

Michigamme River Basin Tifa minutes for January 9th 2012

Meeting called to order by: Wulf McNeill at 5:35pm

Present: Norine Maki, Ikey Todd, Kim Isaacson, Todd Rankinen, Wulf McNeill

Absent: Chuck Hurst, John Jilbert, Gary Johnson

Minutes approved by: Ikey Todd

Second by: Todd Rankinen

Agenda approved by: Ikey Todd

Second by: Todd Rankinen

Public comment: none

Old business: Chuck Hurst to compose a letter to Roger Crimmins to set a date for a meeting to lay groundwork for the TIFA to acquire the dam. Meeting is set for January 17th. Chuck is to be advised to bring another approved member along. A document was supplied as Dan Mitchel's contract; board to review and evaluate at next month's meeting.

New business: Elections-tabled until next month due to lack of attendance. Motion to table made by Norine Maki, second by Ikey Todd. Budget deficit plan-it was presumed that this issue should be acknowledged and as grammatically implied a plan should be presented. It was suggested by Wulf McNeill that perhaps an intent to meet with a financial lending institution would satisfy this requirement. For lack of appropriate people being present this issue was, as well, tabled until next month. Todd Rankinen stated he won't be a part of the TIFA anylonger.

Chairman report: Absent

Vice Chairman report: Elections tabled

Secretary report: Expressed disapproval of things as a whole, particularly key members lack of attendance. The only positive thing in the works is a meeting set between Chuck Hurst and Roger Crimmins toward dam acquisition.

Treasurer report: Faye Matilla presented more expenses to the TIFA bringing its total to just under \$10,000. Wulf McNeill and Ikey Todd stated that the people who issued the checks need to explain them, Gary Johnson to explain at February meeting. Faye Matilla also pointed out that due to depreciating property values the TIFA is worth less now than when it started. Faye Matilla also pointed out that the extended TIFA district was not sent into the county when it should have been, but has since been sent; Gary Johnson to explain at February meeting. Ikey Todd and Wulf McNeill discussed the need to get non-attendees to the meetings to answer questions like "are we getting anywhere, will we be able to repay debt to the town." Also discussed the need for non-attendees to be proactive or leave. Wulf McNeill stated that anything man made is repairable.

Supervisor report: Absent

Project Committee report: Ikey Todd asked if I forwarded the Mead and Hunt e-mail indicating they were still interested in working with us to Gary Johnson as he is meeting with state representatives as well as people at Michigan Tech. I stated that I did. Members discussed how long it took to finally get a letter out to Roger Crimmins, discussed the pointlessness of the TIFA without dam acquisition.

Finance committee: None

Public comment: None

Adjournment: By Wulf McNeill at 6:10pm