



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday March 13, 2023

MINUTES

1. Roll call and verification of public notice.

- a. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM, by Chairman Chris Webb. The notice was posted on Friday March 10th at 8:45 am.
- b. Roll call verified quorum. Attendees in person were Cris Neff, Chris Webb, Julia Lyons, and Dave Blumer of LEAPS LLC. Attendees via Zoom were Sally Pease, Ingemar Ekstrom, Mavis Gagne, and Douglas Co AIS Coordinator Zach Stewart. Absent was Diane Menard, Marcia Wellnitz, Doug Stearly, Barb Clements, and Andy Teal Bayfield Co AIS Coordinator.

2. Approve the Agenda.

- a. Motion by Sally, seconded by Julia to approve the agenda, passed unanimously.

3. Approve the minutes of previous meetings.

- a. Motion by Julia, seconded by Sally to approve previous meeting's minutes, passed unanimously.

4. Resignation of Gerald (Gus) Gustafson as member of AIS Committee

- a. Motion by Cris, seconded by Sally to accept Gus's resignation. Gus was a very valuable resource for the committee and always a willing volunteer. Gus will be missed.

5. County AIS Activities & Educational Opportunities-Andy Teal, Bayfield Co AIS Coordinator

- a. Andy was unable attend. Sally will verify Plant ID Days and inform group.

6. Tomahawk & Sand Bar Lakes

- a. Large Scale Population Control Grant awarded of \$25,769.62.
 - i. The Town received the Surface Water Grant Agreement for Project #ACEI33623, which will be signed and returned to DNR.
- b. Chemical treatment and status of curtain**
 - i. Dave Blumer reviewed treatment proposal which is attached to these minutes.
 - ii. Treatment will be scheduled late May or early June when water temperatures reach 60-65 degrees. Cost is estimated at \$13,009.18.
 - iii. Existing limno curtain should be sufficient as estimated length needed is 915' but can be adjusted as situation warrants.
- c. Review Recommended Actions per APM**
 - i. Sand Bar and Tomahawk Lakes 2023-2027 APM Goals includes education and awareness, and plans will be made to send letters to property owners around Tomahawk and Sand Bar to alert them to summer plans and need for volunteers.
- d. Integrated Pest Management planning**
 - i. Biological control is included in every APM. There will be two stations set up with habitat in the vicinity of the ice rink. Around the end of May, beetles will be collected and added to the habitat.

7. Upper & Middle Eau Claire Lakes

a. Aquatic Plant Management Plan Phase 2

- i. Dave Blumer had provided drafts of the 2024-2028 Aquatic Plant Management Plan, and the Upper Eau Claire Lake addendum prior to the meeting. It is important that this is distributed to all stakeholders for input prior to having Dave finalize the APM.
- ii. The grant awarded in 2022 was for a two-year period. The amount awarded for Project #AEPP65922 was \$8,720.72.

b. Surface Water Planning Grant awarded of \$5,721.80.

- i. The Town received the Surface Water Grant Agreement for Project #AEPP71423, which will be signed and returned to DNR.

8. Lower Eau Claire & Cranberry Lakes

a. Aquatic Plant Management Plan Phase 2

- i. The grant awarded in 2022 was for a two-year period. The amount awarded for Project #AEPP66422 was \$10,000.
- ii. This will be the next addendum to the 2024-2028 Aquatic Plant Management Plan and is expected to be completed by end of 2023.

b. Early Detection Rapid Response Grant

- i. There has been no determination whether this grant was filed in 2022. The Town did receive an email from DNR Representative stating the town was eligible to apply for the \$20,000 grant. Zach Stewart and Dave Blumer had conversations last fall with Barnes representative regarding grant application. We will determine outcome of this grant application.
- ii. Zack Stewart acknowledged appreciation for Town of Barnes taking action to include Lower Eau Claire Lake in its Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Zack offered to assist as a resource as plan progresses. Zack and Dave Blumer will be in contact as needed.

9. BAISS Operations

- i. Julia and Cris will develop schedule for divers and solicit volunteers for BAISS operations.
- ii. Operations will begin on Upper Eau Claire Lake, proceed to Lower Eau Claire Lake, then to Middle Eau Claire Lake and lastly to Sand Bar Lake.
- iii. Once approximate start dates are set, letters will be sent to property owners.

10. Clean Boats Clean Water Program –AIS Coordinator, Barb Clements.

a. Consider Boat Landing Monitor applications.

- i. Three applications were reviewed. A motion to approve sending applications to the Town Board for consideration, and background check was made by Julia, seconded by Mavis. Sally Pease and Brian Johnston were considered approved by the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Eau Claire Lakes Area Conservation Club will have their first meeting of the year on May 18th.

Friends of Eau Claire Lakes Association will have their meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month.

12. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Julia, seconded by Sally, and motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 10, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Barnes Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Webb,
Acting Secretary