

The Michigamme Basin TIFA met in organizational session Tuesday January 12th, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

Present were: John Jilbert, Jon Bessolo, and Gary Johnson. Chuck Hurst attended by phone conference. Absent and excused were Roger Crimmins, Norine Maki and Jenny Hendrickson.

Election of officers;

Motion to elect Chuck Hurst was made by John, seconded by Jon. Chuck accepted the nomination. Motion carried, unanimously.

Motion by Gary, seconded by John, to elect Roger to the Vice Chair position. Roger had previously said he would accept that position, if nominated. Motion carried, unanimously.

Motion by John, seconded by Jon, to elect Gary to the Secretary position. Gary accepted the nomination. Motion carried, unanimously.

Gary informed the Board that DDA rules, which we operate under, permits using the Treasurer of the sponsoring unit of Government to be the Treasurer for the DDA/TIFA. The Republic Township Treasurer has agreed to take the position for the first year. By consensus, the Board agreed to have the Township Treasurer act as the TIFA Treasurer for the first year.

Committees were established:

The committee of the whole, which will be all Board members.

Project committee, will be comprised of Roger, Gary, Jennie and Ikey Todd.

Finance committee, will be comprised of Chuck, John & Jon.

Other committees will be created and populated as needed.

The Board discussed the request from the Township Board, to gather costs and data on various scenarios for the stabilization of the basin. The Republic Township Board is reserving the right to choose the method of stabilization chosen, because the Township Board bears the ultimate financial responsibility, and will eventually own whatever system is chosen.

The project committee will draw together financial data on the various methods.

The Board members present expressed a desire to hold future meetings at 4 or 4:30 in the afternoon, early in the month. A calendar consensus will be reached for the next meeting.

The Chairman directed the secretary to set up a phone number and e-mail list of the Board members.

It was agreed that members could attend by electronic means , if necessary. However, this will have to be set up in advance, because the township only has one phone line available

Public comment was held.

Meeting declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Johnson, Secretary.