

Michigamme River Basin TIFA
Minutes for February 13th 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Chuck Hurst

Present: Chuck Hurst, John Jilbert, Kim Isaacson, Ikey Todd, Gary Johnson, Norine Maki, Wulf McNeill

Absent: none

Minutes approved by: John Jilbert, Second by: Norine Maki

Agenda approved by: Gary Johnson, Second by: Kim Isaacson

Public comment: Kasimir Reese stated that he was discouraged with the way things were not materializing after so much time has passed.

Old business: Chuck Hurst presented a letter outlining talks he and John Jilbert had with Roger Crimmins concerning dam acquisition. Chuck Hurst told Roger Crimmins that the TIFA will not make enough money to pay for dam acquisition and \$134,000 worth of gate repairs, elaborated on meeting with Roger Crimmins, discussed was rock dam concept and lease agreement possibility with future buyout option, outlined the TIFA concept and where it is at economically now. Also stated TIFA needs to find ways to supplement itself to bring more money in such as a basin association with membership fees, help from Kennecott perhaps in 1st quarter. Wulf McNeill stated we need to know asking price for the dam. Norine Maki asked if there are state funds available. Debbie Pellow stated we need to find out the asking price and from there present a counter offer that is within the economic constraints of the TIFA. Also stated we should all attend the 595 woodland road project. Chuck Hurst stated \$400,000 as the maximum TIFA value over 20 years. Wulf McNeill stated that stabilizing the basin better than had been done last summer would give the TIFA a shot in the arm at increasing property values. Also pointed out that if we pay \$18,000 a year to lease the dam from Roger Crimmins over a 20 year span the cost would be \$360,000 which is far less than the appraised value and Roger Crimmins can make the repairs on his own dam.

Dan Mitchell's status was brought up, still in limbo.

Gary Johnson motioned to keep our present officers for another 2-3 months, John Jilbert 2nd. Ikey Todd motions to elect Norine Maki as Vice Chairman, Kim Isaacson 2nd.

A dam acquisition contract was reviewed, it was stated that it was presented to the TIFA in the earlier stages and was no longer pertinent.

New Business: none

Chairman report: Chuck Hurst met with Carl Lindquist to acquire grants.

Vice Chairman: none

Secretary: Wulf McNeill stated that perhaps our negotiating delegates should meet with the rest of the TIFA before meeting with Roger Crimmins so they can be directed to find out the acquisition price during negotiations. Also stated we need to move on everything we are discussing, not wait another 6 months. Also stated that the Finance Committee should have been meeting to anticipate expenses. Also stated we should communicate actions with the rest of the TIFA members so we don't just assume things are being done when they are not. Also stated we should keep pursuing dam acquisition unless cost proves prohibitive, at which point we should pursue other options.

Treasurer: Faye Mattila reported that Gary Johnson projected that the TIFA has \$4,050 in it, Gary Johnson concurred.

Supervisor report: Cautioned against going with a rock spillway. The state needs to raise its green energy by 2%, a rock spillway will not support hydro development in pursuit of this. grants based on community needs, they may help with dam upgrades. Also stated that property taxes are down, discussed TIFA operation and mechanics. Stated Roger Crimmins may get tax breaks, his taxes also went down. Roger Crimmins to supply lease plan to us. Also stated that the checks in question were for startup for the TIFA. Also need to file budget deficit reduction plan. Within 2 years the TIFA needs to repay town or no water line grant. Also stated that he hit wrong key on his computer so the extended TIFA data wasn't sent on time. Also stated he will get numbers for parcels affected by values.

Project Committee: none

Finance Committee: none

Public comment: Kasimir Reese asked how much it will cost to remove dam, maybe we could use that knowledge as leverage to negotiate acquisition price. A question was raised pertaining to dam abandonment, Gary Johnson stated that Roger Crimmins would have to create a parcel and not pay taxes on it in order to do so, and that planning and zoning would not allow it.

Adjournment: Chuck Hurst at 6:40

Respectfully submitted

Wulf McNeill, secretary,