RLA 2019 Annual Meeting

August 3, 2019
Hope Shores Bible Camp & Retreat Center

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9:00 AM  Susan Anderson, RLA President
Opening Comments/Introductions

9:05 AM  Nathan Hylla, Sauk River Watershed District Project Manager
Success in Cleaning Up Feedlot Runoff

9:20 AM  Steve Soyka, Stearns County Sheriff
Sheriff’s Office and Water Patrol

9:35 AM  Cris Skonard, NFCRWD Administrator
NFCRWD 2019 Activities

9:45 AM  Eric Anderson, RLA Treasurer
Treasurer’s Report

9:50 AM  Susan Anderson, RLA President
Mike Fish, RLA Board Member
RLA Activities, Board Elections and Acknowledgements

10:15 AM  Q & A and Meeting Wrap-up
RLA Board

- Susan Anderson, President
- Eric Anderson, Treasurer
- Tim Keane, Board Member
- Arne Tilleson, Board Member
- Mike Fish, Board Member
- Ralph Klassen, Vice President
- Deb Henry, Director of Information
- Peter Anton, Board Member
- Jean Tilleson, Board Member
Nathan Hylla
Project Management Supervisor, Stearns County SWCD

Success in Cleaning up Feedlot Runoff

About Us:
Our Mission Statement:

To enhance the soil, water, and natural resources necessary for productive and profitable agriculture; safe and affordable drinking water; and wildlife habitat for all Stearns County residents, businesses, and visitors.

The Stearns County Soil & Water Conservation (SWCD) District is a local unit of government that manages and directs natural resource management programs at the local level. The SWCD works in both urban and rural settings, with landowners and with other units of government, to carry out a program for the conservation, use, and development of soil, water, and related resources.

The SWCD has adopted the Stearns County Local Water Management Plan as our Plan of Operation.

Contact Us
Office Hours
8:00 AM - 4:30 AM
Mon - Fri

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Steve Soyka
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Sheriff’s Office/Water Patrol

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Cris Skonard
NFCRWD Administrator

NFCRWD 2019 Activities

http://www.nfcrwd.org/
# Financial Statement

## 2018 RICE LAKE ASSOCIATION
**JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019**

### CHECKBOOK BALANCE JULY 1, 2018

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### CHECKBOOK BALANCE

- **$26,108.59**

### CERT OF DEPOSIT

- **$1,024.45**

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

- **$1,525.35**

### TOTAL ASSOCIATION FUNDS

- **$28,658.39**

### Checkbook Balance 12/31/18

- **$1,631.34**
RLA Activities

❖ AIS Detection and Management

❖ Work with Other Organizations
  o North Fork Crow River Watershed District
  o Stearns County COLA
  o Stearns County AIS Committee
  o Stearns County Soil & Water
  o Other Lake Associations

❖ Communications & Events – Website, Newsletter, Facebook, Annual Meeting, Boat Parade

❖ Represent Rice Lake Property Owners’ Interests
  o Stearns County
  o Eden Lake and Paynesville Township
  o State of Minnesota – DNR, Legislators, MPCA

❖ Research Issues
AIS Detection & Mgmt

Starry Stonewort (SSW) Identification and Treatment

April 1  DNR Issues Chemical Treatment Permit - 3.36 Acres

June 24  Full Lake Survey – Blue Water Science
  o Scattered light growth of SSW at a number of sites
  o Some hand pulling – murky water & heavy weed growth

July 9   Treatment of 3.36 acres at South DNR Ramp - PLM

August 1 Post Treatment Survey – South DNR Ramp – Blue Water Science
  Sampled 191 sites. Found scattered SSW stems and branchlets at 8 locations. Too sparse to hand pull but enough to proceed with treatment

Future    Continue regular vegetation surveys, and treatment when SSW found
AIS Detection & Mgmt

Rice Lake Starry Stonewort Growth
June 24, 2019

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Starry Stonewort (SSW) Project Costs

❖ Surveys
  o Full Lake Survey - $1,900
  o Post Treatment Survey - $950

❖ Treatment – 3.36 acre
  o Chemical Treatment - $2,150
  o Hand Pulling - $950 per acre

❖ Potential cost per occurrence
  o $5,000 (Pre & post surveys, hand-pulling followed by chemical treatment)

❖ Expected cost this year - $17,000+
  o Stearns County AIS Fund - $15,000
  o RLA Cost – Any amount over $15,000
NFCRWD Coordinates AIS Inspections
  o Handles Budget
  o Contracts with Lamb Labor Services to run program

Rice Lake Inspections
  o South Ramp
    • Fishing Opener thru late Sept. – 32 hours per week
    • Additional Hours during holiday weeks
  o North Ramp
    • Fishing Opener thru late Sept. – 24 hours per week
    • Additional Hours during holiday weeks

Inspectors Collect Data on DNR iPads – final report after season is over

Total Project Budget
  o RLA Cost $7,250
  o NFCRWD Received Stearns County AIS Grant $13,150

Total $20,400
Other Annual Costs

❖ Communications & Events
  o Newsletters $1,000 - $1,200 per newsletter
  o Website $600
  o Annual Meeting $1,250

❖ Working with Other Organizations
  o Memberships $260 - $1,300
  o Shoreline Projects $500 - $2,000
    (matching SWCD grants)

❖ Insurance $900 - $1,000

❖ Meetings and Other Miscellaneous Expenses
  o Board Meetings $500 - $750
  o Office Supplies $250
  o PO Box $120

❖ Special Projects $1,500 - $2,750
  o AIS Inspectors Shed
  o Channel & Hazard Buoys
  o Signage
Expenses vs Income

❖ Expenses - Current
  o Annual $15,000 - $17,000
  o Special $12,500 - $15,000
  o Total $27,500 - $30,000

❖ Income YTD
  o Memberships $15,077 (160 members)
  o Grants $15,000
  o Total $30,000

❖ Income is barely covering expenses

❖ Expected changes in future years
  o Higher AIS Detection & Maintenance Costs
  o Lower income from grants
Filling the Income Gap

❖ Increase Membership Income:
  o Increase fees
  o Get additional members

❖ MN Statute 103D.705 Project Tax:
  o There is a pre-determined term for this project
  o Added to property tax & collected by the county
  o Approval needed from 25% of RLA Stakeholders and NFCRWD
  o Upfront costs include a $30,000 engineering study

❖ Initiative Foundation Conservancy Fund:
  o Minimum investment $20,000 to establish
  o 5% of balance available to spend each year
  o Managed by its own board of Rice lakeshore owners
  o Establishes a perpetually funded foundation for Rice Lake
  o The goal must be $200,000 in order to provide
    for expenses up to $10,000 per year

❖ Establish a Lake Improvement District (LID)
  o Must be approved by the Eden Lake Township Board or the Stearns County Board of Commissioners
  o Provides for a property tax that is determined each year by a managing board of Rice lakeshore owners
What If We Don’t
Lake Koronis – SSW Pilot Program

- Have treated a biomass of more than 200 acres
- SSW growth potential is 1,176 acres (depth of 15 feet or less)
- Chemical Algaecide, Mechanical Harvesting, Pulling with divers
- 3 years into pilot program
- 5 years cost - $750,000
- Seeking signatures to initiate 103D project & generate a $170,000 annual tax on lakeshore owners
- A $300,000 property on Koronis will be taxed $300.00

Lake Koronis Prior to Treatment Pilot
What Can You Do?

❖ Become an RLA Member, if you are not
❖ Give additional contributions with your membership
❖ Volunteer/join the RLA Board
❖ Participate in on-going Lake efforts
❖ Educate your neighbors and solicit their RLA membership
❖ Contact public officials (State & County) about the need for on-going/increased funding
❖ Get personally involved in RLA fund raising initiative and contribute to them
❖ Attend Stearns County Lake related meetings
Board Elections

❖ President – Tim Keane
❖ Vice President – Ralph Klassen
❖ Board Member – Heather Hanks
Acknowledgements
Fishing Opener Boat Check
❖ Mike Fish
❖ Deb Henry
❖ Ralph Klassen
❖ DNR AIS Inspector
❖ LAMB Labor Services AIS Inspectors

Water Quality Team
❖ Water Samples
❖ John Hanson
❖ Al Schmidtbauer
❖ Chris Lundeen, NFCRWD
❖ Secchi Disk Readings
❖ Dallas Karl
Acknowledgements

4th of July Boat Parade Judges

❖ Deb Henry
❖ Jody Crary
❖ Dani Fish
Wrap-up

Questions and Answers

Thank you for coming!

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