

PCLA 3/3/25 MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting was convened by Dave Harris at 6:45 p.m, and other members attending were Gail, John.D., Mary, Ana, Lisa, Ron, Dave C., Wayne, and Chuck. Dave H. introduced Lauren Dey from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. She said that this new grant is part of the same grant program as last year but with some changes. They had to change the wake boat part of the grant because no local officials can enforce the rules. There must be enforcement at the state level. There will be a Certified Natural Shoreline Professional training at Mullett Lake this year. The grant would be used for that training and for the development of an Inland Waterway Stewardship Club Guide. The Guide would be printed and digitized. There would be QR codes posted to link to the guide

Dave H. asked about the format of the guide and how PCLA will be recognized in it. He asked if there would be a link to our association and other resources and where would QR codes be posted. He suggested they could be at boat launches and near the locks. Chuck suggested that he could advocate to the lock consortium for the posting.

Gail asked how the guide would be disseminated. Lauren responded that they could be available through government offices and local businesses and organizations. Gail asked for an estimate of the price. Lauren said that as of last month the total of the grant would be \$65,000. Ana asked for more specifics about the matching and suggested amount for each organization. Lauren said that TOM would match 30% of the total if the riparian organizations could coordinate to meet 30%. That is a total of \$19,500. If there are four organizations, that would mean a cost of \$4,875.00 for PCLA. That also figures to about \$7.00 a copy for each guide.

Mary asked about PCLA member commitment to help develop the guide. Lauren said that any help was welcomed, but none was required. Mary also asked what the guide would contain? Another member asked if there would be advertising within the guide to help pay for the cost. John D. asked if we wanted to figure a cost share of 19,500?

Dave H. asked if we wanted to support the grant and to be recognized in it. He felt that education is important. Mary asked if lake users would actually use the guide. Lisa said that her guests are always asking questions about the lakes and rivers, so the guide would be helpful. Dave H. asked if members would feel it's a good use of funds. Ana asked Wayne if he thought it would be well-received at the marina. He said yes. Gail said that people who are new to the area would be interested in the information. John D. said that businesses can get benefits, tourists learn about water resources, clubs get benefit for their causes, and that it would give positive publicity for PCLA, so overall worthwhile. Chuck says that PCLA should support the grant so we have a seat at the table and give guidance for the formulation of the guide so that we can help educate the local area and support TOM.

Dave asked for suggestions about how much we want to donate. Chuck suggested \$5000.00. John D. said that 25% is about \$4800. Ana asked where the money would come from. John said that there is \$91,000 in the unrestricted account. Wayne said tha Burt Lake is well-funded

as is Mullett Lake. Ana suggested \$3000.00 but with an option to raise the amount if the goal is not met. After others increased the amount, Dave H. suggested to close the discussion and would accept a motion for the amount of donation.

John D. said though it was hard to determine the value that the grant would hold for each organization, he moved to contribute \$4875.00 Lisa seconded, and all approved. The motion was carried for PCLA to donate \$4875.00 to TOM for the grant to fund the CNSP training at Mullett Lake and for the development of an Inland Waterway Stewardship Club Guide.

Dave H. asked if anyone wanted to be on the committee for developing the guide, and Lisa volunteered.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.