



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

November 12, 2025 – Zoom & Grand View Lodge

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Advisory Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Jay Chaney	Present	Camden Droppo	Present
Robert Eliason	Present	Kevin Egan	Present
Steve Frawley	Present	Steve Henry	Absent
Sue Friedrichs	Present	Sheila Johnston	Present
Kathy Lundberg	Present	Mike Knapp	Absent
Tim Thoele	Present	Amy Stoneking	Absent
Jim Woll	Present	Brian Turner	Absent
		Dorothy Whitmer	Absent

**GUESTS**

Melissa Barrick, Sharon Gibbons, Kevin Dens

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frawley at 8:30 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Motion by Woll, seconded by Lundberg to approve October 8, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

<b>GCOLA*</b>	<b>9-30-25</b>
Total Income (Loss)	\$209,652.81
Total Expense	\$93,044.12
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$41,670.77
Net Income (Loss)	\$158,279.46
Total Current Assets	\$685,057.42
<b>GULL CHAIN PRESERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND**</b>	<b>9-30-25</b>
Earnings	\$36,747.61
Grants to GCOLA	\$21,300.00
Expenses	\$4,061.72
Change in net Assets	\$11,385.89
Net Assets	\$417,557.52

\*The treasurer's report was set aside as subject to audit.

\*\* Assets are not reported on the GCOLA balance sheet, so information only.

**CORRESPONDENCE & DONATION REQUESTS**

- Jaycees Fishing Extravaganza – will include request for volunteers in December email blast
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Radiothon to End Child Abuse – donation request does not align with GCOLA mission

**ADVISORY UPDATES**

**Cass County** – No report

**Crow Wing County** – No report

**DNR** – No report

**USACE** – Turner via voicemail



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- The dam is in the winter drawdown and since it is currently slightly above the curve, adjustments may be made based on precipitation.

**CLEAN ICE FISHING INITIATIVE** - Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing County SWCD

- Crow Wing and Cass County submitted to the State of Minnesota a combined \$40K 3-year grant request to educate anglers about not leaving trash and waste on the ice during ice fishing and other winter activities. If approved, initial efforts will be focused on the Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza. Future help from GCOLA includes newsmagazine articles, email blast, website, and social media. Chaney will be Barrick’s GCOLA contact.

**WATERSIDE ESTATES** – Kevin Dens, Friends of Gull Lake

- FOGL requested that GCOLA establish a position on the development prior to it being submitted for approval. Dens will share a list with Woll of items for GCOLA to consider in the position statement.

**EVENTS UPDATE**

- **Crow Wing County AIS Wrap-up** – Thoele
  - Presented details on the number of inspections and hours at the Nisswa and East Gull Lake ramp. Throughout Minnesota there were 14K inspections with 14 citations.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS**

**Finance & Audit Committee** – Woll

- Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Chaney to approve the following donations. Motion carried.
- Upon further discussion about the MLR donation the Board decided to defer that decision until the December Board meeting when Whitmer is available.

Awardee	Requester	Initial 2025 Donation Request	Revised 2025 Donation Request	Comments
Brainerd YMCA (Gull Lake Sailing School)	Chaney	\$500	\$500	
Lighted Trail	Chaney	\$500	\$500	
Love Lake Dredging	Chaney		\$10,000	Already paid
MN COLA	Frawley	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Safe Wakes	Frawley	\$2,500	\$2,500	
2025 Loon Banding (shortfall)	Johnston		\$2,000	Funded by John Simons donation
Chapman (loon banding)	Johnston	\$4,000	\$3,000	
2026 Loon Banding	Johnston		\$6,000	Funded by John Simons donation
Loon Center	Johnston	\$500	\$500	
Wild & Free	Johnston	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Wildlife Rehab & Release	Johnston	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Wildlife Rehab Center	Johnston		\$1,000	
MAISRC	Thoele	\$5,000	\$5,000	
MLR	Whitmer	\$3,000	\$3,000	



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TOTAL		\$21,500	\$39,500	\$8K funded by Simons donation & \$31.5K funded by GCOLA Operating funds
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- Woll asked Committee Chairs to submit their 2026 budget numbers to Friedrichs by 11-30-25.
- Gala – TBD**
- The Board authorized Friedrichs to sign the Grand View Lodge contract for 8-9-26 and pay the deposit.
- Lake Steward Committee – Whitmer via email**
- Report provided a summary of 2025 activities, along with the rationale for 2026 budget and support for MLR.
- Wake Surfing Action Plan– Frawley**
- Presented the plan which includes legislative actions, education efforts, working with coalition members, researching related studies, and enhancing communication.
- Waterside Estates Acton Plan – Woll**
- Presented the plan which includes information gathering, position development, and position sharing/lobbying

**COMMITTEE UPDATES\***

- \*No reports due to meeting time constraints
- Governance Committee – Eliason**
- Government Relations – Frawley**
- Loon Conservancy Committee – No report**
- Membership Committee – TBD**
  - Total: 1018 New: 45
- Nominating Committee – Woll**
- Safety & Recreation Committee – Chaney**
- AIS Committee – Thoele**
- Communications Committee – Lundberg**
- Environmental Committee – Eliason**
- Executive Committee – Frawley**
- Fisheries Committee – TBD**

**TO DO LIST**

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
Chaney	Submit 2026 budget to Friedrichs	11-30-25	New
Egan	Update By-Laws to include Committee Chair terms and bring them to Board for a vote.	7-9-25	Open
Eliason	Submit 2026 budget to Friedrichs	11-30-25	New
Frawley	Submit 2026 budget to Friedrichs	11-30-25	New
Friedrichs	Setup Executive Committee meeting to approve land development position statement	11-13-25	New
Johnston	Submit 2026 budget to Friedrichs	11-30-25	New
Lundberg	Create calendar for monthly email updates	11-12-25	Open
Lundberg	Add request for Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza volunteers to December email blast	12-3-25	New
Lundberg	Include the land development position statement in the December email blast	12-3-25	New
Thoele	Present 2026 AIS plan at Board meeting	11-12-25	New
Thoele	Submit 2026 budget to Friedrichs	11-30-25	New



<b>Woll</b>	Prepare preliminary land development position statement with the Waterside sub-committee and submit to GCOLA Executive Committee for approval	11-23-25	New
<b>Woll</b>	Ask Whitmer to attend December Board meeting to discuss MLR donation	11-30-25	New
<b>Frawley</b>	Coordinate Zoom meeting with Upper Gull residents regarding safe wake options	11-12-25	Complete
<b>Frawley</b>	Present 2026 wake study plan at Board meeting	11-12-25	Complete
<b>Friedrichs</b>	Send Committee Chairs and email to review Charter/Goals/Budget and send to Sue by 11-7-25	10-15-25	Complete
<b>Lundberg</b>	Waterside Estates update email sent out	11-1-25	Complete
<b>Thoele</b>	Create plan with Premier Harvesting to improve AIS detection skills.	10-8-25	Complete
<b>Woll</b>	Add Chaney to the Waterside Estates sub-committee	10-15-25	Complete
<b>Woll</b>	Present 2026 land development plan at Board meeting	11-12-25	Complete

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Woll to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.