

Michigamme River Basin Tifa minutes for November 14th 2011

Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Wulf McNeill

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

Absent: Gary Johnson, Roger Crimmins, John Jilbert, Chuck Hurst

Minutes approved by: Ikey Todd

Second by: Todd Rankinen

Agenda approved by: Norine Maki

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Public Comment: None

Old Business: Two separate UPPCO contracts for dam site were presented to board. Ike Todd to contact Dan Mitchell as to quotes. Faye Mattila stated that the two contracts may be separate, one for lighting and one for running the dam itself. Ike to fax both quotes to UPPCO to try to find out. Wulf McNeill stated he would like to see the cancelled check that covered the dollar value in the original contract. Wulf McNeill pointed out that in William DeGenaro's investigative report dated April 7, 2011 it states "A check to UPPCO for \$1676.78 intended to cover a contract for "Street lighting- Michigamme River". UPPCO has acknowledged receiving the check but misapplied it to the Townships light bill. UPPCO is awaiting instructions. The number of members on the tifa board is in conflict with the number allowed in the bylaws. Dan Mitchell's second resignation letter was presented. Ike Todd motioned to accept second by Kim Isaacson. Norine Maki, Faye Mattila and Jim Brennan pointed out that nowhere in the letter does Dan Mitchell state specifically that he is resigning. Ike Todd and Kim Isaacson rescinded their motions, discussed was the need to read Dan Mitchell's contract and Ike Todd to contact Dan Mitchell to see if he is willing to provide letter stating his resignation specifically in the letter. The status of Roger Crimmins was also discussed, Jim Brennan pointed out that his term will end next month. Tabled until next month.

New Business: A document was supplied to all board members consisting of past minutes and follow up questions and comments

Reports:

Chairman:

Vice Chairman:

Secretary:

Treasurer: Faye Mattila brought up list of expenses.

Supervisor:

Committees:

Finance: Todd Rankinen pointed out that he was never contacted to meet with the other members and Roger Crimmins, to negotiate dam acquisition.

Project: Wulf McNeill stated that the project committee has gone as far as it could and turned over all information to Gary Johnson to assist in talks with MI Tech and state representatives.

Public Comment: Ikey todd stated that Chuck Hurst did draft a letter to Kennecott that John Jilbert presented to them. Chuck did not send a letter to Republic Board asking for grace period. Jim Brennan pointed out that the same people show up for tifa meetings and the same others don't. Wulf McNeill stated that the only way the tifa can hope to capture uncapped rising property values is to maintain a steady high river basin which is dependent on the dam. Todd stated he would contact John Jilbert pertaining to dam acquisition negotiations, and it would probably be the last thing he does as a tifa member as he is tired of wasting his time on a stagnant tifa.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. after a motion by Todd Rankinen, and seconded by Norine Maki.

Respectfully submitted,

Wulf McNeill, Secretary.