

Michigamme Basin Tifa
"MBT"

minutes for July 11th 2011 meeting

Meeting called to order: Roger Crimmins

Present: Roger Crimmins, John Jilbert, Gary Johnson, Kim Isaacson, Ikey Todd, Norine Maki
Wulf McNeill

Absent: Chuck Hurst, Todd Rankinen

Minutes were gone over and approved
Motion to approve minutes by: John Jilbert
Second by: Gary Johnson

Agenda was approved
Motion to approve by: Norine Maki
Second by: John Jilbert

Public Comment: none

Old Business: The status of Uppco power line to dam to be discussed by town board at their next meeting for closure at next tifa meeting. Roger Crimmins stated Republic Mountain Lake LLC to fund if township can't.

The status of Dan Mitchell will be tabled until September

May minutes correction approved.

No minutes taken in February 2011 meeting. March 2011 meeting confirmed February discussion. Matter is considered closed.

Dam acquisition/repairs tabled until August or September 2011

New Business: Ikey Todd rescinded her letter.

Gary Johnson gave us an update on Republic Township Clerk related status; auditors taking preliminary review of township records, book keeping amuck, will cost township money to sort out. Township funding cut by \$24,000 by state. Charges get appropriated, \$14,000 range legitimately billed to Tifa activities. Anderson Tackman accounting firm doing work, about 2 months before accounting accurate and up to date. Setting up quick books based on Anderson Tackman system for new clerk to start with. Township has 45 days to appoint clerk or county calls for special election. Everything must be approved by October 1 2011 to be eligible for grants.

Roger Crimmins said everyone on Tifa board should get copy of flow head data concerning dam.

Reports: Wulf McNeill reported on contacts and results concerning hydro potential for Republic dam. Contacted Ray Anderson, city manager for Norway MI. They have their own hydro dam and use money generated with it to support their general fund. Their energy rates are 36% less than UPPCO and generate 60-70% of their own power. They are very happy with their hydro dam. Also contacted Mead and Hunt, an engineering firm out of Madison WI, specializing in hydro-electric power generation. They are currently doing a back door study of our dam and hope to send someone in July to view it. Finally contacted Jeff Kiser of Kiser Hydro located in Norway MI. They are hydro enthusiasts and engineers and hope to view the dam as well. Roger Crimmins indicated he would allow such viewings. Ikey, Kim and myself hoping to view Norway's dam firsthand before next Tifa meeting.

Committee Reports: none

Meeting adjourned.

Motion to adjourn by: Gary Johnson

Second by: Kim Isaacson

Next meeting to be held on August 8, 2011 at 5:30pm at Republic Town Hall

Respectfully submitted

Wulf McNeill, secretary
