

LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting
July 11, 2020

Call meeting to order-10:05 a.m.

Review of May minutes- Motion to approve by Joyce, second by Jim. Approved unanimously.

Attendance: Dale Downes, Jim Squier, David Spruance, Joe Neumann, Joyce Durdel, Peter Lozicki, Tim Phillips, Gordon Lewis, Armas Soorus, Chasity Gouker

Guests: Scott Gifford

Treasurer's report- motion was made by Tim and Armas Seconded and approved forecast expenditures and annual business plan.

Project Status- Dale

- Dale is looking for volunteers for some project work.
- The river has been cleared through 18 mile bridge of trees and debris.
- Kamstra
 - 2018 Erosion sites- Patterson and Fairman plus sites #25&26 on the IC. Plus will need to evaluate #60 after last year's blow out and how to fix it. Possible new help for Marcella Thornburg off 3 mile rd. We will pay the permit fee but other cost not approved as yet.
 - 2020 costs-Motion was made and approved to pay Nate for \$5069.43 needs board approval to pay.
 - Shawn's costs not known as needs his on-site evaluation. This will be coming soon.
 - Awaiting DNR permits before Shawn can access all properties.
- New Erosion Survey
 - This has been completed.
 - Date that it will be available is yet to be determined.
 - This is an update of the previous erosion survey.
 - 30 sites are on National Forest property.
- bug & h2o quality surveys - Joyce
 - Shoreline invasive species was put on hold due to the closures related Covid.
 - July 13th will conduct a water quality survey. The group is meeting at the Oak Township Hall at 8:30 a.m.
 - 17-20 sites this year will be completed.
 - Last year's bill from the lab has not been submitted. It is an estimated \$47-\$50 per site.
 - May and June Macroinvertebrate studies were conducted.
 - Conservation district is still working from home at this time. Because of this, they did not conduct the 3 sites they normally help with.
 - 5 of 6 sites were completed
 - All sites were in the good to excellent category
 - New volunteers: Joe, Chas, John, and Mel

Watershed Mgt Plan- Armas/Joyce -

- Submittal of plan is in and being reviewed
 - Final costs will be \$8,000 when complete. Funds for this project are at MCCF and will need to be requested so that the final payments can be made.
 - \$27,547.69 at MCCF currently.
 - \$10,370.67 planning in the implementation fund.
- Monitoring station
 - Link to the monitoring station is live on the website and running well.
 - Requesting approval to implement a second water station at Wildwood Rd. near Luther.
 - \$ 1,000 would be the cost for implementation-Jim motioned and Joyce seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - \$6-8 per month for cell service to run the stations. Armas will bring more details regarding the billing and give the group the update at a future meeting.

Grants- (David)

- It is strongly likely no grant \$ will be awarded this year, and possibly next year due to the Covid crisis.
- Fish Habitat Grant:
 - Response was expected in April and we are currently waiting for a response.

- Funding for this year is not expected due to a lack of funding at the state level. The hope is that there may be funding next year.
- Nate Winkler has a \$30,000 (GLFT) grant that has been approved pending the approval of our grant for the implementation of this project.
 - Nate is continuing to seek funding through CR as additional funding support for the Kamstra project.

Old business-

- Real-estate info package -septic system info
 - This is on hold due to the closures
 - May need to explore other sources to develop and print as we are not getting a response from the current partner.
- Natural Rivers designation
 - This is on hold at the DNR level due to the Covid closures.
 - Jim shared two different newsletters that gives specifics in the PM newsletter on how designation was occurred.
- Website updates
 - new website format is outstanding- Thanks Anna!
- Newsletter
 - sent out in early June
 - Jim shared samples from other organizations for Chas to review for future formats and articles.
- lccf grant process –
 - Armas reviewed, and there is nothing currently available that would apply to our work.

New business-

- Luther Dam
 - Continue to monitor the results of the study
 - The current reports do not indicate any cause for further concern.
 - Continue to monitor the impact of the dam (quality of water, invasive species, etc.)
 - Motion was made by Tim and seconded by Joyce to make an inquiry with the Luther Township about who runs the dam, how is it inspected, etc. and begin collecting information. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Motion was made by Tim and seconded by Joyce for Dale and Jim to contact Representative Scott Vansingle and meet with him and discuss possible legislative action. Motion passed unanimously.
- Letter of support Manistee Area Conservation District
 - Has been sent
- Conservation Resource Alliance
 - Jim made motion and Dale seconded to donate \$1,000 to make financial contribution from the LMWCC to support for their Save Wildlife campaign. Motion passed unanimously.
- The salmon in the classroom project will continue at Brethren should in session classroom activities continue in person the 20120-21 school year.
- Memorial Funds were received of approximately \$1200. A thank you letter was sent.

Adjourned: 11:52

**Next meeting September 5th, 2020 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Elk Township Hall
Social Distance Rules apply**