



LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting  
Sep 4, 2021

Call meeting to order: 9:59 a.m.

Attendance: Tim, Jim, Armas, David, Joyce, Melissa, Kyle & Bri Thomas (new property owners), Evelyn

Approval of July 2021 minutes

- Reviewed and no comment
- Jim moved and David seconded. **Minutes were approved.**

Treasures report

- Dan sent the report via Email to the group. He is unable to attend.
  - Jim moved and Mel seconded. **Treasurer's report approved.**

Projects

- Kamstra
  - Nate proposed to roll the \$30,000 from GLFT to construction only and CRA will potentially go \$5,000. A request was submitted for LMWCC to support with the final \$15,000 needed for the project.
    - Shawn has submitted a proposal for this project that would allow for 9 instream fish cover/diversification projects.
    - David moved to support the \$15,000 and Jim seconded. **Motion carried.**
- #25&26 status
  - No one in attendance from Indian Club for an update
- New erosion survey
  - This project is complete and the final report from the CRA will arrive by the end of September.
- Possible new project (site #53 on the old erosion survey)
  - Kyle and a Bri Thomas is the new property owner. It is located off 9 Mile Rd. might be on survey list will check out.
- SWAT is active again

Watershed Mgt Plan

- Armas gave an update on the Natural River Survey
  - Armas is working with Bob Sweet of the DNR for this survey.
    - Bob suggested we work with a university and area conservation districts to support the validity of survey.
    - The LMWCC is on the advance notice list for upcoming grants that could help support this project.

- National Forrest Service offers on Watershed Management Plan partnership options programs
- Invasive Species Project
  - There was some interest to have Viki Sawicki attend a meeting to provide some more info on invasive and possible natives that could be recommended to property owners for bank erosion.
  - 7/21/21 Joyce, Armas, and Invasive Species Expert Viki Sawicki (NCCISMA) floated to identify any invasive species from Bear Track to 9 mile bridge.
    - 42 total notations. Vicki will work to prioritize the finding.
      - Japanese Notweed is of critical concern as it was identified during this float.
      - Yellow Flag Iris was also a noteworthy find.
      - Where there are more residential areas there were more notations of invasive species.
- Annual Meeting for Watershed Management Annual Meeting in possible February/March 2022

Grants:

- David gave updates on potential opportunity

Old business

- Website updates
  - Melissa would like some ideas from the group on what should be on the website.
    - Possible info from the salmon in the classroom.
    - Watershed Management Plan info.
    - Minutes of the group should be easy to find and located on the front page.
  - Mel is requesting a computer to do the newsletter and the website work. She will get a quote and bring a formal request to the group.
- Joe to Coordinate social media
  - Unable to attend, no update
- Water/Bug Study Coordinator
  - Mansistee and Mason/Lake County Conservation districts will oversee the sites. Updated information should be on the website sometime in October. It will be added to the website.
    - Mason/Lake is doing the water quality testing using a new lab.
      - provided approximately \$815 request for lab work
    - also funded bug study intern at \$ 2,500
    - 9/21/21 volunteer outreach at Elk Township Hall from 5:30-7:30 hosted by Mason/Lake
    - Week of October 14 a student group from KND will support macroinvertebrate, water quality, and forestry learning at Spirit of the Woods Camp location in partnership with the Manistee Conservation District.
- Luther dam
  - nothing new to report
- Status of scholarship program

- \$2500 to support work of Intern-Abby
- NFS Update
  - Since the July meeting....
    - Disperse sites patrol during busy weekends
    - Clean up trash
    - 6 mile bridge patrolled weekly
    - Dumpsite clean up at overlook site
    - New map boards at 6 mile and old Stronach bridge
      - 16 other sites are being planned
- Wild and Scenic program
  - Discussion regarding this as a study river.
    - Joyce made a motion that LMWCC board support continuing as a study river designation for Wild and Scenic River while we pursue a Natural Rivers Designation by the state. Motion was seconded by David.
      - **Motion approved 5 to 1.**

New business

None

**Next meeting oct 2 @ 1000 elk twp hall**