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Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council

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Meetings held at Elk Twp.Hall, Irons, Michigan

Minutes from the February 4th, 2017 Meeting

Presidents Tim Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Attendance: David Spruance, Joyce Durdel, Tim Phillips, Greg Block, Dan Sernick, Jim Squier, Evelyn Furman

Absent: Armas Soorus, Joe Rogers, Dale Downes, John Miller (Anna Rogers- Web Master)

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Tim requested approval of the December meeting meeting—after a short discussion Greg Block made the motion to approve the December meeting, second from David Spruance hearing no dissensions motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Dale Sernick distributed copies the monthly bank statement disclosing totals from the savings account, plus the pay pal account. Checking account provided deposits (credits) and checks written (debits) with no overdrafts or fees charged. Bookkeeping demonstrated all current balances. After a short discussion regarding the Howard Roberts account David Spruance made the motion to approved the treasurer's report, second from Jim Squier hearing no further discussion motion to approve carried. *Pay Pal indicated all current from deposits to transfer to banks accounts.

*The discussion regarding Freemont Insurance (Liability Insurance). Dan stated this is a non-profit organization we will retain the same amount of insurance at \$865.00 (a new amount charged for the same coverage). After lengthy discussion regarding the need of this insurance a motion made by Dan and second by Joyce Durdel was heard; hearing no further discussion motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE:

Project Status

1. NFS erosion sites, Tim sent out correspondence January 7th, 2017 at this time we have had no response. We are awaiting information on the 27 sites found in our study from Jim Thompson.
2. Syers Dam at this time there is nothing to report as we are waiting to hear from the owner. NRCS (Andrea Paladino) will meet with Nate and Shawn and is proceeding with plans for dewatering and reconstruction of a culvert in order to provide access across the creek. The current plan will take 3-4 months and NCRS will cover the costs; which is approximately \$27,000. When discussing with Nate he feels at this

time we will require an additional \$40,000 and he has submitted requests to both NFWS and DNR for support. LMWCC will support \$10,000 initial. Everything remains on hold.

3. Volunteer projects are complete for 2016. Bug study and h2o are scheduled to 2017 at this time. Joyce will act on an email received from Steve Mitchell wanting to become involved. Also a grant under Kayla this year involves macro invertebrates and Cool Creek lasting (3years) and will follow the new MICOR program Joyce is considering following up and applying for an additional \$300.00 grant following this study.
4. John Gorys erosion site at this writing no one was certain where the site is located. Following the meeting some of the men are going to check out the site and will let Nate know .
5. Section III site evaluation is complete, Nate and Shawn to prepare for completion next spring (2018).
6. Gillhespy project is complete the final report will include information on shocking. New site in #3 to be identified by Nate and David.
7. 2016-2017 erosion sites- Reif to be complete soon, Gruters (Latham permit) in Shawn's domain. Mirandette property lines remain unknown, require information from the next door owner for permission. We are hoping someone has more information. Shawn is scheduled to complete work on state sites 36 & 37. Site identified for 2018 5 severe from last hear that we didn't have follow up information #53 &54, 66 & 67 owners and #50. Letters have been sent to Kops #66 &67 who responded to Nate to do on site evaluation; resent Young #50 once again no response. #53 and 53 are on NFS. Special thanks to Armas and Rob for the speedy work. Tim identified moderate sites 5 state (2 & 3, 12, 14, 15 & 18), 7 private (39, 35, 32, 19, 31, 51, &48) for possible in 2018. Tim asked Nate to start permit process on the state site with next summer the target date for completion. Tim will hold off on private owners until the severe site are figured out. Due to the heavy rains we have been experiencing work has been delayed until we have a break in the weather. We will keep the follow up at Young #50 and Kopp # 66 & 67. In section 3 Habitat is waiting for a permit.

WATERSHED MGT PLAN: we are awaiting for an update. There is a possible new consultant Ed Hoogterp of Networks Northwest. Scott is looking at plan information for comment and current status.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Corporate sponsorship we continue looking for someone to help in this arena.
2. Underwater camera no further information.
3. Greg Block continues working on oversight projects, Tim will retain Syers.
4. Advertising we will be moving our advertising contract to a new carrier, thanks Joyce.
5. Healing Waters fly fishing project, we have no support in this project. Tim will follow up with DeB in the spring.
6. Website Management David made a motion to explore a web-site management-some with experience, or may be professional, after discussion to investigate our options, Greg Block second the motion. Hearing no dissensions motion carried.
7. Annual meeting speakers suggested. Shawn Knause, Mark Tonello, Jerney Guiest, date of meeting July 8, 2017 at Skinner Park. Food Indian Club Dennis Depp. Prize suggestions travel package, Crystal Mountain, Great Wolf Lodge, Kayak ?????

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Salmon in the Classroom remains active to KND.

2. Annual Business Plan David Spruance, Thanks David for completing the annual business plan.
3. DNR Johnsons Bridge survey date published read your emails.
4. Membership list printed thanks Dale
5. Next board meeting March 4th 2017 Elk Twp. Hall please mark your calendars.
6. Joyce requested \$75.00 to purchase Water Wise materials. Tim made the motion for Joyce to get \$75.00 for the Water Wise publication. This publication is published by the Manistee Watershed partnership Newsletter of 2017. They are only \$0.01 cent each. They will be utilized at the Annual meeting. Second by David. Hearing no dissensions motion carried.
7. Tim adjourned the meeting at 12.26 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Evelyn Furman (recording secretary)

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