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Minutes from the August 6th 2016 board of trustees meeting Elk. Twp. MI

ATTENDANCE: Joyce Durdel, David Spruance, Dale Downes, Tim Phillips, Greg Block, Evelyn Furman
Absent: Jim Squier, Armas Soorus, Dan Sernick, John Miller

Tim Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Administrative: Tim called for a review of the June 2016, minutes Dale Downes made the motion to accept the June minutes, second by Greg Block, hearing no dissention motion to accept carried.

Treasurers Report in the absence of Dan Sernick no report was presented, will be reviewed at September 3rd, 2016 meeting.

Project status:

1. NFS erosion sites Tim stated he will write another letter with explicit information of locations and our willingness to with them to resolve erosion issues if they agree to do so. Tim will include detailed information, supply photos and the co-ordinates.
2. Syers Dam, check your emails as Nate and Carol have provided information of the progress of this project and we are close to having sufficient funds. The question brought forward was "could we consider adding some funds from the Howard Roberts memorial funds toward this project, the second \$5,000 from Jorgensen, \$3500. From "Women Who Care".
3. Volunteer projects- the Bug & h2o has been completed; Shawn will do the two (2) sites at Fox Bridge.
4. Eric Carpenter we have not heard from him since June and there is a need for an evaluation, since no new information was brought forward Nate and Shawn tabled this project waiting for Eric's reply.
5. Rick Updyke at 7 mile across from Indian Bridge, complete evaluation provided by CRA and Shawn, TU, and US will do the permitting, TU stated they will do some funding also, however, the exact amount is not known and what the cost will be is yet to be provided (estimated cost however is \$2000.00).
6. Section 111 sites the evaluation has been completed through the cooperation with CRA, Shawn, TU, and Little Manistee. Nate is scheduled to do the permitting and Shawn the work. The cost approved for three (3) sites is \$5,000.00 hopefully work to begin in the fall with completion in the winter.
7. The Gillhesy project is complete, shocking procedure performed by TU and the DNR no report currently available.

8. Nate would like to do another project such as the Gillhesy, however, at this time we do not have any locations in mind, there Tim said not now. Are there any site in mind maybe we should let Nate make selection one for our consideration. A sampling at 6 mile Bridge? Shocking at Johnsons Bridge done by the DNR.
9. 2016 erosion sites at this time permits are being considered. Sites for 2017 have been identified, included are five (5) from previous year that did not have follow up information #53 & 54 owners are unknown we need someone to track them down they be tied to a trust Sites #66, 67 Kops, Nate is currently working with him and #50 Young, the need is contact information. Tim identified 5 site state (2,12,14,15,18) & private (39, 35,32,19,31,51,48) for possible projects next year. Tim volunteered to write owners for starting the process, Nate and Shawn to be informed as to progress. Motion to approve made by Greg Block second by Joyce Durdel hearing no dissensions motion carried.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN: Currently we are working on raising the funds begin writing the plan. However, when Armas returns more information will follow

Old Business: Johnsons Bridge needs attention it appears people are sliding kayaks and canoes through a large hole between the rails, which will lead to damage to the bridge as well as the bank. We will, if needed, use additional cash from another project to repair and fix this issue

Corporate sponsorship John Miller, John will report next meeting.

Underwater camera is currently on hold pending additional information.

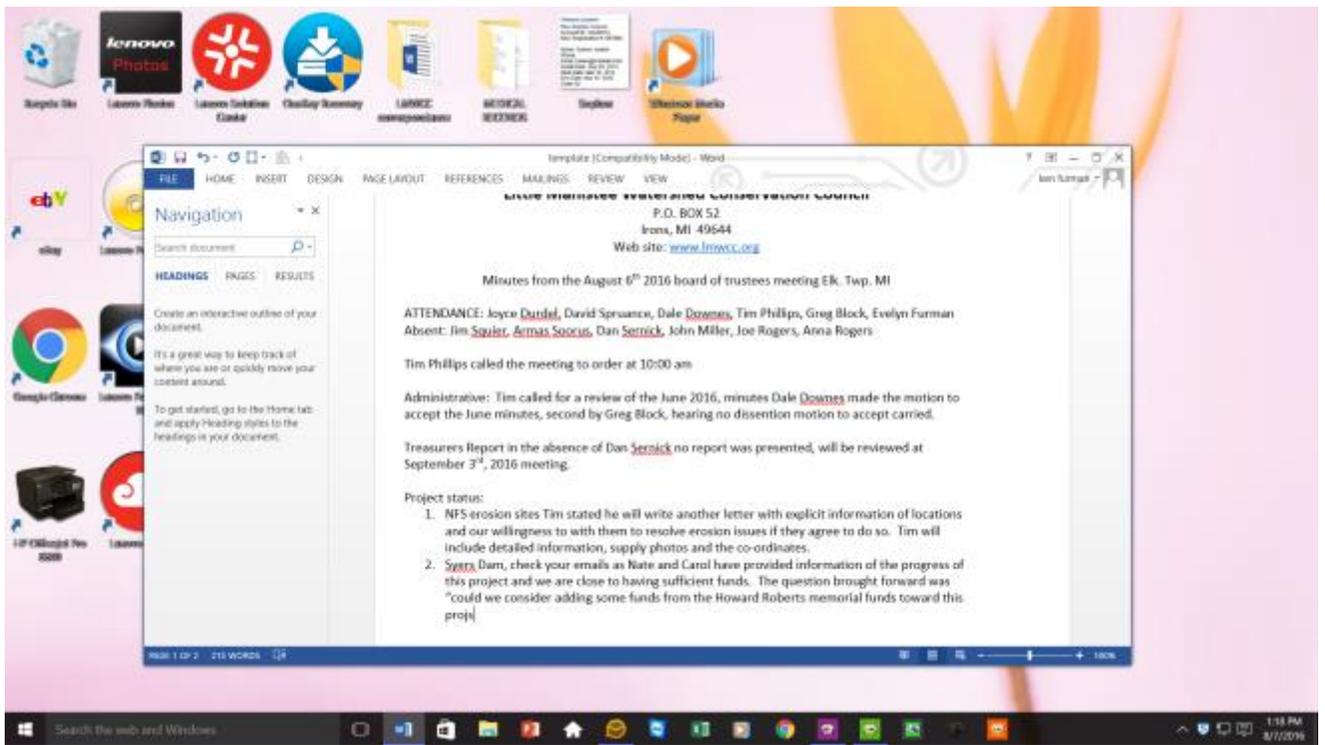
New Business: Tim discussed with Greg the "River Steward Program" and he agreed to take over this group sponsorship. Thanks Greg.

David Spruance brought up the "Aquatic Program" that many people suggested we participate since we target erosion areas, and habitat improvement, bank establishment, to name a few. In order to take advantage of these programs we are in need of someone who can write grants effectively. David agreed to take some classes on "GRANT WRITING" so we could be to utilize different areas of obtaining funding for projects. If we are able to begin early we get to targeting quickly. Greg B made the motion to take classes in Grant Writing and second by Tim, hearing no dissensions motion carried.

September 3, 2016, Elk Twp. Hall next board meeting 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn Furman (secretary)



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