



## LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting February 5, 2022

Call Meeting to Order 10:02 AM.

Attendance: Joyce Durdel, Dan Sernick, David Spruance, Armas Soorus

Joyce made a motion that Armas lead the meeting in the absence of the president and vice president. Dan Seconded. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

### Approval of December 2021 Minutes

- Reviewed and no changes made
- Joyce moved to approve and David Seconded. **Minutes we unanimously approved.**

### Treasurers Report

- Dan reviewed the LOSB statements, Reconciliation Detail, and Balance Sheet as well as the latest statements from MCCF with the board.
- Dan reported that monthly rent on our storage unit is now \$65 and he is looking at alternatives.
- Dan will inventory the apparel and reconcile the balance before the annual meeting.
- The board discussed the need to inventory the equipment and is asking if Jim would inventory the equipment before the annual meeting.
- Jim had 10 copies made of the recently completed erosion survey and distributed some to USFS, LRBOI, DNR and others we partner with
- Dan reported we have not seen an invoice for the erosion study recently completed by CRA.
- Joyce made a motion that the Treasurers report be approved and was seconded by David. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

### Liability Insurance Payment

- Dan reported the liability insurance premium is due this week and asked the board for approval to pay. Joyce made a motion to pay the \$865 insurance bill and the motion was seconded by David. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

### Kanouse Outdoor Restoration Invoice

- The bill for work on the Indian Club originally had an estimated cost \$5,000 and was approved for that amount by the board. The invoice came in at \$8,000 and has been paid by LMWCC. No communication had been made to the board about the increased cost prior to the invoice, which indicated a cost of \$20/ft vs \$10/ft in the estimate. Joyce made a motion that the board approve the additional \$3,000 payment and it was seconded by David. **The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Dan will send an email to Gordon at the Indian Club asking that the Indian club reimburse the LMWCC.
- The board emphasized that in the future price increases of this type must be communicated to the board for approval before work is started and that future quotes contain more detail to give clarity and be more useful for David when he writes grant requests for matching funds.



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### Projects

- The Kamstra project was previously approved by the board for \$17,000 of LMWCC funds as a 10% match for outside funding for the remainder of the project. Matching funds have not materialized through the efforts of CRA and the board decided to shelve the project while we seek matching funds.

### Project Manager

- Nate cancelled attending this meeting due to personal conflicts. Jim is working to arrange that Nate attend the March meeting to help us understand the possible arrangements we can work out with CRA to reduce the load on LMWCC volunteers. David suggested he might be interested in being a coordinator with CRA if the right arrangement can be worked out.
- Armas spoke with the conservation districts about coordinating project management with them and they did not feel it was a good fit for their staff.

### Interim President

- David pointed out that the procedure for electing the LMWCC President is specified in the by-laws to take place as part of the annual meeting process.
- David then made a motion to elect Armas as Interim LMWCC President until the Annual meeting and the motion was seconded by Joyce. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

### Watershed Management Plan

- A grant for \$20,000 was applied for by the Manistee Conservation district and used the \$5,000 that LMWCC committed to the Mason/Lake and Manistee conservation districts for interns as part of the matching funds. The grant would cover Intern time for parts of the Social Survey for Natural Rivers and other work in our Watershed Management Plan.
- The annual watershed summit is February 18 and we will take it on line due to Covid.
- Armas is working to use the Betsie River Social Survey QUAPP as a model to produce a QUAPP for the Little Manistee River Social Survey and enlist partners in conducting the survey.
- We are coordinating with Dana Castle at the DNR for meetings to develop a plan for the Natural Rivers program on the Little Manistee.

### Tim Phillips Emeritus Trustee

- In light of his extensive and important contributions to the LMWCC the board discussed making Tim Phillips an Emeritus Trustee. David made a motion we make Tim Phillips an Emeritus Trustee, and it was seconded by Joyce. **The motion was unanimously approved.**



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### Annual Meeting

- We had much discussion on the annual meeting and Skinner Park has been reserved.
- We feel we should plan the meeting as normal, with the idea we may have to move online if the Covid pandemic dictates it.
- Nate Winkler and Ed Hoogterp were suggested as possible speakers.
- Mel has said she may be able to lead meeting preparations.
- We decided to resolve the questions at the March meeting when we may have a better picture of the Covid Situation and still have time to make the arrangements.

The next board meeting is March 5 at 10:00 am at the Elk Township Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.