



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2018
Summit Township Hall
2121 Ferguson Drive, Jackson, MI

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:07 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: Pam Brown and Benji Ward

Guest: none

AGENDA REVIEW:

Motion to accept agenda: Don Nelson

Second: Jon Hoyle

Approve: all

MINUTES:

Motion to accept minutes from January: Kay Brown

Second: Kurt Rudolph

Approve: all

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

There are 62 paid memberships already for the year that is about 52% similar to this time last season. There was one new member who paid a \$100 sponsorship.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Statements had been emailed to the board for their review, no discussion. We are \$2100 up compared to this time last year. This counted the check for \$325 from Consumers Energy's volunteer program.

RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:

- The UGRWA is looking into getting bids to remove a couple of log jams and do some bank restoration on the Grand River. There needs to be an assessment of the river to determine the scope of work, but the log jam just north of I94 at the bend is #1 on the list with another jam just past the Rail Road bridge downstream being #2.
- This year there is a plan to do an expedition the first weekend in June on the Red Cedar River to the confluence with the Grand River. Loretta Crumb and MGROW have taken the lead on organizing this and there will be additional information on the MGROW web site soon. Also, a sign up sheet at the MGROW booth during the Quiet Water Symposium for this expedition and information for the 2020 Grand River Expedition as well.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

- Kenny told us we can look at the Wild Apricot software. He asked who wanted to come and when, we have some time from 4-5 PM next week on Monday, Tuesday or Friday. Several wanted to attend and it was determined to plan on Tuesday. Follow up emails to be sent out once confirmed.
- Kenny wanted to make an adjustment to the Annual Dinner menu based on his recent experience at the Jackson County Conservation District's annual dinner at the same venue. All agreed
- We have 8 people to staff our booth at the 2018 Quiet Water.

- John Minar has put together an award to present to Dawn Food recognizing their recent donation of \$500 to GREAT. Kurt LaFrance brought a point that we have received several larger donations in the past from Consumer's Energy, TAC and others. We have noted these gifts in our newsletter and on the poster we display at the cleanup recognizing these supporters, but had not given out awards. The group had some discussion about awards and certificates and what we have done to acknowledge these gifts in the past and how should we handle them going forward. Set some sort of dollar value on what group or person may get an award? Jack said he would do some research on who had given what amounts in the past and share in an email with the board. This could give us a feel for how many recipients there maybe for such an award. More of this is email discussions before the next meeting.

Standing Committees:

Communication/Newsletter: No report.

Finances: No report.

Activities & Calendar: Passed around sign up sheet. No report.

Education & Advocacy: No report.

Annual Cleanup: No report.

Nominations: No report.

GREAT Equipment Inventory: No report.

River Debris Removal: No report.

GREAT land: Plan No report.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Grand River Trail Map and Booklet: No report.

Water Trail: On going talks with the City of Jackson.

RELATED GROUPS:

Watershed Alliance: Discussed earlier.

JAOC: Earth Day April 22, 2018.

JCCD: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Kurt LaFrance

Second: Jon Hoyle

Approve: all

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

The next monthly meeting will be March 14th, 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.