

HSC Foundation, Inc. Meeting Minutes December 30, 2020

Attendees: Richard Pershinske, Teresa Schanski, Don Butkovich, Karen Marshall, Patricia Schiefer, John MacFarland, Stacy Welling Haughy (guest)

Dick Pershinske introduced Stacy Welling Haughy of the UP DNR. She encouraged open communication and stated there is a grant team available to assist us. She shared Merrie Carlock's contact information (CarlockM@michigan.gov). DNR is separate from EGLE and MDARD. It was mentioned that Carl Lindquist would be the Watershed contact.

John MacFarland made a motion to approve the minutes from November 25, 2020 with one change. CISMO should be CISMA. Karen Marshall seconded, motion carried. Teresa Schanski gave the treasurer's report. Our current balance is \$22,744.28 with \$21,000 committed. Recent donations from Pam Cingano, Teresa Schanski, and Dick Pershinske have been received. Patricia Schiefer was reimbursed \$978.54 for mailing costs. Our current liquidity is \$965.74. There is a balance of \$500 designated for scholarships.

There were no agenda changes or additions. Richard Pershinske, president, reported the following. He spoke with CISMA regarding invasive species and asked Patricia Schiefer to send a letter of support on behalf of the foundation. The letter to the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club members was mailed to 1133 people on December 3, 2020. Patricia Schiefer, Jennifer and Kaelyn Baxter prepared the mailing. Richard Pershinske has been in contact with Dan Murphy concerning adding a letter of information to the membership packet. Eric Clark attended the recent Fish, Game, and Fowl meeting and there may be some collaborative efforts.

Old Business: The site has been approved for the Memorial Forest and Richard Pershinske is waiting for follow up information from Phil Hale. Karen Marshall said she is looking for a designer and also discussed site maintenance with Doug Sanborn the club manager. She also stated that the website update and grant signage are on going projects at this time. Karen Marshall and Joel Schultz prepared a Memorandum of Agreement with a few edits by Patricia Schiefer. This proposed agreement will be circulated to club committees and then presented to the board of governors for their January 16, 2021 meeting. Karen Marshall made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement as written, Patricia Schiefer seconded, motion carried. Patricia Schiefer obtained a DUNS and a SAM.gov account. She received notice that a UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) will replace the DUNS # for entities. Patricia Schiefer contacted Erica Newland, LSSU grant administrator, regarding our progress with the Graymont Watershed Grant. Richard Pershinske asked her if there would be another grant opportunity in the coming year. She stated that it was unknown at the present time. Don Butkovich stated that the

Garfield Township Recreation Project is moving forward. There is nothing new to report on recycling. Richard Pershinske is still attempting to get a key to the transfer station so we can take a look at the feasibility of using it.

New Business: John MacFarland would like to write a watershed grant to the Midwest Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership and one to CISMA. Karen Marshall will speak with Jim Nixon this week to discuss them. Teresa Schanski would like to consider inviting the president of the Gladwin Foundation to speak at a board of governors meeting. Karen Marshall suggested using the club's 5-year plan to target possible grant writing opportunities in the future. Discussion occurred about designating specific items to be emphasized in the Children's Endowment. They will be educational scholarship, emergency support for well-being, and experimental learning. Teresa Schanski will put it in writing. The deadline for the winter Council Fire is January 30, 2021 per Karen Marshall. Richard Pershinske suggested having a rivalry event between MSU and U of M to raise money for the foundation in a fun manner. Richard Pershinske discussed the merits of investing in a money market fund to earn more money. Teresa Schanski made a motion for Richard Pershinske to proceed with setting up a money market account at Edward Jones. Patricia Schiefer seconded, motion carried.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on January 27, 2021 at 9:00 am.