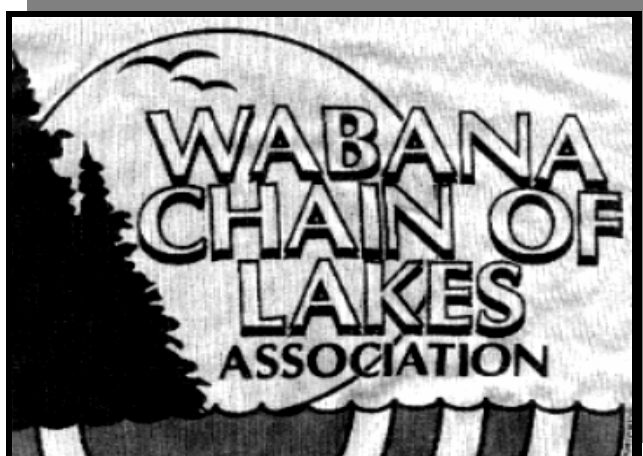


# The Chain Letter

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Dedicated to the care and preservation of our lakes, for the enjoyment and safety of all.

## September 2005

*Where did summer go, so soon?  
No problem, Autumn is our most  
beautiful season.*

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We are still looking to get someone from Little Trout.

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### FROM PRESIDENT CHAMBERS:

Recently I was asked a question, "what our association was all about". I answered that there are many reasons to belong to our lake association. It's great to be able to be in on the decision making for our lakes. Having a voice is so important. I believe most people who use our lakes want to see them stay healthy for the next generations. Our organization along with Minnesota lakes association and the Itasca county lakes association, which we are members of both, all feel the same way. Educate and practice the best ways to maintain our clean and non polluted waters. Also our group is a great way to meet and greet your neighbors. I hope you will all join us at our next meeting. September 17th.

*Dick*

### TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR 9/17:

1. Call to order with introductions of members
2. Secretary's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Proposed agenda- additions or corrections and acceptance. Vote agenda

Agenda:

1. Update on by-laws committee
2. Update on other committees- lake management
3. Short discussion on hwy cleanup, signs(Bill Berg). New shirts(Bud Sage)
4. Township zoning issues (Steve Bryant)
5. ICOLA'S President (David Lick) update on County Ordinance issues.
6. Discuss some assistance for our Secretary.
7. Thanks to all our volunteers for helping in 2005.
8. Close meeting for 2005

## MINUTES, AUGUST 20, 2005 MEETING

### Wabana Chain of Lakes Association

**Program.** Susan Hawkinson of the WCOLA program committee introduced Representatives of Lake Country Power, Rick Lemonds and Carter Peterson. Rick Lemonds gave an informative presentation about the electricity and wind power generated by Great River Energy, which is sold to residents of the WCOLA area. For more information contact Lake Country Power at 800-421-9959 or [www.lakecountrypower.coop](http://www.lakecountrypower.coop).

**Business Meeting.** President Dick Chambers called the meeting to order with 31 in attendance.

**Minutes** of the meeting of July 16, 2005 were approved as written in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's report,** read by Cathy Rudolph were approved.

**Total as of 7-16-05** **\$7,751.59**

Received:

Dues	\$ 420.00
Contributions	\$ 20.00
Cups	\$ 25.50
T-Shirts	\$ 20.00

**Total Received** **\$ 485.50**

**Paid Out:**

Lilac Bush	\$ 27.68
Food for Picnic	\$ 107.80
Paper Supplies for Picnic	\$ 72.54
Stamps	\$ 125.80
Water Testing	\$ 510.00
Printing of Newsletter	\$ 277.25
Printing Song Sheets for Picnic	\$ 13.31

**Total Paid Out:** **\$1,134.38**

**Total as of 8-20-05** **\$7,102.71**

**Total Paid Households:** **87**

**Minnesota Lake Association.** David Lick asked if the annual dues to the MLA have been paid yet. Cathy Rudolph reported it was in progress.

**Agenda.** President Dick Chambers introduced the new agenda format, which was printed in the July 2005 newsletter. The agenda was reviewed and four additions under new business were added. The agenda, with the four additions, was approved.

### Unfinished Business:

**New WCOLA Logo.** Bud Sage displayed the new logo on denim shirts; with other apparel items should be available before the Christmas holiday season. The picture of the logo and ordering information will appear in the WCOLA newsletter and web site.

**By-Laws Committee and voting.** Bill Downing a member of the WCOLA By-Laws Committee introduced the by laws to be adopted as a phase one process of full review and correction.<sup>1</sup> Cards were distributed so those in attendance could write other changes they would like to propose. Bill led a group process full review of the existing by laws, with the current recommendations for change from the committee. To amend the existing document written changes need to be sent to Bill Downing. Amendments must be received by the membership via the newsletter as a two-week notice.

A motion was made to approve the by laws with the changes recommended by the committee for membership voting with the elimination of: Article II, Section 5, Article X, Section 8 and Article XII. The motion was approved. The bylaws committee consisting of Sherri Miner, Mary Uradnik, Roger Linder and Bill Downing will continue the process and present the approved version as well as proposed changes.

**Highway Clean-up.** Bill Ruthford and Bud Sage presented information and maps about the WCOLA members participating in a Wabana Township Adopt -A-Highway program, though Itasca County. Dick Chambers reviewed the maps and designated areas. The volunteers will be coordinated through WCOLA in the spring and fall. Ted Voneida offered to write an article for the newsletter and local newspapers.

**WCOLA Advisory Board.** President Dick Chambers announced the advisory board is looking for a representative of the Little Trout Lake area. Anyone interested contact Dick Chambers or other advisory members as listed on the front of each newsletter.

<sup>1</sup> Please see page 5 for a report from the By-Laws Committee.

**Election of WCOLA Secretary and Treasurer.** President Chambers called for nominations. A motion was made to nominate Susan Lick, Secretary. Motion approved.

A motion was made to nominate Jean Koewler, Treasurer. Motion approved. President Chambers thanked Cathy Rudolph for her service as past treasurer and Barbara Zimmer for substitute recording secretary.

**Itasca County Coalition of Lake Associations {ICOLA}.** President Dick chambers announced that David Lick was nominated president of ICOLA. David Lick reported:

An educational workshop on Lakeshore Restoration will be held the end of September. The project may assist individuals who attend the workshops with reimbursement of costs for restoring shorelines. For more information contact Art Norton at Itasca County Soil and Water Department.<sup>2</sup>

A summary of a debate described in The Grand Rapids Review about a residence in Cohasset on Lake Pokegama, concerning development regulations.

Two Itasca County Commissioner positions will be up for election this year.

**WCOLA lakeshore signs.** Bill Berg reported he has been in contact with Juan Lazo and they are still working on the design and production proposal of lakeshore signs.

**Joyce Estate.** More vandalism was the report by Bill Berg. The south gate on the Bluewater side was removed so violating ATV's could let themselves in. Bill has worked on barriers at both the north and south gates.

**Wabana Chain of Lakes public campsites.** Members reported misuse of public campsites on Trout Lake and Wabana Lake. Currently the Department of Natural Resources takes care of the sites on a limited basis. WCOLA members were asked to be aware of these sites and report any violations to the DNR or Itasca County Sheriff's Department.

**Wabana Township planning and zoning.** Steve Bryant reported there would be a meeting with the township planning and zoning committee and town-

ship officials on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Steve offered to write up a report for the upcoming WCOLA newsletter.<sup>3</sup>

**WCOLA Newsletter.** Bill Downing, editor announced the deadline to submit articles, pictures, announcements and reports is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Next Meeting.** Bill Berg of the program committee announced that at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the presentation would be on the History of Bluewater Lake area back to the 1930's.

**Meeting Adjourned.** A motion was made and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Lick

#### **FROM STEVE BRYANT, ON ZONING**

Dear Mr. Editor,

The committee appointed by the Wabana Township Supervisors met on August 25th to review and discuss all the information we have received regarding Wabana Township taking over from Itasca County all planning and zoning responsibilities. We had requested a representative from the Minnesota Township Association to participate in the meeting but they were unable to attend. The MTA is the most likely resource to facilitate this process if the township decides to move forward with this effort.

We also requested and received an opinion from an attorney regarding the current status of planning and zoning currently administered by the township. The attorney commended the proactive action taken by the township to pass an ordinance that is more restrictive than Itasca County. The attorney did express concern for the township totally taken over all planning and zoning and encourage a joint powers agreement with the county.

The committee is planning to meet again on September 15th, to start creating a document of facts and questions regarding the issue that can be used to further inform and encourage participation within the community. Hopefully we will be able to schedule a public meeting in October and make a recommendation to the Township Supervisors soon after.

Steve Bryant

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<sup>2</sup> Please see Shoreland Re-vegetation on page 6.

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<sup>3</sup> Please see Steve Bryant's letter, page 3.

## PAID MEMBERS 2005-06

The following are the paid members of WCOLA for the year 2005-06. Of course there are errors, and there are the people who just forgot, and there is still time for adjustment. Corrections can be sent to our new Treasurer, who says "Please accept our apologies for errors in the above lists." Instead of that, we say "Thank you, Jean, for keeping such great lists, and making mailing labels from them, month after month!"

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If you are one who forgot, please send the \$20 dues to the same address. We will publish the added names in the Winter edition of *The Chain Letter*.

John and Cheryl Adams – Little Wabana  
Pat Adams – Bluewater  
Craig and Cindy Bender – Wabana  
Anne E. Benson – Bluewater  
Wm. and Helene Berg – Trout  
Joan Birkemeyer – Wabana  
Steven and Caroline Bischoff – Wabana  
Bud and Agnes Blackmore – Wabana  
William and Jeannette Booth – Wabana  
Reginald and Susan Boyle – Little Trout  
Steven and Lynette Bryant – Bluewater  
Chris and Nancy Bunge – Wabana  
Ted and Gail Bunge – Wabana  
Dan and Jeanne Burke – Wabana  
Gary and Carol Burkholder – Wabana  
Libby and Dennis Capps – Wabana  
Richard and Patricia Chambers – Wabana  
Warren and Kay Chapman – Wabana  
John F., Dennis, and Kathi Chervinko – Trout  
Libby and George Colburn – Wabana  
Martin Coughlin – Wabana

Stanley and Mary Lee Craig – Wabana  
Dennis and Janice Davis – Wabana  
Edward and Helen Dettmer – Pickerel  
Fred and Kathy Doty – Wabana  
William and Betsy Downing – Wabana  
James and Virginia Edwards – Wabana  
Bernadette Eich – Wabana  
Nancy Ellsworth – Bluewater  
Ted Ellsworth – Bluewater  
Eric and Jan Fredbeck – Wabana  
Phil and Deborah Gelbach – Wabana  
Tom and Barb Gleason – Wabana  
Jim and Marcia Gowling – Wabana  
Ann Green – Wabana  
Barbara Haanpaa – Wabana  
Robert and Bonnie Halver – Wabana  
Susan Hawkinson – Doan  
Walt and Kim Hoffman – Wabana  
Ronald and Beatrice Houwman – Wabana  
Louis and Barbara Ireton – Trout  
Dave Johnson – Wabana  
Donald and Roxanne Kain  
George and Mary Lou Klacan – Bluewater  
Dennis and Jean Koewler – Wabana  
Dara Wolf LaForce-Skelton – Trout  
Steven and Chick Laitman – Wabana  
Adam Lane – Wabana  
William and Pat Langenbrunner – Wabana  
Juan and Christina Lazo – Wabana  
David and Susan Lick – Wabana  
Roger and Nancy Linder – Wabana  
William H. and Kathryn J. Linder – Bluewater  
Jim and Pat Maijala – Bluewater  
Mark and Kathy McCullough – Wabana  
Steven and Pat Mead – Bluewater  
Arthur and Margaret Merrill/Morris – Wabana  
Mark Miner – Wabana  
Sherry Miner – Wabana  
Connie Myers – Bluewater  
W. H. and Arletta Myers – Bluewater  
Susan A. Cutler and Terry Novak – Wabana  
David and Judy Nybakken – Bluewater  
Paul and Barb Oberg – Wabana  
Jim and Gail Olijnek – Wabana  
Kay Owen – Wabana  
Stan and Jean Polpovich – Wabana  
Tom and Mary Lou Prouty – Wabana  
Stella Quaday – Wabana  
Terry Robinson – Bluewater

Catherine Rudolph – Wabana  
Bob Sage – Bluewater  
Brenda Boss and David Sage – Bluewater  
L. W. "Bud" and Mary Lou Sage – Bluewater  
Stuart W. and Tanya Sage – Bluewater  
Rich Brasch and Carole Schmidt – Wabana  
Fred and Joan Schnitzler – Little Hanson  
William and Sally Schwartz  
Mark and Amy Sherer – Wabana  
Wayne and Elizabeth Sherer – Wabana  
David and Beverly Sigfrinius – Wabana  
Sylvia Sights – Wabana  
Gordon Slabaugh – Bluewater  
Scott and Jan Stein – Wabana  
Joe and Martha Stevens – Bluewater  
Philip and Karen Strege  
Sylvia Troumbly – Little Wabana  
Harold and Betty Unger – Trout  
John and Mary Uradnik – Wabana  
Mrs. Susan Vincent – Wabana  
Ted and Swanee Voneida – Bluewater  
Pamela Wassberg Whittenbury – Little Trout  
Merrill and Marlene Widmark – Wabana  
George and Dolores Wilbert – Wabana  
Sally and George Wilbur – Wabana  
Michael and Barbara Wilkus – Bluewater  
Gib and Kathleen Willson – Wabana  
Gig and Kristen Willson – Wabana  
William T. and Donna M. Wolf, Jr. – Trout  
David and Karen Wooden – Bluewater  
Susannah Zimmer – Wabana  
Ken and Barbara Zimmer, Jr. – Wabana  
James and Marie Zimmerman – Trout  
John and Charlotte Zimmerman – Trout  
Mark and Alexandra Zimmerman  
John and Alida Zimmerman, Jr. – Trout  
Mike and Brenda ZumMallen – Little Trout

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The actions that were taken by the membership on August 20 helped the Committee a great deal, by amending the "constitution" by which we govern ourselves. This action gives us a firm basis for proposing other, more substantive amendments, in order to bring the By-Laws into harmony with our present actions. The Committee plans to labor by email and in person, during the autumn and winter, to formulate amendments to propose to the membership next year, for discussion and voting, to see what direction the members want to take.

The 3x5 cards written by members as we went through the By-Laws gave excellent suggestions to the Committee on directions we might go. Other points were brought up in discussions after the meeting and during the weeks that followed. Everybody is desirous of getting the best By-Laws possible! All suggestions have been written and included in the current copies of the By-Laws from which the Committee members are working.

The following is a partial list of matters that have been identified as needing to be addressed.

1. Membership, especially as it pertains to voting. What constitutes a membership, especially for voting? A dues-paying household, or separate members of that household? Should some votes be restricted to only members who own property on or near the lakes of the area? Who decides, and when does it happen, if it does? (Article I, Section 1 and Article III, Section 5)
2. Dues. As now stated, changing amount of dues is impossible. New statement needed? (Article I, Section 2)
3. Officers. Elect President and Secretary one year, Vice President and Treasurer the other, in alternate years? (Article II Section 1).
4. Advisory Committee. Should it be appointed, as some suggest, or continue to be elected? If appointed, should it continue to have the management and government of the association vested in it (with exceptions)? (Article II Section 2)
5. Nominating Committee. Is one necessary? If so, when should it function? When, in relationship to the Annual Meeting, should officers be elected? Should they take over office at the beginning of the fiscal year? (Article II Section 4)
6. Annual Meeting. Clarify date of Annual Meeting. Annual election in June, if fiscal year ends June 30? (Article III Section 1)
7. Mail-in voting. Adoption of this method for some measures? (Article III Section 1)

8. Notice of meetings. Does notification of meeting dates at the beginning of the summer constitute two weeks' notice? Is newsletter reminder sufficient beyond that? (Article III Section 2)
9. Voting and Quorum. All voting matters should be collected into one section, rather than scattered in various articles and sections. If we want to mention "quorum" at all, it should be carefully defined so business can be conducted. (Article III Section 5, not voted on 8/20/05)
10. Secretary and Treasurer. Duties and functions need clearer definition? (Article IV Sections 3 and 4)
11. Purposes of the Association needs clearer definition, and rewriting to include the Management Plan. (Article X)
12. Non-profit Association. This must be clear. It is critical that we apply for 501 (C) (3) designation from the IRS. With such a designation, we can: permit members to deduct contributions from their taxes, and we can apply for Foundation funding. (Article XI)
13. Amendment of By-Laws. Under the present rules, amendment is next to impossible, so better rules need writing. (Article XII, not voted on 8/20/05)  
[None of the following are mentioned in the present By-Laws.]
14. Meetings. How often Association has regular meetings, what happens at them, notice of meetings, special meetings.
15. Committees. We need a listing and description of Standing Committees, chair, memberships, reporting duties. Mention of ad hoc committees.
16. Newsletter. We need to state that the Association will publish a newsletter, purposes mentioned, editorship.
17. Web Site. We need to state that the Association will maintain a web site under the domain name wcola.org
18. Umbrella organizations. To pay dues, we need to state that the Association will belong to and pay dues to organizations with the same objectives as ours.

*More changes? If you couldn't attend the 8/20/05 meeting when members sent cards to the Committee with suggestions for improving the By-Laws, please contact Mary Uradnik, Sherry Miner, Roger Linder, or me, Bill Downing. I would be delighted to get emails or letters with your ideas. Use the email address on the masthead, or the Falcon Heights snail mail address. Every member should have a voice in this important matter.*

## BILL BERG ON LOONS

*A couple of weeks ago, Betsy Downing became disturbed by the lack of loons, or even their calls, on Wabana, and left a phone message for our expert, Bill Berg, asking for information about them. Bill was away, but when he came back, he sent Betsy the following by email:*

Loons usually call to announce their "ownership" of their territory, and to warn of danger to their chicks. Once summer nears an end, there is no ownership to declare, and loons begin flocking to feed and fatten up and molt new feathers for the trip south. So, there is little calling on the water. But now, towards evening, loons fly and are quite noisy in the air. Soon, enormous flocks of migrant loons will gather on Trout and parts of Wabana, where they will gorge on the oily ciscoe fish and rapidly fatten and grow new feathers. In this process, for a while they lose all resemblance to loons as we know them, but before they migrate south, they will again look "normal."

The adult pair in the south part of Trout again raised large twins, and recently survived two jet skis racing around the island in the south end by diving before each jet ski came. Soon, their parents will fly south, and leave the youngsters to make the trip alone (which most do successfully).

Early each autumn, I receive a few calls about the "weird looking" loons on local lakes. Some think the loons are sick; some think they are all juveniles, while others think they are a different species. All are wrong! The loons are all adults in the process of molting their new plumage for the flight south. Because this demands considerable energy, local (and some migrating) loons congregate on larger lakes with high Cisco populations. The Cisco is an oily fish and by gorging on them, the loons will molt a new black and white flight suit in about 3 weeks. While in this gorging mode, the loons raft in groups up to 60-70, and coo or hoot continuously while diving and feeding. Although some large groups form on Wabana, they are more common on Trout. The common "call of the loon" sound is rare during the molt, but the last loons staying right up to freeze-up will again be calling. For those of us who stay north, the call of the loon while the ground is covered with snow is a warning that real winter is near.

Bill (and Terry) Berg

## SHORELAND RE-VEGETATION

**From Art Norton, Itasca SWCD, via David Lick, ICOLA President. Included at their urgent request.**

**Assistance for Itasca County Shoreland Owners**  
To Participate, you should attend the **September 30 design workshop!!**

Would you like to help maintain the water quality and fish habitat of your lake, and get technical and financial assistance to do it?

As many of the lakes and rivers in Itasca County become more and more developed, it is important to maintain native vegetative buffers along the shoreline. These vegetative buffers protect water quality and fish habitat by reducing sedimentation and runoff of pollutants into the water. They also help reduce the amount of shoreline lost to wave action erosion.

The Itasca County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the University of Minnesota Extension Service are offering a shoreland re-vegetation course this September 30th. The course is available to all river or lake frontage landowners in Itasca County. It will be held at the Regional Extension Service office (Highway 169 north) from 8:30am to 4pm. The class will guide shoreland owners step-by-step through the shoreland design and planting process. Participants will gain hands-on experience in designing a shoreland re-vegetation project for their property. The cost of the class is \$25, which includes educational materials, lunch and refreshments.

There will then be a follow-up class during May of 2006, specifically regarding planting, and a third during August of 2006 on the maintenance of native plantings. **Landowners who install a shoreland re-vegetation project are eligible to receive cost share assistance for plants and materials, and will also receive a plaque in recognition of their efforts. Landowners who maintain their projects will also be eligible for an additional incentive payment for the first two years.**

Funding for the courses cost sharing and incentive payment have been provided by the Itasca County Environmental Trust Fund and a local water management grant from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. If you have additional questions, or would like to register for the September 30th 2005 class, contact the Itasca SWCD office at 218-326-0017 or 1889 E. Hwy 2-Grand Rapids.

## LAKE ACTION NEEDED HERE & NOW

*Catherine McLynn is our County Commissioner, and she has been championing clean water, healthy lakes and responsible use of natural resources against tremendous opposition. She very much needs our active support. She asks that we publish the following to our Association and Township, urging us to actively support her efforts in our behalf. She wrote the following:*

Suggested action re: Lakes

I sent the following to those on my list, but would like to be sure all ICOLA contacts see it. I did send a copy to the County Commissioners, Planning Commission members and Environmental Services staff in the spirit of open communications.

Catherine

Dear Friends:

Please consider the following suggestions:

**Send a short note to all five commissioners** in support of any of the recent Board actions and encourage more positive action.

### 1. THANK THE ITASCA COUNTY BOARD for:

a. **Authorizing the hiring of an additional Environmental Services staff person to conduct follow up inspections to ensure compliance.**

b. **Board action Feb. 8 in support of IDC Jobs 2020 Lakes Management Action Team whose NUMBER ONE GOAL IS EDUCATING THE DECISION-MAKERS** including commissioners, planning commission members and every lakeshore owner as to the impact their decisions have on the quality of our water resources. Other goals include continued participation in the five-county North Central Lakes Project and DNR Shoreland Rules revision process.

c. **Board action in June supporting Lakes 2020 Action Team by matching a \$1250 grant from Blandin Foundation** to show the "Economics of Water Quality" educational power point.

d. **Board action in July in support of certification** of the Land Department operations which include protection of water and wetland resources.

### 2. ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY BOARD and Planning Commission to:

a. **Provide for adequate public discussion of all proposed county ordinance revisions.** Proposed changes to the current ordinance will extend the length of terms for Planning Commission mem-

bers from nine to twelve years, will allow youth camps on RD2 lakes and will expand new commercial resort development. The proposed changes do not include any of the science-based updates to the DNR Shoreland Rules that citizens from five counties have been working on at monthly meetings since January of this year. These improved rules will be more easily understood and applied, are more consistent, and allow flexibility for **existing resorts** in exchange for shoreland restoration and stormwater runoff mitigation. The final draft will be ready for counties to consider adopt into their ordinances within the next few months.

c. **Proceed with the conditions of certification** to establish guidelines for protecting water and wetland resources.

Brief communications may be sent to the County Board **addressed to all** Board members and sent to 123 NE 4th St, Grand Rapids, MN 55744 or by email to:

Dist., Commissioner	email address
4, Rusty Eichorn	<a href="mailto:rusty@rustyeichorn.com">rusty@rustyeichorn.com</a>
1, Russ Klegstad	<a href="mailto:vacation@sunsetlodgeresort.com">vacation@sunsetlodgeresort.com</a>
3, John Dimich	<a href="mailto:dimichlaw@grandrapidsmn.com">dimichlaw@grandrapidsmn.com</a>
2, Catherine McLynn	<a href="mailto:cmclynn@uslink.net">cmclynn@uslink.net</a>
5, copy Commissioner Mandich,	<a href="mailto:robert.olson@co.itasca.mn.us">robert.olson@co.itasca.mn.us</a>

**3. ATTEND THE PLANNING COMMISSION FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR 9:00 AM ON Wednesday October 5,** It may reach a decision that same day. The County Board has scheduled a **formal public hearing for 3:00 pm on Tues. Oct 25 and may reach a decision that same day.** This fast track may be changed **only if there is effective public input** and direct communications with board and PC members immediately. (Flash! Another PC meeting 9/15, 1:00 PM.)

**4. APPLY FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION** positions which expire at the end of this year for Dist. 4 (Byron Snowden) and Dist. 3 (Duane Ranger). Dist. 1(Steph Grossell) and Dist.2 (Mike Bellomy) terms expire Dec. 31, 2006. (Encourage your friends in other Districts to apply there as well). Dist. 5(Frank Lewis) just started a three-year term. Current ordinance allows for no more than three consecutive terms of three years each. Chair Snowden has served the full nine years and is **not eligible to apply under current ordinance.** Applications may be picked up from the courthouse or reply to this email.

Catherine McLynn Commissioner, Dist. 2

**THIS IS THE SEPTEMBER 2005 ISSUE  
OF *THE CHAIN LETTER* OF THE WA-  
BANA CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION**

LAST MEETING OF 2005 WILL BE HELD  
AT THE WABANA TOWN HALL SAT-  
URDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2005.  
8:30 A. M. COFFEE & SOCIALIZING  
9:00 PROGRAM  
9:30 BUSINESS MEETING

The September WCOLA program will show parts of a 16mm movie (converted to VHS video) about the old Camp Marmac on Bluewater Lake, which was before the church camp that's on the same site now. The camp was owned by Ralph and Marney McAllister, and the video was done by former Marmac camper Joe Stevens, of Wichita, Kansas. With luck, Mr. Stevens will be present at the September WCOLA meeting to answer questions. This program is a must for anyone interested in local history.

See you there---Bill Berg

**There was too much urgent copy this month, and I had to omit an extremely important and interesting historical document. Wait until you see the Winter issue of the *Chain Letter*-----**

**EXCERPT FROM THE LIFE AND  
TIMES OF GUILFORD GRAHAM  
HARTLEY, 1853-1922**

(Unpublished manuscript, courtesy of Jane Kingston)

Sent to us by Bill Berg

*What's in it? The early history of this chain of lakes, back to the Native American days, and including the death and burial of Chief Wabana. You'll be fascinated! I can hardly wait to get it in your hands!—Ed.*

Jean Koewler, Treasurer Wabana Chain of Lakes Association 32040 Wakeman Bay Trail Grand Rapids, MN 55744-1800
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