



Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council

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December 3, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

1. Present at this meeting: Armas Soorus, Joyce Durdel, Jim Squier. Wayne Anderson, Dan Sernick, Amamda Buday (GVSU), Renee Mallison (MACD), Dani McGarry (MLCD)
2. Call Meeting to Order – 10:10 AM
3. Approval of September 3, 2022 Minutes
 - a. These minutes were submitted to the board shortly before this meeting and the board chose to review them before the next meeting and seek approval at that time.
4. Approval of November 5, 2022 minutes
 - a. Dan made a motion to approve the minutes, Joyce Seconded and they were approved unanimously.
5. Treasurers Report
 - a. Den presented the Treasurers Report.
 - b. Jim made a motion to approve it and Joyce seconded it and it was approved unanimously.
 - c. Dan made a motion for the LMWCC to donate \$100 to Elk Township to support the coffee, cookies and office supplies used. Wayne seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
6. Natural Rivers Survey – Amanda Buday and Board
 - a. Amanda wasn't sure that a survey would be the proper response to the DNR's letter and after much discussion we agreed that Dani would set up a meeting with the DNR and EGLE to have a discussion with us all to be sure this is the right thing to do at this time.
 - b. Assuming we go ahead with the survey Armas will get an account established on the state for the survey.

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7. Project Management

- a. Wayne updated the group that we had no further information from CRA, except they had previously committed to having permits ready for 2023. Wayne and Jim are looking at other sources for both permitting and construction work. Mr. Knouse has not responded to Jim about doing the permitting work along with the construction. We talked briefly about doing the permitting ourselves as a last resort.

8. Update LOSB Account Signatures - Armas

- a. Armas has turned in the paperwork to LOSB to have Dan with the “Administrator Permissions” and the ONLY person that can make any disbursement transactions in the accounts. Jim will have authority to make deposits and see transactions as read only. Armas will have authority to see transactions as read only.
- b. For convenience, Armas talked with LOSB about linking the LMWCC accounts in a “read only” mode to his personal accounts at LOSB. They agreed this could be done with permission of the LMWCC board.
- c. Armas made a motion that the LMWCC accounts at LOSB be linked in read only mode to his personal accounts for convenience. Joyce seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the board.

9. Membership Mailing

- a. Armas will follow up with Peter Lozicki to get the process kicked off.

10. Fall/Winter Newsletter

- a. David Spruance has the Newsletter in progress and we should see a draft within a week.

11. Annual Meeting Postmortem - July 9, 2022.

- a. Filing with State of Michigan
 - i. The raffle filing still has not been filed.
 - ii. Mel should have all the information she needs to do so.
 - iii. Armas to follow up with Mel.

12. Water Quality and Macro Studies – Joyce

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- a. Joyce and Armas will meet to develop a layout for the web site to get this information on the web site in a clear manner and communicate it to Anna.

13. Web Links to Natural Rivers

- a. Joyce and Armas will get a layout together for Anna to put on the web site.
- b. Per Alicia's note (Sample Docs for NR folder)– Put them on the web site. Add a new Tab?
 - i. No new information

14. Web Link to Pine River chapter of TU reciprocal web link if they put link to our WMP on theirs.

- a. No new information

15. New Business

- a. Dan brought the lack of enforcement on the flood plain work landowners have been doing on the flood plains without permits. We have documented and reported several violations in the last few years with no visible results.
 - i. Armas and Joyce will put together a letter to the DNR asking for them to make some progress on these violations.
- b. Dan will check the inventory in the storage unit next spring to bring the Balance Sheet up to date.
- c. Dani and Renee reported that they have found that Chelsea's position at the CD's is really 2 jobs and that the time requirements on them to support the interns has been high. They are looking at a full-time position for an environmental educator and invasive species person. They are going to their board on Dec. 20th for this person. In addition, they are looking at a grant supported part time person for supporting the 3 watersheds and additional duties. A third person for coastal education and outreach is possible.
- d. Armas will schedule the Watershed Summit in March of 2023.

16. Next Meeting February 4, 2023

17. Adjourn at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by: Armas Soorus