



Protect-Preserve-Enjoy **Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council**

Minutes of the trustee's meeting held May 6, 2017 @ Elk Township Hall

EXECUTIVE ACTIONS:

Attendance: Tim Phillips, Armas Soorus, Joyce Durdel, David Spruance, Dan Sernick

Absent: Jim Squier, Evelyn Furman, Dale Downes, Greg Block, Joe Rogers

Guests: Scott Gest and Ed Hoogterp from Networks Northwest

President Tim Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.

The April minutes approved unanimously.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Scott Gest and Ed Hoogterp attended the meeting to inform board members of the processes involved in drafting a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) for the Little Manistee River.

Board members discussed the release of funds from the accounts at MCCF and it was not determined if funds should be released according to the payment schedule outlined in the Networks Northwest proposal, but it had been determined at the March board meeting that LMWCC would assume responsibility for payment in full providing MCCF would release funds: \$18,341.47 from the Plan Fund and \$21,000.00 from the Endowment Fund (see discussion under Treasurer's Report below).

Adding a statement of purpose to the final report was recommended.

Gest and Hoogterp informed the board that Greg Goudy of MDEQ was currently informed of the process, and board members were told that upon MDEQ approval of the draft, it would be submitted to the EPA for federal approval.

A discussion ensued as to the roles of the LMWCC and the Little Manistee Watershed Management Steering Committee in the implementation of the Plan

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dan Sernick reiterated his desire for a LMWCC library and will contact Elk Township officials about securing space in the township hall. The library would house LMWCC archives as well as relevant resources.

As of December 31, 2016 the following funds were held by MCCF:

LMWCC Plan Fund — \$18,341.47	LMWCC initial deposit — \$7000.00
LMWCC Endowment Fund — \$26, 574.84	“ “ “ \$25,000.00
LMWCC Implementation Fund — \$5,827.74	“ “ “ \$5000.00

David Spruance made a motion that the monies in the Plan Fund and \$21,000.00 in the Endowment Fund be used to pay Networks Northwest for their services. Any shortfall would be taken from the LMWCC operating budget. Motion was seconded and approved.

LMWCC has a current balance of \$51,5880.52 at LOSB

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

PROJECT STATUS:

1. On May 6th, Joyce Durdell and her volunteers, in conjunction with the Manistee Conservation District, will conduct a macro-invertebrate study a Six Mile Bridge, Cool Creek, and Johnson's Bridge.

On May 13th, Joyce and her group will survey macro-invertebrates at Queen's Highway, Old Grade, Indian Bridge, and DeWitt's Bridge.

The Water Quality Survey will be conducted on July 10th. Interested volunteers should contact Joyce Durdell.

2. There were no changes in the status of on-going projects.

GRANTS:

Nate Winkler of CRA and trustee David Spruance have identified a river section for a channelization project.

CRA has begun the fund-raising efforts.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Dan Sernick has projected annual expenses for 2017 based on the 2017 Business Plan. Expected expenditures total \$32,700.00

a) \$13,000.00 for approved remediation projects

b) \$10,000.00 ear-marked for LMWCC contribution to Syers Dam removal project.

c) \$1500.00 for materials used in 5 remediation projects on the Indian Club property

d) \$5000.00 for a fish habitat project in section #3.

e) \$3200.00 for CRA's management of work projects.

2. Anna Rogers has been very active in up-dating the website.

3. Mark Tonello will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting. Raffle tickets have been mailed to members.

4. LMWCC will **not** place advertisements on placemats at local restaurants.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. It is imperative that membership roles be kept current, incorporating all recent applications, so membership lists, able to generate mailing labels, are up-to-date.

2. Next meeting June 3rd at 10 AM Elk Township Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: David L. Spruance May, 7, 2017