

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CITY OF LAKE SHORE
CITY HALL
JANUARY 22, 2015
10:00 AM**

Ron called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ron Faust, Rosemary Goff, Arla Johnson and Council Liaison Doug Miller were present. Robert Eliason, Kevin Egan and Melinda Re were absent.

This is the last official meeting for Ron Faust; he has been on the Committee for 6 years. He can remain involved on the committee until he is replaced. He can also be an alternate committee member. Melinda Re has also served for 6 years.

There was discussion of the previous minutes regarding the 'Alternative's to Riprap for Lake Shore Erosion Control'; Ron said that they formalized the position paper about riprap and shoreline restoration. GCOLA approved the paper and will include it in their next newsletter. They will also have the document available at city hall.

Ron said they have been doing the shoreline projects in conjunction with Heather Baird from the DNR for 4 or 5 years. For the last two years there was a grant that the DNR funded for \$20,000. To cut paperwork, Ron worked with Heather and to inspect the project request to get them lined up. If it is approval in advance Heather tells them which native species they should use. They then request payment up to \$5,000 with the recipient paying half and the balance which is paid by the grant. The grant is from the DNR; however, everything is run through GCOLA. In the past two years there have been a total of 17 projects completed; this has been very successful in protecting the shorelines with a natural buffer. He said seven of the projects were in Lake Shore last year and four the year before that.

The DNR will not have any grant money available in 2015; although Heather told Ron they will probably continue the project in 2016. Ron said they would like to keep the progress going in Lake Shore. He proposed using up to \$10,000 from the Environmental Capital Fund to keep the project alive for 2015.

MOTION BY ROSEMARY GOFF TO PROPOSE TO THE LAKE SHORE CITY COUNCIL TO USE \$10,000 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAPITAL FUND TO WORK WITH GCOLA TO CONTINUE THE GRANT PROGRAM IN LAKE SHORE RESIDENTS FOR SHORELINE HABITAT RESTORATION. ARLA JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED.

The committee had some discussion about the curly leaf pond weed in the chain of lakes. Lake Margaret will not be treated this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Transcribed by Patti McDonald
Lake Shore City Clerk