

HSC Foundation, Inc.
Minutes January 13, 2023

Attendance: Patricia Schiefer, Joel Schultz, Teresa Schanski, Richard Pershinske, Karen Marshall, Angie McArthur, John MacFarland Don Butkovich

President Richard Pershinske called the meeting to order at 9:04 am via Zoom.

Teresa Schanski made a motion to accept the October 26, 2022 minutes with a change to 44 for number of gas cards disbursed, Richard Pershinske seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance at TACU is \$425.93 including donations from Mark Schiefer, John MacFarland, Mona Posinoff, Ellie Gilbert and expenses for Flipcause (3 months), annual web hosting, advertising, grant writing and annual P.O. Box fees. There are undeposited donations of \$3200 and unpaid expenses of \$400. Angie McArthur made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Karen Marshall seconded, motion carried.

There were no agenda changes.

Karen Marshall said the HSC Sportsman's Club donated unrestricted funds of \$3000 to the Foundation. The club included our flyer in their dues mailing and was designated as an option as a donation choice. Karen will give a liaison's report at each of their board meetings. The Legacy and Memorial is at a standstill and will be discussed in the Communication Committee meeting in February. Karen will check to see if our website link is on their website.

There has been no action on the MOU between the Foundation and the Sault Tribe. Contact is Eric Clark.

Don Butkovich said the Garfield Township Recreation Plan has been approved. Focus will be on the marina. He stated that the back half of the township building parking lot paving will use Round #2 funds and the front portion will be done when M-117 is finished. Joel Schultz brought up the availability of state money available for blighted properties and mentioned the Valliers site. There is \$25,000 in AARP funds for siding, windows and painting in the township and \$50,000 for Park Street. Don will reach out to Dale Throenle (current owner) regarding the Valliers site.

Mackinac County Commission has a new chairman named Mike Patrick. Dick Pershinske will re-introduce the idea of recycling to the new board. He would like to bring the video to the next suggested meeting. He intends to ask Jeff Hagan to participate also. We need to pursue a feasibility study for the site. Dick stated that maybe we should begin first with cardboard. Tracey Purrenhage suggests we stay in contact with I2P3. Dick says that Cedarville has been recycling for ten years. Angela Hall, an associate professor at MSU, can be contacted at 210-452-7968. There is \$160,000 available for poor rural communities.

It was suggested we add more scholarship information to our website. Jan Pershinske taught in ten school districts and the family is deciding on outreach.

Nothing to report regarding rivalry.

Our grant writer Justin Knepper has taken a position as the Executive Director of the Michigan Timberman's Association. He will continue to work on grants for the EUP Youth Substance Use Disorder Initiative. He also indicated an interest in writing the watershed grants for Phase 4. We will put the word out for a possible replacement. It was suggested we look at mintmaven.com for grant assistance.

John MacFarland said the EUP Youth Substance Use Disorder Initiative will be writing a grant to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund for up to \$150,000 and it will be discussed at the group's January 26th meeting. The deadline is April 20th. We have the potential to use approximately 50 fuel cards a month.

EUP Connect Collaborative is having a Community Basics session free on January 26th and 27th. The Planning for Broadband Survey had a 12% response over three counties which was good considering 10% was the anticipated amount. The Collaborative continues to push to have internet to all residents.

Nothing new to report regarding Legacy Giving Guidelines, Flipcause, and Agreement with Newton Township.

Our membership drive should be a part of our strategic plan. We should consider putting a membership application on our website and charge a small dues to belong.

Joel Schultz's "Youth engaged in outdoor recreation" proposal will be shared with the Activities Program Coordinator and our mission statement will be followed.

Our strategic plan for recycling will be shared with the county board.

Dick says that our organization is gaining statewide recognition.

Karen Marshall and Charley Lawler will talk about changes to the MOU between the Foundation and Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.

Our set meeting date has now been determined to be the 2nd Friday of the month. Our next meeting date will be February 10, 2023 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.