



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2008, 4-6 p.m.
Farr Center, Onekama

Participants

Mike Acton, Howard Hughes, Peggy Pepera, Brian Myers-MDEQ, Herb Lenon, Jim Hunter, Tim Morley, Dick Tomlinson, Junior Kauffman, Dan Behring, Alice Hendricks, David Meister, Tim Ervin

Welcome and Introductions

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mike introduced Peggy Pepera, filling in for Laura. Mike also introduced Richard Tomlinson as a new member of the Watershed Executive Committee representing PLEA. It was announced that James Poellet is also a new member of the Executive Committee representing Portage Point Inn. Mike distributed copies of the Monitoring and Inventory Committee Meeting Minutes and the Community Outreach and Education Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mike read a framed resolution of thanks to be given to Laura for all of her hard work. The resolution was approved by members.

Status of Plan Review

MDEQ Comment on Draft Plan

Brian Myers, MDEQ Cadillac office, gave a status report on the review process of the plan. The plan was submitted to Lansing and there were no addition comments beyond what the Cadillac district office recommended. As soon as the recommended minor changes are made, the plan should be certified within 2 -3 weeks from the Cadillac district office receiving the revised plan. Brian reiterated the changes were minor and they were pleased with the quality of the plan.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach and Education Committee

Mike read the Community Outreach and Education Committee Meeting Minutes. Discussion followed regarding the need for a brochure for aquatic invasive species.

Monitoring and Inventory Committee

Herb Lennon read the Monitoring and Inventory Committee Meeting Minutes. Discussion followed regarding the need for a shoreline survey to be tracked by GPS for aquatic invasive species, mapping of the lakeshore by section owner. Dave Meister, Onekama

Twp. Supervisor, will check with the township regarding maps that show the property lots. It was suggested that the need for a shoreline survey be mentioned at the township and village board meetings and the joint master plan meetings. Herb has a colleague that will instruct a group of volunteers regarding aquatic plant surveying and GPS instructions towards the middle to end of June. It was suggested that all executive committee members find one or two volunteers to complete the shoreline survey and e-coli testing. The fishery and lamprey survey will continue by the LRBOI. The asking of owners of e-coli testing sites to donate the testing fees was agreed to by all members present.

Fundraising

Grants

Tim Ervin stated that there was a meeting with the Olson Foundation representative regarding the joint village and township master plan grant application. It was recommended that the PL Watershed Forever Plan community process be a part of the grant application letter. Hopefully this will be a little more leverage in successfully attaining the grant.

2008 Spending Priorities and Recommendations to Endowment Advisory Committee

The committee was unable to come up with any recommendations at this time until we get accurate figures back from the Community Outreach committee and the Monitoring and Inventory committee.

Other

Website was discussed. It was agreed to get whatever information we can on the new community website as soon as possible until or if a PL Watershed website is developed.

There was a discussion to see if we could get a representative from Onekama Marine to be on the executive committee and how important it is because of their exposure to the amount of people who use the lake.

Next Steps

Form a volunteer shoreline survey group and have a meeting towards the end of June. Mike will coordinate with the village and help them start their beach monitoring by the end of May.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4 from 4:00 – 6:00 at the Farr Center.