

RCCCLA Board Summer Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2024
Rabbit Lake Town Hall

Attendees: Mike Stagman, Chris Emerson, Melissa Stagman, Rad Royer, Jon Williams, Ejie Hanson, Jay Hanson, Karen Albers, Bob Stokes. Absent: Nancy Erickson, Rick West, John Wittnebel, Scott Haas, Steve Earhart, Tom Hintz

1. Call to order 11:06am (Rad)
2. Approval of last minutes from April 2024 meeting (Melissa) – motion/second/approved
3. Treasurer Report (Jon Williams)
 - a. ~140 members
 - b. Bank balance \$10,409.07, AIS \$20,009.14

Old Business

1. Bridge Update (Chris) – Speakers: John Siiter (LHB design team), Daria Graupman (project manager), Wayne Dosh (Crow Wing County)
 - a. Estimated cost \$2 million to replace bridge and improve existing bridge, must comply with environmental regulations & budget
 - b. Schedule – final design (now thru 2025), permitting & right of way acquisition (2025), construction starting after Memorial Day 2026. Close road, implement detour (5/26/26). Will be times during construction where they will allow travel. Mostly complete by Labor Day, overall done 9/30/26.
 - c. New bridge – Will be 12 ft wider. No dredging (10.5 ft deep currently). Will be 1.5 ft higher. Will have 12 ft lanes and 6 ft shoulders on road. Will limit access to landing (4 weeks impassible). We will want to have boats in water by Memorial Day weekend. County will have updates on their webpage.
<https://www.crowwing.gov/150/Future-Projects>
2. Fishery (John) – last survey done in July 2021, done every 6 yrs. We will have to adapt to AIS effect on fishery. At access, all posts are rotten and need repair. Will see if we can raise the no-wake sign in canal & grade boat landing.
3. Lake water level (Karen) - We're up 1' from last year. Depths posted on DNR website.
4. Beavers (Tom Hintz)- trapped 7 this year
5. Apparel (Karen) – newsletter has 10% discount at Curio in Deerwood. Red Threads is working on a logo. When done you can order custom apparel.
6. AIS (Rad) – we monitor for Starry Stonewort at the landing.

New Business

1. Loon count (Backlins) – 20 adults, 7 chicks. East bowl = 12 adults, 2 chicks. West bowl = 8 adults, 5 chicks. Report goes to DNR.
2. Board Ballot for 2024-2025– motion/second/approved
 - a) President – Rad Royer (two year term on 2nd half)
 - b) Vice President - open
 - c) Secretary - John Williams (one year term)
 - d) Treasurer – Melissa Stagman (one year term)
3. Board Ballot of Officers for 2024-2026– motion/second/approved
 - a) Karen Albers
 - b) Steve Earhart
 - c) Nancy Erickson
 - d) Scott Haas
 - e) Tom Hintz
 - f) Mike Stagman
 - g) Jon Wittnebel

Closing

Adjourn at 11:50am

Future Events

1. Winter newsletter deadline December 1st
2. Roadside clean-up October 5th at 10am at Clinker boat landing
3. October 5th at Cuyuna Brewery at 6pm
4. December 7th at Trailside Tavern (with pickleball) at 5pm
5. RCCCLA winter social January 25, 2025
6. Spring board meeting April 26, 2025

Tabled Items

1. Replacing of buoys
2. Discuss changing annual meeting date for Emily Days (2025)

BRIDGE 18506 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Description: Grading and bridge replacement project

Project Funding: Bridge Bond Funds and State Aid Highway Funds

Project Number: SAP 018-631-007

Estimated Cost: \$2 Million

PROJECT TEAM

Project Owner: Crow Wing County

Project Manager: Daria Graupman
218-824-1110 Daria.Graupman@crowwing.gov

Project Engineer: Rob Hall
218-824-1110 Rob.Hall@crowwing.gov

Project Oversight: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Design Consultant: LHB, Inc. – Grading and Bridge
Braun Intertec – Geotech

Project Stakeholders: Residents
Public Users
Lake Association
City of Cuyuna
Rabbit Lake Township
Wolford Township

PROJECT GOALS

- Replace a deteriorated bridge that has lived its useful life with a new structure.
- Construct a bridge that meets current design standards for geometrics and strength and matches the existing CSAH 31 corridor with 12-foot lanes and 6-foot shoulders.
- Balance local residence desires of a larger waterway opening while being environmentally sensitive and minimize impact.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Final Design: 2024 – 2025
Permitting: 2025
Right-of-Way Acquisition: September – December 2025
Project Letting: March 2026
Memorial Day: May 25, 2026
Close Road/Implement Detour: May 26, 2026
Remove Old Bridge: End May 2026
New Bridge Construction: June – September 2026
Boat Restrictions Through Narrows: Periodically; dependent on MnDNR Permitting
Labor Day: September 7, 2026
Approach Panels & Approach Paving: September 2026
Project Complete: September 30, 2026

SPECIFIC PROJECT INFORMATION

Old Bridge Information		New Bridge Information
Bridge Number:	18506	18xxx
Bridge Type:	Steel Beam Span	Cast-in-Place Conc. Cont. Slab Span
Length:	22 feet	97 feet – 8 inches
Number of Spans:	1	3
Deck Width:	33 feet	39 feet
Year Built:	1974	2026
Key Facts:	Bridge superstructure is in poor condition due to the advanced corrosion and section loss of the steel beams.	Low member raised 1 foot – 6 inches. Navigable span increased from 20-feet clear to over 33-feet clear.

New Roadway Information

Road Classification:	Urban, bituminous
Design Speed:	55 mph
Project Length:	600 feet
Road Width:	36 feet