



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2018
Summit Township Hall
2121 Ferguson Drive, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kurt LaFrance at 7:09 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Kay Brown, Jon Hoyle, Dan Kaser, Kurt LaFrance, John Minar, Don Nelson, Jack Ripstra, Deb Snell

Absent: Pam Brown, Kenny Price, Kurt Rudolph and Benji Ward

Guest: none

AGENDA REVIEW:

Motion to accept agenda: Don Nelson

Second: Deb Snell

Approve: all

MINUTES:

Motion to accept minutes: Jack Ripstra

Second: Jon Hoyle

Approve: all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

There are 109 paid memberships for the year. Doyle and Janet Rice have joined and paid for two years. Deb will be sending out a 'We miss you' letter to those members who have not yet paid their 2018 memberships.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jack mailed out the statements. We are just under \$3,000 to the good from this time last year.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

Don Nelson talked about cutting on the Grand River for the clean up.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

- GREAT is sharing a booth at the Jackson County Fair with the Conservation District again this year. We do not have a schedule for people to man the booth, if you have time just show up.
- The October paddle is on track at this time.
- Pam is not here to discuss the newsletter, but an email has been sent to those who are committed to provide articles due the 13th.
- The July paddle went well, there were no firm numbers of attendees but thought to be 40 or so.

Standing Committees:

Communication: No report.

Newsletter: Articles are due in August 13th.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar: Covered earlier.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: Jack is looking for additional crew/team leaders and is finalizing his plans.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment Inventory: Repair parts for the pop up tent have been ordered.

River Debris Removal: Covered earlier.

GREAT land: Jack has mowed the tall grass around the barn. The solar lights are to be installed soon.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: No report.

Water Trail: Kurt LaFrance mentioned that there is some interest within Consumers Energy about supporting our efforts concerning the Grand River becoming an official Water Trail.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: No report.

JAOC: No report.

JCCD: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Jack Ripstra

Second: Don Nelson

Approve: all

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be September 12th, 2018 at the Blackman Township Hall at 7:00 P.M.,
Don Nelson, Recorder of Minutes

The mission of GREAT is to promote the protection and preservation of the Grand River Watershed through activities and educational programs.