



LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting

Nov 6, 2021

Attendance: Joyce, Tim, Jim, David, Chas, Dan, Armas

Call meeting to order: 10:04 a.m.

Approval of Oct 2021 minutes:

- No comments. Jim moved, Dan seconded. **Minutes approved.**

Treasure's Report

- Dan gave a reconciliation of the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Chas, Armas seconded. **The Treasurer's Report was approved.**
 - Site 5 Website host did not cash the check that went out in June for \$114.48. Dan is working with Anna to resolve this issue.
 - Update to the balance sheet was made to include the intern scholarship.
- Lake Osceola State Bank charges a fee if the savings account is dormant for one year. The board discussed the need to have two accounts.
 - Dan made a motion to eliminate the savings account by transferring the money from savings to checking. This would eliminate the name of the Howard Roberts Memorial Fund. Jim seconded the motion. After some discussion from the board, **the motion was withdrawn.**
- 2022 forecasted expenditures:
 - \$5,000 to support intern/watershed staff (Manistee County Conservation District & Mason/Lake Conservation District) for ongoing efforts (examples such as the macroinvertebrate study and water quality study). A motion was made by Joyce to approve the \$5,000 (\$2,500 for each CD) out of the general fund to support these positions. Armas seconded the motion. **Motion passed 6-1.**
 - The board discussed whether these funds should come from the Watershed Management Plan fund or the LMWCC General Fund.
- Storage unit company changed ownership to Benchmark Storage.

Projects:

- Tim resigned his position as Project Manager.
 - Jim will talk with CRA about project coordination and give a report at the next meeting.
 - The new Project Manager will create a new agenda and timeline for implementation in partnership with the CRA.
- Kamstra & Thomas –
 - If this project is funded, both sites will be completed.
 - Due to funding issues, Nate proposes to roll the \$30,000 from GLFT to construction only and CRA may provide \$5,000. LMWCC would provide \$15,000 in funding. Shawn proposed



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approximately 9 in-stream fish cover/ stream diversifications. If the funding source falls through, the board will discuss how the project might be funded.

- New Erosion Survey is complete
 - Final report was sent to Jim for record keeping and can be found on the website.
- New Projects:
 - Kyle Thomas property
 - The property is located off 9 Mile Rd.
 - Nate to evaluate with Scott and Shawn.
 - Scott Peedle to be brought on board from the start with Nate doing the coordinating.
 - Awaiting approval from the property owners.

Watershed Mgt Plan:

- February 18th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. is the next Steering Committee Meeting at Elk Township Hall.
- Calibration was done on 2 monitoring stations and both are functioning.
 - Property location of one station is for sale.
- Natural Rivers Survey
 - Tim shared all the original documentation from 1994 with Armas.
 - Mason/Lake Conservation district may apply for a grant (1 year, max of \$40,000) for a Watershed Coordinator that would be designated for the Little Manistee Watershed. This position would work in partnership with the Watershed Management Plan steering committee.
 - Armas would like to do the survey in coordination with an educational program for community outreach. He will talk with other conservation districts who have had success to help determine next steps.
- Armas gave a report of the Watershed Management Plan funding:
 - The Implementation fund ending balance is \$14,068.84.
 - LMWCC fund balance is \$33,126.01.

Grants:

- DNR came out with the Habitat Restoration Grant cycle. After discussion, it was decided that the LMWCC will not apply for this grant.

Old business:

- Website updates
 - New things have been added
- Social Media
 - Anna is a site administrator for Facebook and is coordinating with Joe regarding the account.



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- Water and Bug Study Coordinator
 - Joyce shared the report on the water quality testing and macroinvertebrate study.
 - This will be added to the website in the coming weeks and included in the winter newsletter.
- Luther Dam
 - Dan spoke with experts regarding the current status of the Luther Dam.
 - The village of Luther owns the dam, and removal must be voluntary by the village.
 - Financial support through grants for dam removal are available.
 - MEAGLE is responsible for monitoring the safety and condition of the dam structure.
 - High levels of E Coli were found at the last water quality survey were found below the dam.
 - Armas has put in a request with the state for further testing to determine whether these levels are due to animal or human.
- Placemats
 - Armas is continuing to work on the design.
 - Remove the phone number and add the QR code to the display.

New business:

- Christmas Parade
 - Manistee Sleighbell Parade is December 4th meet at 4:45 p.m. in the parking lot. Looking for volunteers to represent the LMWCC.

Adjourn: 12:13 p.m.

Next meeting is December @ 10:00 at Elk Township Hall