

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Associated Bank, Crandon  
Friday, January 17, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:33 am by President Pam Schroeder who established a quorum.

Board of Directors & Liaisons Present: Pam Schroeder, Bob Ebben, Clair Carty, Lisa Vida, Diane Smith, Pat Schultz, Mike Henderson, Lee Lamers, Vi Lamers, Derek Thorn, Jim Zach

Board of Directors & Liaisons Excused: Larry Sommer, Greg Schmitz, Kathy Babcock, Kayla Littleton, Mark Smith

Board of Directors & Liaisons Absent: Mark Orlovsky

Guest: Brian Davis

Acceptance of Agenda: Two additions were made to the agenda – the addition of Derek Thorn’s report and discussion of Wake Boat Endorsement.

Secretary’s Report: Following the reading of the minutes from November 15, 2024 by Vi Lamers a motion was made by Diane Smith, seconded by Lee Lamers to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Bob Ebben’s report states: The Income and Expenses for last year overall resulted in a deficit of \$302.36, the checkbook balance is \$999.94, the Budget Proposal for 2025 is projected to be -\$1,270.00. FCAL Net Worth is \$13,888.74. Motion to accept the report made by Claire Carty, seconded by Diane Smith. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Pat Schultz to donate \$100 to Loon Watch, seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed.

FCAL has become a member of *Visit Forest County*. They requested that we put *Visit Forest County* stickers on our fish line receptacles. These were distributed to members present so they could be put on the receptacles already distributed.

GRANT UPDATES: FCAL is the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa. The award will be presented at the Mole Lake Casino Monday, January 20, 2025.

### LIAISON REPORTS

Forest County Land and Water Conservation: Report by Kayla Littleton and read by Derek Thorn:

- Have a new technician starting end of May /beginning of June. He will have a degree in Fisheries and Water Resources.
- Hosted a local poster contest this week. Winners will advance to area contest hosted next week in Stevens Point.
- Getting caught up on nonmetallic mining ordinance, keeping up with cost share projects, and taking over all Forest County's GIS data and maintenance.
- Looking forward to summer to get assistance and start some new projects and programs with new conservation technician.
- Will be putting out information about Annual Native Plant Sale very soon. All money made on this sale goes to scholarships to send local students to the WI Land and Water Conservation Camps. It also pays for the poster contest winners.

Lumberjack: No report at this time.

WRISC: No report at this time.

FLOW/AIS: Derek Thorn report:

- Lakes and Rivers Convention March 26-28. He will be presenting on the work done on his resort owner outreach project.

-Chastin Jarlow is the new WI DR/EW Extension Regional CLMN Coordinator for the area. Chastin, Kayla and Derek will be working to plan a CLMN training in the county in May/June.

- Planning for the first yearly FLOW AIS annual meeting.

- Planning to attend the FCAL Fall Forum, to help out with FCAL Environmental Day, and any Essay Contest needs.

Introduction of Bryan Davis: Bryan has expertise in the areas of lake management, working with non-profits, and grant writing. He is volunteering his services. He learned of FCAL from Kayla Littleton.

Wake Boat Reform Coalition: Clair Carty and Jim Zach shared information about this group which supports legislation for wake boats. Motion made by Jim Zach to join this group. Seconded by Pat Schultz. Motion passed. Kathy Babcock and Clair Carty will follow up on it.

Appointment of Chairpeople for 2025:

\*Essay Contest – Kathy Babcock and Clair Carty

\*Newsletter – Vi Lamers; submit articles by April 30.

\*Kentuck Day – Greg Schmitz and Mark Smith; July 26. Motion to request two booths made by Bob Ebben, seconded by Mike Henderson. Motion passed.

\*Fall Forum – Jim Zach; August 15.

\*Environmental Day- Lee Lamers and Kayla Littleton; Date in September, TBD

\*Annual Meeting- Pam Schroeder: October 16, 17 or 18.

Next Meeting – February 21, 9:30 am at the bank. Zoom and in person.

Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 11:33 made by Vi Lamers, seconded by Diane Smith. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vi Lamers