



BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2021  
via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Kenny Price at 7:14 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Kenny Price, Jack Ripstra, Kay Brown, Cathy Jehnzen, Dan Kaser, Kurt LaFrance, Deb Snell, and Benji Ward.

**Absent:** Jon Hoyle, John Minar, Jeff Lolkus, and Kurt Rudolph.

**Guests:** none

Special thanks to Blackman Township for the use of their Zoom account.

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

There was a motion to accept the amended emailed agenda by Jack Ripstra, seconded by Benji Ward, and approved by all.

**MINUTES:**

There was a motion to accept the emailed September minutes as corrected by Dan Kaser, seconded by Cathy Jehnzen, and approved by all.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Twenty six paid members this year. Two are brand new members. Ninety paid members in 2020 total.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison and Profit & Loss reports were emailed out. Jack reported total cash assets of \$17,517.44.

**RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:**

No report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Kenny mentioned there will not be a 2022 Grand River Expedition. Instead there will be the Grand River Experience where people can participate on their own. GREAT may be able to promote our paddles as part of the Experience.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- The 2020 Report hasn't been started yet. Cathy will work on organizing the report. Deb Snell will review. Shooting for completion March 24.
- The annual organizational meeting will be held during the April board meeting.
- Jack went to Target and signed up for a Consumers Cellular account. After many wasted hours it turns out they wouldn't set up an account for an organization. We will stick with the Verizon account and look into getting a new phone.
- A new sign has been obtained for the barn, along with a high-resolution image of GREAT's logo that can be used for additional signs.
- Summit township hall is available for meetings, however we will continue the board meeting by Zoom for now.

**Standing Committees:**

**Communication/Newsletter:** Pam Brown has retired from her newsletter duties.

**Finances:** Kurt LaFrance moved and Dan Kaser seconded we approve the budget as submitted by Jack Ripstra on March 1.

**Activities & Calendar:** The activities calendar was approved by the board.

**Education & Advocacy:** No report.

**Annual Cleanup:** No report.

**Nominations:** No report.

**GREAT Equipment:** No report

**River Debris Removal:** No report.

**GREAT land and building:** See above discussion item on Barn Sign.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Water Trail:** No report.

**Grand River Trail Map and Booklet:** on hold.

**RELATED GROUPS:**

**Watershed Council:** Paul Rentschler is retiring in June. Kurt Rudolph will be joining.

**Earth Day:** Status unknown due to Covid-19 but being planned for April 24, 2021.

**JCCD:.** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

The next monthly meeting will be April 7, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Kurt LaFrance, Recorder of Minutes

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