders to pay dues and a reminder about the Spring Full CLPO Membership meeting (in April 2026). Fred Rose suggested that we should add something about our 2025 MCAL project (the plantings by the Meeker County Park).
- There are at least 68 paid members (likely more).

**Grants:** Anne Hall

- MCAL
  - Anne attended the most recent MCAL meeting where she presented our 2025 MCAL grant project. She gave a report about that meeting.
  - We received the 2025 MCAL grant award of \$4000.00.
  - We did not request a 2026 MCAL grant because we did not have a project in mind.
  - The 2027 MCAL grant application is due by the October 2026 MCAL meeting.
- Meeker County AIS Grant
  - We should get notification soon about the 2026 Grant.
- DNR AIS Grant
  - We should get notification soon about the 2026 Grant.
  - We have not received the 2025 Grant dollars yet (still outstanding). It should be around \$7000.00

## **Business:**

- All permits for 2026 have been obtained for 2026 (floating bog, AIS removal)
- CRWD north end filter project (Bruce Hall): The project was delineated and staked before the snow/ice came. Project is now on hold until likely fall 2026.
- Delineation for AIS (Bruce Hall): Limnopro will do a targeted/limited delineation. This will likely be done in June 2026. This delineation is necessary to obtain grant funding. The verbal bid from Limnopro was \$1300.00. Data from last year can be used and updated.
- Raffle (Joe Kuechle): We reviewed the draft raffle ticket. Joe will get them printed.
- Discussion about harvester operators. Workers will need to be over the age of 18.
- Discussion about two CLPO Board openings.
- CLPO to pay Jim Wirz for figuring out the tax documentation.

## **Upcoming meetings/events:**

- CLPO Board meeting is scheduled for 2/17/2026 at Kue Contactors at 7 PM.
- The spring/April full CLPO membership meeting will be on 4/18/26 (Saturday) at 11 AM.  
Location: Watkins Village Hall.

**Meeting adjourned:** Rob Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Ertl seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was taken and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by CLPO Board Secretary, Amy Ertl.