



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

February 11, 2026 – Zoom

ATTENDANCE

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

GUESTS

Jeremy Wiczek

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Frawley at 8:31 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Lundberg, seconded by Chaney to approve the December 10, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

GCOLA*	12-31-25
Total Income (Loss)	\$222,712.81
Total Expense	\$155,069.87
Net Other Income (Expense)	\$50,280.37
Net Income (Loss)	\$117,923.31
Total Current Assets	\$641,701.27
GULL CHAIN PRESERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND**	12-31-25
Earnings	\$42,844.55
Donations	\$200.00
Grants to GCOLA	\$21,300.00
Expenses	\$4,061.72
Change in net Assets	\$17,682.83
Net Assets	\$423,854.46

*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

- None

ADVISORY UPDATES

Cass County – Henry

- Spiny water flea is showing up more so more focus on it in 2026 and currently working on the starry stonewort plan.

Crow Wing County – Stoneking



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- 2026 starry stonewort plan has been sent out. County will start inspections Memorial Day weekend instead of fishing opener so Thoele will work with Stoneking for GCOLA to pay for inspections between those May weekends.

DNR - Droppo

- Knapp is hosting the Gull Lake Avid Anglers event on 2-26-26 and Frawley and Woll are attending.
- DNR has created a committee to review the impact of any weed control (including AIS) before a permit is approved.

USACE – Turner

- No report

EVENTS UPDATE

- None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS

Nominating Committee – Woll

- Jeremy Wiczek attended the Board meeting as part of the Board member vetting process. Woll reviewed the nomination process along with Wiczek's background.

Finance & Audit Committee – Woll

- Motion by Frawley, seconded by Thoele to approve the 2026 budget of \$201,000 total income, \$198,980 total expenses and \$16,700 net income. Note, no amounts were budgeted for realized or unrealized gains/loses in the BLACF portfolio. Motion carried.
- Motion by Eliason, seconded by Frawley to transfer \$14,056.67 from operating checking to AIS Savings as they are AIS donations made by members. Motion carried.

Communications Committee – Lundberg

- Reviewed the ad guidelines to be sent to potential advertisers and asked for input. Chaney contacted 2025 advertisers who might have questions regarding the guidelines, and all were very understanding of GCOLA's needs to have ads that are consistent with our mission. Going forward, the Communications Chair will be responsible for approving the ads and placement within the newsmagazine.

Land Development Committee – Lundberg

- Note: Woll did not participate in this discussion as he is on the Cass County Planning Commission.
- Lundberg will collect Friends of Gull Lake (FOGL) response to Waterside Estate's development plan, and then will coordinate Executive Board meeting (all Board members will be invited) to prepare GCOLA's response to Cass County.

COMMITTEE UPDATES*

Executive Committee – Frawley

- No report

Government Relations Committee – Frawley

- Attended the DNR Roundtable which included lake associations and government/DNR employees as attendees. Major topics included Whitmer's Lake Steward presentation, SAFL phase 2 results and phase 3 plans, and lack of future state funding for AIS.

Wake Safety Committee – Frawley

- No report

Lake Steward Committee – Whitmer

- No report



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Loon Conservancy Committee – Johnston

- No report

Safety & Recreation Committee – Chaney

- Life jackets have been ordered but waiting for the Sheriff to set the dates and taking inventory of buoys needs for this year.

AIS Committee – Thoele

- Requested permits for additional curly leaf pondweed locations but not always viewed as invasive so more discussion at a future Board meeting.

Environmental Committee – Eliason

- No report

Fisheries Committee – TBD

- No report

Governance Committee – Eliason

- No report

Gala Committee– Harrier

- Theme will be wake safety education and will be on August 9 at Grand View Lodge. Frawley, Lundberg, and Wiczek volunteered to be on the committee.

Membership Committee – TBD

- Total: 1054 New: 69

TO DO LIST

Accountable	Description	Deadline	Status
Egan	Update By-Laws to include Committee Chair terms and bring them to Board for a vote.	7-9-25	Open
Frawley	Meeting with Jeremy Wiczek	3-11-26	New
Friedrichs	Contact Margaret Newhouse at 612-209-7629 with Christmas Lake Association, regarding PayHOA.com	2-11-26	New
Friedrichs	Transfer \$14,056.67 from checking to AIS Savings	3-11-26	New
Lundberg	Prepare response to Waterside Estates development plan to be presented to Cass County.	3-11-26	New
Thoele	Present 2026 AIS plan at Board meeting	3-11-26	Open
Thoele	Invite PLM and government AIS representatives to Board meeting to discuss if we should treat curly leaf pondweed.	3-11-26	New
Chaney	Send information to Board regarding potential Board member	1-14-26	Complete
Friedrichs	Purchase 4-\$25 Amazon gift cards & send to list of inspectors on list provided by Thoele	12-31-25	Complete
Friedrichs	Set up Harrier and Frawley as Zoom administrators so that they can host meeting.	12-31-25	Complete
Friedrichs	Add land development position statement to the website.	12-31-25	Complete
Johnston	Advertising criteria recommendation to align with mission	2-11-26	Complete
Lundberg	Include the land development position statement in the January email blast	1-6-26	Complete

CALENDAR REVIEW

- No meeting in January

ADJOURN

Motion by Eliason, seconded by Lundberg to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. Minutes recorded by Sue Friedrichs.