

# Minutes of Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chris Webb at 8:45 AM. Roll call of committee members verified that a quorum was present. We met at the Barnes Town Hall and via Zoom Video Conferencing.

## 1. Roll call:

**Members Present:** Sally Pease, Diane Menard, Chris Webb, Doug Stearly, Barb Clements, Cris Neff (Liaison for FOECLA), Lea Culliton (guest), on Zoom: Andy Teal (Bayfield County AIS Coordinator), and Dave Blumer (LEAPS LLC).

**Members Absent:** Julia Lyons, Mavis Gagne, and Eric Neff (Liaison for the Town of Barnes).

**Verification of Public Notice:** Public notice of meeting was posted on May 10, 2024 at 12:00 PM by Lisa Meyer, Clerk/Treasurer.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Barb Clements and seconded by Cris Neff to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**3. Approval of last month's minutes:** A motion was made by Barb Clements and seconded by Chris Webb to approve the revised minutes of previous meeting, held April 8, 2024. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

## 4. Projects funded by Grants:

### a. Clean Boats Clean Water CBCW14024:

#### i. SWIMS data entry to be completed on a weekly basis.

Barb Clements, the CBCW coordinator will do this task.

#### ii. Coordinators need to resolve login issues.

This includes log-ins for SWIMS, Google Drive, and PayCom.

### b. Headwaters of Eau Claire Lake Chain Early Detection Rapid Response AIRR29724:

#### i. BAISS will be launched on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 52180 Sweet Lake Road.

The launch was difficult, but they got the pontoon in!

#### ii. Project time is set for two days on Sweet Lake and three days plus one week on Shunenberg Lake.

Cris Neff and Jim Warn used a boat to investigate Sweet Lake. They weren't sure how to get the pontoon to Shunenberg – land it and launch it into Upper EC or float it down the river. (On Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, the pontoon was floated down the river, it worked!)

#### iii. BAISS will be launched on Shunenberg Lake on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sweet Lake took only 2 days, so the BAISS pontoon work began on Wednesday, May 15.

#### iv. AIS disposal volunteers – Sullivan and Flood.

The Sullivans will do Sweet Lake (no AIS was discovered, so no weeds were pulled or collected) and Bill Flood will handle the collected AIS bags on Shunenberg Lake.

#### v. Review documentation needed for grant tracking, GPS coordinates.

The Shunenberg GPS coordinates have been located and will be used.

### c. Upper/Middle Eau Claire CLP Dash Management Project AEC135124:

#### i. BAISS launch set for Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 55550 Peninsula Road.

**ii. Need to find a volunteer to pick up and dispose of AIS collected.**

Any volunteers?

**d. Lower Eau Claire/Cranberry Lake Early Detection Rapid Response AIRR28724:**

**i. BAISS launch set for Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 13933 South Resort Road, Gordon.**

This is at Clearwater Resort on Lower Eau Claire Lake.

**ii. Need a volunteer to pick up and dispose of AIS collected.**

Any volunteers?

**e. Coordinating divers and BAISS volunteers:**

**i. Demonstration of website enhancements.**

**ii. Introduction to Google Drive Folders.**

We had an extensive discussion about Google Drive with a demonstration of how it all works. Google Drive is meant to simplify signing up for volunteer shifts without a person organizing and distributing schedules for our various programs. Having a Google account (Gmail) is helpful, but not necessary. Go to the Town of Barnes website ([www.townofbarneswi.gov](http://www.townofbarneswi.gov)). Find Aquatic Management Plans on the far left or Aquatic Invasive Species under the heading "Committees." Choose the "Volunteer" heading. The first selection to should choose would be the "General Volunteer Sign-Up." After signing up, you will find a list of volunteer opportunities, either BAISS boat or CBCW on the various lakes. Choose the appropriate folder and enter your name in the time slot that you want to volunteer for. You can delete or change your selection later if you need to. If you have difficulties, please use this email to request help:

[www.townofbarnesais@gmail.com](mailto:www.townofbarnesais@gmail.com)

**5. Project funded by Friends of Eau Claire Lakes Areas (FOECLA) and Town of Barnes:**

**a. Sand Bar Lake Chemical treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil:**

Most of this discussion was conducted by Dave Blumer. All permits are approved for our CLP BAISS boat work and a permit for the chemical treatment of Sand Bar Lake with some changes was offered to us. In the original permit we asked to treat 9 areas. The DNR's permit eliminated 4 small areas, but retained 5 larger areas. They will allow us to use ProcellaCOR at the higher amount of 5 pdus (we had asked for 4 pdus). We discussed the options for treatment and decided to treat the largest of the 5 beds with 5 pdus and the 4 smaller, shallower beds with 4 pdus, all ProcellaCOR. A motion was made by Barb Clements and seconded by Doug Stearly. The motion states: **The AIS committee recommends the treatment of Sand Bar Lake in the 4 small Eurasian milfoil beds with 4 pdus of ProcellaCOR and treat the large bed (East Shore-24) with 5 pdus of ProcellaCOR with an estimated increase cost of \$1,156.20 and possibly bump other beds to 5 pdus after LEPS conducts a lake survey with an increased cost of approximately \$22,464.** A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. Chris Webb will accept the DNR permit for this project. (Note: On May 14<sup>th</sup> when Dave Blumer did a lake survey, he found one of the small beds could also benefit from the use of the stronger amount of 5 pdus, bed called North Shore-24, for a total project cost of \$21, 184.00.)

**b. BAISS launch set for Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 54585 Moore Road, Tomahawk Park:**

**c. AIS disposal volunteer – Gagne:**

- 6. Education, Training, and sharing information with stakeholders at events held this summer:**
- a. Emails recruiting volunteers and updating all stakeholders will be handled by Chris Webb and Lea Culliton:**
  - b. Facebook – Lea Culliton has volunteered updating.**
  - c. Taste of Barnes – FOECLA or some other volunteer needed.**  
Help out at the FOECLA table or have our own table. Possibly sign up volunteers.
  - d. FOECLA Annual Meeting – Volunteer needed to man the information table.**  
Have a computer available to sign up volunteers and schedule them in volunteer time slots. The FOECLA meeting is July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at the Town Hall.
  - e. Andy Teal, Bayfield County AIS Coordinator Report:**  
The June 28<sup>th</sup> ID Day at the NGLVC is canceled.  
Andy will sign up to help with the BAISS boat in August.  
NW Lakes Conference is June 21<sup>st</sup> at Spooner High School from 8:00-3:45.

**7. Financial Reports:**

**a. Reimbursement Requests for 2023 grants:**

We have grant reimbursements of moneys not spent last year coming back to us. Also, some estimated charges were less than predicted. To cover the cost of the Sand Bar Lake chemical treatment, we plan to use moneys from our AIS fund, donations, our sinking fund account (\$24,755.41), or request money from the Town of Barnes. The DNR rejected our chemical treatment grant, however, the importance of treating the Sand Bar Lake now can be denied.

**b. YTD Expenses:**

**Grants:**

**2024 State Grants AIS: \$47,812.40**  
**2024 CBCW Grants: \$20,000**  
**2024 EDRR Grant (Headwaters): \$25,000**

**AIS Revenues**

Reimbursements	\$0
Advances	\$5,000
Donations	\$240
<b>YTD Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$5,240</b>

**AIS Expenses**

Admin-Clerk	\$346.00
Maintenance	\$0

**Projects**

CBCW	\$72.00
Tomahawk/Sand Bar	\$1,548.28
Upper/Middle EC	\$3,915.12
Lower EC	\$6,008.59 (invoices paid from 2023)
Headwaters	\$1,650.00
<b>YTD Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$13,540.49</b>

**8. Next meeting Date** for Town of Barnes AIS Committee is Monday, June 10, 2024 at 8:30 AM. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Diane Menard and seconded by Sally Pease to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.