



LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting
March 5, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: Joe Neuman, Jim Squire, Armas, Sorus, Mel Jacobs, Joyce Durdel, Chas Gouker, Al Greenman, Nate Winkler

Discussion with Nate Winkler, CRA

- Nate gave an overview, explaining the process of completing the work on the erosion sites.
- The group had a discussion about the CRA becoming project manager for these sites.
 - CRA would need a budgeted annual amount for projects.
 - The CRA will present the LMWCC with a proposal including costs for their services for approval.
 - Section 7 (The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act)
 - Has delayed the project completion and can take up to a year to get permit approval.
 - It is advantageous to get approval for a potential larger project in advance of securing the funding source. Section 7 permits do not expire after being granted.
 - You must submit the DEQ permit when submitting the Section 7 proposal
 - The group discussed an opportunity to work with the NFS on an exploratory project. A request has been made from a landowner for project work on their property that is adjacent to NFS property. There is significant erosion on the NFS property that would impact potential work on the private land owner's property.
 - Next steps for the LMWCC in this partnership:
 - Prioritize 2 years worth of projects from the most recent erosion study and submit to Nate by the next meeting.
 - Establish an annual budget for project management to present to the CRA.
 - Establish a scope of work for the CRA (grant sourcing, work, project management, etc) and present to Nate by the next meeting.

Project Management:



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- Each board member will review the erosion report between now and the March meeting. Please send any questions or comments to Armas.
- Dan will have a summary of the last 3 year of the amount we have spent on projects for the next meeting.

Approval of Feb. 5, 2022 Minutes

- Motion was made to by Jim Squire to approve and Joe Neuman seconded. **Minutes were approved.**

Treasurer's Report

- Review of funding:
 - Approx \$79,000 in the LOSB fund
 - Approx \$35,000 community foundation LMWCC fund
 - Aprox \$15,000 in the Manistee county community foundation plan implementation funding.
- Invoice for Erosion Study
 - Waiting on CRA for submission to LMWCC. Armas is working with Nate.
- Storage Costs results
 - No new information at this time.
- Kanouse Outdoor Restoration bill.
 - The Indian Club will approve the overrun.

Annual Meeting - July 9, 2022

- Outcomes for this event:
 - Elect officers
 - Report to membership on financials and projects
 - Get feedback from membership on scope of work
 - Small amount of fundraising with a goal of \$2,000 or more



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- Skinner Park, doors open at 9:30, event 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Planning
 - Indoors or outdoors?
 - Hold it outdoors, in the pavillion
 - Box lunches was discussed an option
 - Jim to talk with Indian Club about food options
 - Event is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., doors open at 9:30
 - Prizes and raffles
 - 50/50 raffle instead of larger raffle
 - Tickets need to be printed and mailed
 - Do not need to be present to win
 - Door prizes in lieu of bucket raffle. It was decided to eliminate the silent auction.
 - Updated membership list
 - Armas to talk with Pete about ensuring that the list is accurate and up to date.
 - Mel would be willing to take on the membership list should Pete no longer be available to do it. This could be done at registration
 - Speaker
 - Potential: Scott Peddle from NFS to explain the Wild and Scenic River designation
 - Jim to reach out to him to confirm

Spring/Summer Newsletter

- The next newsletter needs to be ready to go out by April 15. It will include the annual meeting announcement, Tim's last letter, a letter from Armas as interim president, a summary of the watershed summit meeting by Mel, Dates for the Water Quality surveys and Macro surveys and a call for volunteers by Joyce.



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Annual Watershed Summit Meeting

- Armas, Jim, Joyce and Mel gave their summaries of the Annual Watershed Summit Meeting. Overall we finally have the Natural Rivers group actively working with us while LMWCC investigates the support we have in the watershed for the designation. The DNR was very clear that it has to be supported by the community for anything to happen.

Other Business:

- We briefly discussed the draft letter of support Armas distributed and Armas will continue work on the next draft.
- Armas reported the grant application we submitted with MACD has had it's notification delayed until August.
- MACD has a grant opportunity for monitoring equipment. Joyce has submitted a request for a ph meter and other equipment, Armas will investigate getting hardware (cell modem and antenna about \$100) for the new cell connection TU has developed for the station we now upload manually.
- David Spruance shared about 100 photos for Armas to develop an educational photo show with. Armas is working on it in the background.
- The riparian owners guide has been distributed to some local title companies and we are continuing to contact other title companies so when people buy homes in the watershed they get a copy.
 - Mel made a motion to purchase another 100 maps for the riparian owners guide for \$5 each for a total cost of \$500. The motion was seconded by Joyce and unanimously approved.
- Mel has purchased a laptop for \$318.09 for use exclusively on LMWCC newsletter and documents, Jim made a motion to reimburse Mel for that amount and it was seconded by Joyce. The motion was unanimously approved.



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- We talked about the membership list and how revisions are being made to it. Mel offered to follow up and or coordinate the changes if more help is needed. Armas will talk to Pete about getting a direct line of contact to Pete's secretary to see if we can coordinate the process.
- Al Greenman from Ellsworth Township attended the meeting and informed us that there is now significant agricultural and livestock activity upstream of the Luther dam pond and a river crossing near Frank Smith road is in active use for farming.

Next Meeting – April 2, 2022, Elk Township Hall, 10:00 AM

Adjourn: 12:55.