



Wednesday, November 4, 2018 9:30-11:00
Cannon Township Hall
6878 Belding Rd, NE, 49341

Members Present: Tricia Anderson, Robert Stegmier, Gretchen Zuiderveen, Bob Schirado.
Members Absent: Brett Vredevoogd, Sally Triant, Jessie Schulte, Anne Tuck.

I. Approve meeting minutes from October 10, 2018

Pat Allen moved, with support from Bob Stegmier, to approve the meeting minutes from Oct. 10, 2018.

Motion carried.

II. Reports

A. Financials

- Jessie Schulte could not be at the meeting; however, she provided a financial report via email. The current balance of the
- She noted that she will be meeting with the new volunteer financial support assistant, Bryce Spencer.
- Pat Allen gave some information regarding making it easier for people to give to the organization through a brokerage account. She indicated that the federal ID number for the non-profit needs to be easily accessible for folks who wish to give to the organization through a retirement account, pre-tax.

B. Trout Unlimited

- Jamie Vaughn could not be at the meeting; however, she provided a TU update via email.
- Report is attached to the minutes.

C. RCPP Update

- Jessie relayed via email – the report is attached to the minutes.

D. Status of mailing brochure, cover letter to landowners on Rogue River

III. Discussion

A. Land Conservancy acquiring land within the Rice Lake area

- Pat Allen noted that she found that the LC has recently acquired some land in the Rice Lake Area
- B. Pros and cons of becoming members of the Michigan Environmental Council**
- Largest/most influential nonprofit in the state of Michigan.
 - They have a good relationship with legislators in Lansing.
 - Only organizations can join, not individuals.
 - Bi-partisan organization.
 - The RRWP needs some direction from MEC
 - Cost is \$100 per year for organizations that have an annual budget
 - No quorum, so RRWP cannot vote today on the membership
 - General consensus is that we should join – add to agenda for December meeting.
- C. Make plans for annual meeting on December 12**
- Election of Officers
 - Pay dues
 - Review terms of offices
 - Gretchen will make agenda
 - Robert will review old minutes to find when directors' term expires.
 - Introduce Bryce Spencer
- D. Make plans for next RCPP informational pancake breakfast Can the RRWP become a recipient of Giving Tuesday initiatives?**
- Dana suggested collaborating with Sue Blackall in Sparta, who recently held a pancake breakfast and had a great turn out.
 - Sparta Civic Center, local Sparta Schools, Lutheran Church, etc.
 - Nichol and Jamie may have some good contacts in Cedar Springs – Assistant City Manager in Cedar Springs may be a good resource.

IV. Upcoming events and deadlines:

- January 9, 2019: Board Retreat
- WMAC, 9-1:00
- May, 2019: IRS 990-N report due

V. Visitor comments

- Tricia gave an update on shirt costs

VI. Adjourn – R. Stegmier moved, with support from G. Zuiderveen to adjourn 11:09

