

HSC Foundation, Inc.
Minutes April 27, 2022

Attendees: Pat Schiefer, Karen Marshall, John MacFarland, Teresa Schanski, Dick Pershinske, Joel Schultz, Andrew Alvesteffer, Matt Lawrence (guest)

Meeting was called to order by President Dick Pershinske at 9:06 am via Zoom.

Teresa Schanski made a motion to accept the March 9, 2022 minutes as written, Karen Marshall seconded, motion carried.

Pat Schiefer, treasurer, reported a balance as of 3/31/22 at TACU of \$1796.67 and a balance as of 3/25/22 at Edward Jones of \$21,452.70. When the recently awarded TC Energy grant check is received it will be deposited to our Edward Jones account. Teresa Schanski made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Karen Marshall seconded, motion carried.

Dick Pershinske, president, thanked the entire group for the all the ongoing work. He cited the fact that we now have funded \$50,000 through grant writing which covers the first two phases and part of phase three of the Millecoquins Watershed Plan. He also mentioned that at some point in the near future we may have a need for a paid employee as we grow. Dick Pershinske has been in discussion with Chris Byrnes of the Mackinac County Economic Alliance regarding our recycling efforts. Joel Schultz is invited to the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club annual meeting on June 25th. He has recently been named the CEO of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians which has a seven-county service area.

The "Hidden In Plain Sight" trailer was at Engadine Consolidated Schools for the Parent/Teacher conferences in April. The school has recently experienced drug issues with two students. Parents were shocked that kids could successfully hide things from them. It was suggested that a return on August 12-13 for the tractor show would attract a larger audience.

Dick Pershinske called Tim Nelson to see if he was interested in working on the Memorial Forest, he will call him again. Karen Marshall will email new club members named Mansfield with landscaping experience. Karen Marshall said the club's communication committee is looking at how to add a link to the Foundation on their new website. She also explained the concept for the club's US 2 kiosk representation of the Millecoquins Watershed Plan and its supporters. It will contain a QR code for additional information and tabs at the bottom to add or delete grantor/donors.

Teresa Schanski will re-write the Memorandum of Agreement to be signed by the HSC Foundation and the Sault Tribe and share it with Joel Schultz. At a later date we will re-visit the same type of agreement between the Sault Tribe, HSC Foundation, and the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.

The Garfield Township Recreation Plan prepared by Mike Klobacher will go to the township board.

Per conversations between Dick Pershinske and Chris Byrnes it is likely that our request for \$32,000 from the American Rescue Plan funds will be approved. The NextCycle group considers the transfer station site as an essential piece of the plan. Paper, cardboard and plastic are considered recycled

material and the rest as materials management such as tires, compost and electronics. The Marquette County recycling is composed of 21 governmental units.

Dick Pershinske will contact Superior Watershed Partnership for a letter of support for the Graymont grant. Dick Pershinske thanked John MacFarland and Pat Schiefer for their grant writing efforts to fund Phase 3 of the watershed plan. Grants have been submitted to TC Energy and Enbridge Fueling Futures. They are awaiting a total of 3 letters of support to complete the Graymont grant which is due May 15th. Pat Schiefer has been working with Kenny Dailey, Garfield Township Fire Chief, to write a grant to fund a remote-controlled water cannon.

The article recently published in the Newberry News describing our EUP Youth Substance Use Disorder Initiative was shared. It was felt to be a very good representation of the group's efforts. The group will continue with advertising as planned. The group is currently pursuing grant writing to support the purchase of gas cards for travel to counseling. Narcan training sites will likely be at the Christian Fellowship Church, Engadine Consolidated Schools and St. Gregory plus 3 parishes.

The Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Writing Process was approved by the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club board of governors on April 23rd. Teresa Schanski read the approved document. Karen Marshall made a motion that the Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Writing Process is approved by the Foundation as presented, Teresa Schanski seconded, motion carried. Karen Marshall and Dick Pershinske will coordinate the signing of the documents.

Teresa Schanski and Pat Schiefer shared their concerns with the timeliness of support and answers to our questions with Flipcause. Teresa Schanski had emailed them with specific issues detailed and asked for answers by today's meeting. In the interim Teresa and Pat will continue to try.

Dick Pershinske has put the agreement with Newton Township to use the transfer station on hold until we have more definitive plans in place. If it does not fit our needs it may need to be demolished. Dick said Cloverland Electric Co-op not likely to donate the hook up expenses but he is talking to the editor to get an article promoting the Foundation.

John MacFarland will pursue the Clean Waters/Clean Boats grant when it comes out. The Garfield Township Fire Department is in need of replacing their tanker truck. They will be meeting on June 8th. Dick Pershinske will offer the Foundation's help with grant writing assistance. It is estimated to cost between \$250,000 and \$400,000 and the township has \$250,000. A new ambulance is needed in 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 am.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Schiefer, Secretary