



Welcome

Wright County Coalition of Lake
Associations (WCCOLA)

Annual Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 3, 2025

9:00 am – 11:00 am

9:00 am -9:20 am Networking



WCCOLA Meeting Agenda

- Networking with County Commissioners & Wright SWCD Supervisors
- WCCOLA President & Board Updates
- Commissioner/Supervisor Introductions
- Wright County AIS Cleaning Stations
- Wright SWCD Updates
- Lightning Round Updates
 - DNR Watercraft Operator's Permit Requirement
 - Wake Boat Study Updates/Local Surface Water Regulations
 - Boat Wrap Recycle Law
 - State AIS Prevention Aid Funding
- Wrap up



Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WCCOLA)



It is the mission of Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations to work together with Lake Associations and public agencies to protect and improve water quality through state and local resources. To better manage the water and land resources the Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations will address issues and possible solutions from a water shed perspective.

- Recommend and provide an educational resource
- Identify environmental issues & disseminate information
- Promote and advance goals of protecting and improving county lakes, rivers
- Express consensus viewpoints of lake associations to government officials and agencies



Get Involved

Join the WCCOLA Board

- You can help protect and improve our lakes
- One representative per lake on WCCOLA Board
- Zoom meetings multiple times per year
- wrightcola.mnlakesanddrivers.org
- Encourage your Lake Association members and neighbors to join WCCOLA email list



Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations (MNCOLA)



- Three Priorities
 1. Water Quality
 2. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
 3. Enhanced Wave Activities
- Join MNCOLA email list
- Join their Zoom meetings
- www.mncola.org
- Handouts available

Visit WCCOLA in Buffalo



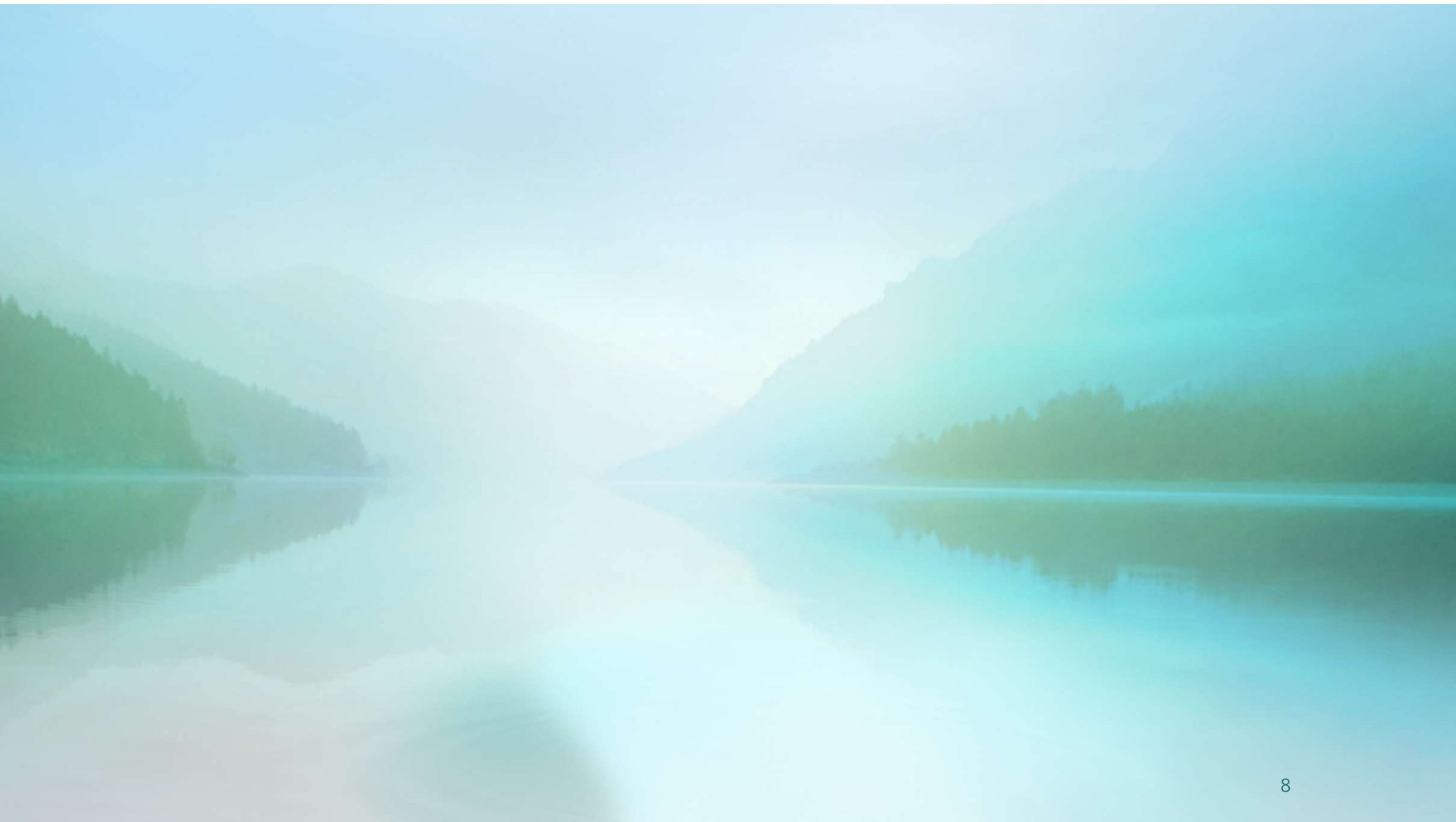
- Celebrate the Great Outdoors
- Promote Environmental Leadership
- Showcase Local Organizations and Businesses
- Speakers, Activities, Artisans, Local vendors, Native Plant Sale





Kris Olson
WCCOLA Treasurer





Election of Officers



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	Title	Lake
Mary Ellen Nichols	President	Waverly
Curt Forst	Vice President	Howard
Kris Olson	Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary	Beebe
Linda Strom Duesbury	Recording Secretary	Bass





County Commissioners and Wright Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors





State Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Funds Potentially Reduced

- Currently State funds \$10 million to counties for AIS control
- State wanting to reduce by 50%, to \$5 million annually
- Wright County \$240,000 AIS budget in 2024
- No final budget decision yet
- Legislators adjourn May 19, 2025
- Budget needs to pass by June 30, 2025
- Devastating if AIS funding is reduced
- Thank you to those who wrote letters to legislators and governor



WCCOLA Wrap Up

- Remember your water testing equipment
- Remember your cleaning station sign and tools
- Thank you for protecting and improving our lakes
- Enjoy your summer on our beautiful lakes

