

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting

Introductions

Directors Present – G. Zuiderveen, R. Schirado, J. Schulte

Directors Absent – B. Spencer, B. Vredevoogd, T. Anderson, S. Triant, A. Tuck

Guests Present – Mindy Miner

Minutes – Tabled until the March Board meeting

President Zuiderveen read a letter from Ann Tuck asking for Board clarification about her status as a Director due to health concerns.

Reports

Financial Statements

- Financial Report for January 2019: Balance \$100
- Banking Activity ending December 2018: Balance \$2,815.90
- Proposed 2019 Budget: Income \$4,075, Expenses \$4,395, Balance -\$270

Budget Amendments to Expenses

- Drop IRS Fee - \$275, and RCPP Outreach - \$250 for total cuts of \$525
- Amended Expenses of \$3,870 and a new Balance of + \$455

Motion by Schulte and second by Schirado to approve amended budget.

Motion approved unanimously.

Fundraising

Report tabled until the March Board meeting

Membership Recruitment

Report tabled until the March Board meeting

Reports (Continued)

Tuesday Talks

- Suggestion to continue using a Donation Jar at entrance to event
- Ask Amy Heilman to speak on birds, native plants and buffers for September 24th presentation
- Farmers for Fish – Chance to engage farmers, especially those living in northern Kent County and Newaygo County
- Renewable Energy and Watersheds – Solar, wind and other options
- Alternative Agriculture Crops –Hemp/CBD crops and water quality
- Alternate Sites suggested: High School Science Classrooms and churches

Discussions

DEQ Public Hearing – Wetlands permit for Oaks of Rockford

- Board members will be in attendance
- Draft public statement was sent to Directors for review
- Consider stream-side plantings recognition project

Rockford City Sustainability Commission

- Planning meeting in March
- Asking for public input on goals and objectives

DEQ Webinars

- Suggestion that DEQ include presentations on watershed topics
- Tabled until March Board meeting

Events

Upcoming: February 20th

- RCPP lunch in Sparta – Discussion of volunteers needed and PR efforts
- LGROW Sub-watershed Meeting – First group session at LGROW
- Oaks of Rockford DEQ Hearing – meeting at Courtland Township

Additions

- Trout Unlimited – add micro-invertebrates events in Spring and Fall
- Kent Conservation District – Annual Showcase March 13th

See February RRWP Board agenda for additional event listings for 2019

Submitted by Acting Secretary
Robert Schirado