

## **HSC Foundation, Inc. Meeting Minutes**

### **March 31, 2021**

Attendees: Angie McArthur, Karen Marshall, John MacFarland, Joel Schultz, Teresa Schanski, Dick Pershinske, Pat Schiefer, Joshua Reed, Pam Cingano (guest), Donna LaCourt (guest)

Dick Pershinske introduced Donna LaCourt, Economic/Community Development Specialist at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, who gave a PowerPoint about the Michigan food, agriculture and forest products industry. She discussed rural development grants that are available.

John MacFarland spoke about drug abuse in Mackinac County. He suggested we could make available through schools drug test kits for parent's use. He mentioned that perhaps the Sheriff Department and schools could work together on this. Joshua Reed said that no parents have requested these kits but did say we could find the appropriate kit if the Sheriff's Department delivers it. He will check at the next Engadine Schools school board meeting for their approval.

Karen Marshall made a motion to accept the January 27, 2021 and February 24, 2021 minutes as written, Joel Schultz seconded, motion carried.

Teresa Schanski, treasurer, said the money was transferred to a money market account at Edward James. She received an additional \$150 donation for children's facemasks. She told Angie she could now spend \$450 to purchase facemasks. She deposited a check from Bruce and Cathy Fondren to purchase an AED device as a memorial and to be placed at the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Golf Course.

Karen Marshall asked to add Monarch Butterfly Project in new business.

Karen Marshall said we have a member who has suggested a possible alternative site for the Memorial Forest. She will explore that possibility. Karen Marshall has met with the club's web designer and things are going well. The Communications Committee is modifying the

kiosk on U.S. 2 and looking at a master sign with sub signs beneath it, similar to state parks. She reports no progress on our requests with the membership chairman Dan Murphy. It was suggested that we use our own cedar products from local sources for the handicap/family dock at Jocko Pond. This is on the April club board meeting agenda. Karen Marshall stated that the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club Tax, Legal and Audit Committe approved the amended version of the Memorandum of Understanding. It is also approved by the Sault Tribe. Karen Marshall moves that the HSC Foundation approves this final version, Pat Schiefer seconds, motion carried.

The Garfield Township recreation plan has started. Dick Pershinske is getting a key for the transfer station from the Newton Township Supervisor so he can see what equipment is in it. Dick Pershinske will contact Zellar and Pat Schiefer will contact Ethel Wells (Curtis Recycling) to ask about final disposal skepticism.

There was discussion on ways to build the Children's Endowment Fund or give it a different name. The facemask donation effort was well received. Dick discussed the Rivalry competition and that we should designate a cause and we should email him with ideas.

John MacFarland and Pat Schiefer submitted the watershed grant proposal for \$10,000 to TC Energy. John MacFarland also submitted the EGLE grant as written with Superior Watershed Partnership. John MacFarland and Pat Schiefer will write a grant to the Graymont Community and Economic Development Fund requesting \$5000 before the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The next grant to be written is to Enbridge.

It was suggested that we investigate purchasing and selling clothing with our logo on. We need to identify a supplier. Pat Schiefer will contact the 906 Store. "Students to Stewards Water Initiative", Heather Louto unable to start trout rearing but is using the greenhouse now. No action to be taken until COVID situation is resolved. The tribes have fisheries programs.

We still have no decision on Flipcause. Pat Schiefer and Dick Pershinske will see what is offered. Teresa Schanski mentioned an interest in financial software programs.

The Fish, Game and Fowl Committee needs a grant written to plant milkweed for Monarch Butterflies. It is an initiative at the University of Kansas and needs to have a non-profit apply. Teresa Schanski is a member of that committee and will report back on next steps.

Pat Schiefer has written twenty welcome letters to new club members. She has also written thank-you notes to the facemask donors. Pat Schiefer has written the motions for Karen Marshall to present at the April board of governors meeting regarding the AED donation and the Handicap/Family Dock at Jocko Pond.

Pam Cingano will email her foundation notes to us and we will meet with her in the coming months to share more information regarding the Gladwin County Community Foundation.