

Michigamme River Basin Tifa minutes for December 12th 2011

Meeting called to order by Chuck Hurst at 5:35pm

Present:

Chuck Hurst, John Jilbert, Wulf McNeill, Gary Johnson, Norine Maki, Kim Isaacson, Ikey Todd & Faye Mantilla, Treasurer

Absent: Roger Crimmins, Todd Rankinen

Agenda: motion by John Jilbert, second by Norine Maki, motion carried

Minutes: Motion by Ikey Todd, second by John Jilbert, motion carried.

Public comment: none

Old Business:

Gary Johnson stated that Debbie Pellow had stated at two Township Board meetings that without dam purchase the county will withdraw their funds from the TIFA. Chuck Hurst will check on that.

Gary Johnson suggested waiting 2 or 3 months before making a decision on whether or not to keep Dan Mitchell on as TIFA director, to see if the TIFA survives. Wulf McNeill stated we need to review his contract in order to make an informed decision and Ikey Todd concurred.

John Jilbert met with Roger Crimmins, stated that Roger Crimmins said a proposal was made 3-4 months ago, Gary Johnson said there wasn't. Faye read a letter dated June 8th addressed to Republic Township concerning dam lease, offering an \$18,000 per year lease agreement. This evidently is the above mentioned proposal. Chuck Hurst commented that Republic Township doesn't have \$18,000 to spare.

Wulf McNeill thinks the tifa should send a letter of inquiry to Roger Crimmins to see if he is interested in negotiating dam acquisition with the tifa, with it so worded in the body of the letter to state that if no response is given by "x" date that it will be the understanding of the tifa that Roger Crimmins has no interest in negotiating with the tifa. Chuck Hurst concurred. Ikey Todd made the motion to send the letter to Roger Crimmins, Wulf McNeill seconds. Carried.

Chuck elaborated on a letter he sent to Kennecott to see if they had any interest in helping us, Chuck indicated that Kennecott may fit us in as one of their projects for 1st or 2nd quarters of 2012.

Chuck Hurst is talking with Michigan Tech and is trying to find the right people there to get with.

Gary Johnson talked to Kathy Kohl from MEDC about hydro plans, says he thinks they will help us with everything except purchase price of dam.

Roger Crimmins is officially off tifa board by term limit.

The 2 electrical contracts reflect different costs due to different services specified. At any rate the Township is holding off on any electrical power installation at least until we own the dam.

New business: none

Reports

1. Chairman: none
2. Vice Chairman none
3. Secretary: none
4. Treasurer: Faye Mantilla provided more bills to the tifa
5. Supervisor: none
6. Project committee: none

7. Finance committee: Gary Johnson stated we have \$4000 in the tifa now, expect \$8000 next year but cannot give firm numbers until after December 31st. Wulf McNeill asked if we can project expected income to get a base number to negotiate with, and asked about Chuck Hurst's spreadsheet. Chuck Hurst said he found the spreadsheet and will provide tifa members with copies.

Public comment: Jim Brennan stated we may consider taking out a 10yr note to purchase dam. Also stated the tifa will need to collect for several years just to repay expenses already incurred.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm by Chuck Hurst