

Prior to the meeting starting and in response to the absence of the Chairperson, Norm Wetzel was nominated to chair the meeting by voice vote following and motion by Milburn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartosz.

Norm Wetzel then called the meeting to order at 10:00am in the Lac du Flambeau Town Hall and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act and that a quorum of the committee was present.

Secretary Hoover called roll. Members present included: John Bartosz, Georgine Brown, Charlene DeWald, Roberta Gast, Celeste Hockings, Bryan Hoover, Kris LaMarche, Rob Milburn, Gretchen Watkins, and Norm Wetzel.

There were no guests present.

The Agenda was approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by Gast with second Milburn.

The Minutes of the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular TLC Meeting were approved by voice vote following a motion to approve by Brown, with a second by LaMarche.

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments.

### **ACTION TEAM REPORTS**

#### **e. Planning**

##### **i. Discussion of TLC Vacancies/Officers**

Norm presented a letter from Joan Fahning explaining that she has decided to resign from the TLC. A discussion took place regarding the need to fill the Chairperson position, but no one expressed a real interest in taking on that role. It was then unofficially decided to wait until additional TLC members had a chance to consider it and that we would discuss it at the May TLC meeting.

##### **ii. Approval to fill vacancies**

Interest had been expressed by Pat Hayes, who is currently an alternate, to fill the then current vacancy as a regular member. The committee then approved Pat Hayes to fill the regular seat vacated by Joan Fahning by voice vote following a motion by LaMarche and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartosz

Mel and Kay Hoff have also expressed interest in being listed as alternate members on the TLC. The committee then approved Mel Hoff and Kay Hoff to be listed as official alternate TLC members by voice vote following a motion by Gast with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartosz. Charlene DeWald volunteered to forward the list of new members to the Town Board for their approval.

##### **iv. Discussion of meeting/workshop/presentation locations**

Norm presented to the committee the discussion that took place at the February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Town Board Meeting related to the Agenda item to discuss the possibility of

holding a TLC workshop for forming lake associations at the Tribal Natural Resources Department Office. It was explained that the lack of policy by the Town for TLC meeting poses some difficulty for clear communication, and that a potential resolution to that, which he discussed with the Town Chairman would be to have the TLC draft a policy statement that could then be forwarded to the Town Board for their approval.

**v. Approval of an Action Team to propose an addendum to the TLC *Standing Rules***

A motion was made by Bartosz, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Milburn to establish an Action Team to draft a policy statement regarding TLC meeting/workshop/presentation locations that would be finalized at the May TLC meeting to be forwarded to the Town Board for their approval. Motion carried unanimously.

**iii. Status of the *Bear River Watershed Comprehensive Lake Management Plan***

Norm presented to the committee an update on the status of the BRWCLMP with regards to the past two Town Board meetings where the BRWCLMP was discussed on 2/4/15 and 4/1/15. Norm reported on where each of the Town Board members were at in their review of the document, as well as what was reported by the Town Clerk regarding the status of the Town attorney's review of the document. Norm also presented two Lakeland Times articles that were printed and he said gave a pretty good synopsis of what happened at the two Town Board meetings. There was significant discussion by the committee regarding the how to potentially encourage the Town Board to engage more actively with the Action Team to gain their approval to submit the document to the WDNR for their review, but no action was taken. Norm also presented a chart showing the Dollar Value of TLC Activities from 2006-2014. During the discussion of how to proceed with the current situation, Norm agreed that he would talk further with Kevin Gauthier from WDNR to try to gauge the implications of not having the plan submitted by 6/30/15 as originally proposed.

10:53am – Georgine Brown and Celeste Hockings leaves meeting, quorum lost.

**Tribal Report:** Gretchen provided a brief update on the BRWCLMP and explained that the plan had been presented to the Tribal Council, comments and feedback were received, and that they were working on an addendum to address those comments.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**a. Presentation of Expense Report for 2014**

Treasurer Wetzel presented and clarified the expense report for TLC spending from 2014 that he was given from the Town office.

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**c. Presentation of Donation Report**

Treasurer Wetzel presented a copy of the 17<sup>th</sup> page of the running volunteer list with some figures on Annual total volunteers that have engaged in TLC activities over the years.

**d. Status of Grant Report for 2014**

Treasurer Wetzel presented a copy of the current TLC grant financial report.

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**Watercraft Inspections:** There was a brief discussion related to this year's individual lake boat landing inspectors and their current statuses.

**Lake Monitoring:** It was reminded that we need to place an item on the next TLC Agenda in order to purchase a Spiny Waterflea monitoring net for Spiny Waterflea lake monitoring.

**Public Relations:** No Report.

**Purple Loosestrife:** Roberta explained that she needs a little bit of help sewing nets to get ready for the upcoming beetle raising season. Rob Milburn volunteered to have his wife help out. Roberta also explained to the committee that the annual responsibility of dealing with all the purple loosestrife is getting laborious and that she would love to train another volunteer to handle it in the coming years.

**Vilas County Partnership Report:** No Report.

**Letters and Communication:** The note of resignation from Joan Fahning was previously distributed and discussed.

Norm Wetzel presented a flyer for and explained the "Water Way Walk" that is set for May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> in LdF. Norm also presented a letter from Northwoods Nijjii Enterprise Community, Inc requesting donations to help sponsor the event.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42am by voice vote with a Motion to adjourn by Milburn with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMarche.

Minutes Submitted by Bryan Hoover, TLC Secretary.