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Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council

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

Attendance: David Spruance, Armas Soorus, Jim Squiers, Dan Sernick, Dale Downes, John Miller, Joyce Durdel, Evelyn Furman,
Tim Phillips, Joe Rogers.

Absent: Gordon Lewis

Guest: Scott H Heintzeleman

- Per Tim Phillips request Scott will speak prior to the beginning of the meeting. Scott is attendance per request of many of the council members, as there were many questions to issues with the river and the membership was requesting information and direction. One major question was directed to the declining numbers of wild caught salmon and steelhead found in the Little Manistee. The problem is not just one of the Little Man but of many of the streams in the state. Invasive Species contribute enlarge amounts to the decline, weather changes has also been problem, with spawns taking place at different times, and shortages of food sources (alewives in short supply, not to mention the quagga muscles and of other invasive predators, Asian carp were mentioned). It was also noted that fish spend about two years in the river before heading into Lake Michigan. The subject of ships dumping ballast into the Great Lakes was discussed however, Scott mentioned there is a bill concerning this issue currently tied up in with another bill that is currently being discussed in Congress.

Scott stated an advantage that may soon come to the rescue of the Little Man would be a new gate that would present Lamfrey from crossing the barrier and not using the lamfricide in the river again.

Also discussed was the importance of the "Salmon in the Classroom" programs currently taught in local schools.

The council stated we are seeking better communications with Watershed from the Fisheries was well as the

Department of Natural Resources. Communication what is happening at the Weir and what is being discussed

Which would benefit what is being done on the river. Also, Scott stated that the projects woody debris, road

Crossing etc. is what is very beneficial the health and well- being of the river.

Thank you Scott, the Little Manistee River greatly appreciated your attendance and discussion which brought

To light how important our work is and how it impacts the ecology of area.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Secretary Report:

Secretary report from May 7th 2016 Jim Squier made the motion to accept the secretary report, second made by

Dale Downes hearing no dissention motion carried. * Thank you David for taking notes during my recent absence

I greatly appreciated you taking charge. Ev

Treasurers Report:

Dan presented a power point report demonstrating accounts paid and current status of the checking account

\$54593.00 on deposit currently reconciliation was made 5-31-2016. Armas Soorus made the motion to accept the treasurers report second by David Spruance hearing no dissentions motion carried.

- A request by Joe Rogers to purchase a new saw capable for sawing in water with an 18" inch bar and a "big or more powerful motor" was made. After a short discussion Joe will purchase the saw having what is required to perform the necessary duties using our tax exemption ability, John Miller made the motion second my David Spruance hearing no dissention motion carried.

PROJECTS:

1. NFS at this time we have had no response
2. Syers Dam: Nate reported that some progress has been made on design and funding through the NRC service
Which work mainly with Indian Tribes, once designed more funding could be thru the NRCS who work with the Grand Traverse Ottawa Indian Tribes, when this is complete thing could move swiftly, LMWCC has potentially committed to \$5,000. In support if requested.
3. Volunteer projects, bug survey Joyce Durdel, h2o July 11. A possible August 13, 2016 DNR project (near Elk Twp. Has Two (2) erosion sites near Fox Bridge, for this summer, Shawn indicated this would be an easy 1/2 day of cut and Stake.
4. Mark Richards currently we lack sufficient information but indicators lean toward new bank restoration at

Rick Updyke 7 mile across from IC State Land. Nate evaluation is not permit is required. Jeremy G. emailed Information, Shawn contacted by Tim and will do the work, Jeremy will set that up but the date has not been Determined.

5. Erosion Sites, 3 private, IC and 5 state, Nate and Shawn inspected, recommendation actions and permits read next Week to be sent to us (state project), IC and private owners for signatures and to be forwarded to DNR/DEQ for Approval, cost between \$17,400. And \$21,400.00 Shawn will do the work.
6. Section III (3) Joyce will meet with Shawn to select possible in-stream habitat installation, estimated cost \$5,000.00 Nate informed, once site or sites are selected and a rough draft of design and location done by Us, Nate will inspect, formalize the scope and begin the permit process.
7. Ghillespy is in the finale state of completion (the center section) will be completed by Shawn in July or August, the DNR is hoping to do a shocking in late August, this is not a complete deal. However, the entire project has been Paid.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

At this time the agreements have been signed and Seven (7) board members have been named. A meeting

To be held on June 24th, 2016 at Elk Twp. Hall beginning at 9:30 am has been scheduled. Please call Joyce or Armas

For further information.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual meeting held at Skinner Park, Irons, Mi July 9th 2016 at 10:00am
2. Set up on Friday evening July 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm – prizes, raffle items, anything else bring with you more volunteers are needed.
3. LMWCC forecasted expenditures are needed to finalize for this year as close as you can.
4. Jim contacted NFS possibility of their having signs on hold Ranger Pam in Baldwin.
5. Black Willow sign up at annual meeting we need a volunteer for sign up.
6. Underwater camera, Jeremy indicated NFS is working with DNR on final set-up cost \$2500.00 tabled at this time
Since more information is required, but thought to be an advantage for counting the fish and links to schools and gathering necessary information would be an asset.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jim Mansitee conservation meeting 5-21-2016 subject new invasive species.
2. Anna web-site looks great, Thanks for all you work.
3. Advertisement of placemats Joyce will take this responsibility for 10 weeks cost \$135.00 David Spruance made the Motion to have this possible, second by John miller hearing no dissensions motion carried.

4. David "Thanks for the Newsletter it looks great. Your endeavor is greatly appreciated.
5. LM Partnership meeting is set for June 24, 2016 email will bring additional information as to time and place.
6. Next meeting is Friday evening July 8th at 6:00 pm set up all hands on deck!
7. Annual meeting July 9th at 8:30 everyone be early!!! Thanks

Evelyn Furman Recording Secretary
Little Manistee Watershed