

HSC Foundation, Inc.
Minutes of September 30, 2020

Attendees (via Zoom): Angie McArthur, Dick Pershinske, Pat Schiefer, Teresa Schanski, Joel Schultz, Karen Marshall, and Eric Clark (guest)

Teresa reported that our bank balances were as follows: \$10,005.03 prime share and \$13,142.98 share draft. \$20.00 was remitted for the annual non-profit incorporation fee and \$14.00 for a picture frame for Steve Rogers certificate since our last report. Teresa will write a check to Garfield Township for the installed benches.

There was one correction to the August 26, 2020 minutes. The word website should be added to the last sentence. Angie made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Teresa seconded, motion carried.

Eric Clark, guest, from the Sault Tribe highlighted his career/background. He is a wildlife biologist, involved in strategic conservation planning (townships and counties), University of Michigan (environmental research), Michigan State University (community agriculture) and currently a PHD candidate. The current tribal enrollment in Engadine Schools is 22%, previously 33%. He uses quantitative analysis to help with the management of wildlife. He would like to work with the club regarding management and details of hunting. There was \$1 million designated in 2020 with \$400,000 in base funding from the US government and \$600,000 in restoration grants. The current study involves collecting field data for ruffed grouse. They are currently looking at different locations to see how they use the landscape and the changes occurring in areas of tree cutting. He stated that community members

could be trained data collectors and use various sampling sites. It was mentioned that this should be shared with the following committees: Fish, Game, and Fowl and Natural Resources. We also discussed the current Watershed Plan. Other topics mentioned aspen trees and global warming, coastal marshlands and removing invasive cattails and restoring wild rice, fire ecology (prescribed burns, biological restoration and cedar swamps). Eric sees overwhelming opportunities with the club. He gave Cathy Brossmer's name as a recycling contact.

Joel proposed a joint memorandum of understanding. The next step should be environmental. The watershed plan is underway with a team doing individual inventory. Dick will get the material list for the family/handicap dock and proceed with applying to Menard's and Lowe's for further assistance. The club (FGF) did not start a new scholarship for LSSU instead decided to do a second scholarship using funds up to \$50,000. The club will give \$1000 per year. Karen will introduce the concept of the memorial forest and the chosen site for consideration at the October 17th board of governors meeting. Dick is still attempting to gain access to the Newton Township transfer station. The Marquette County recycling effort began on October 1st. Garfield Township will look at the need for new/additional AED's for the community. They are beginning recreation planning and looking into additional office space. Teresa asked that if those living locally could let her know when they see published news releases. Teresa said that free grant writing classes are available on Non-profit Ready website. Also the club's Watershed Committee will be budgeting \$1000 for grant writing education. Teresa will condense the Children's Endowment focus for our October meeting to use in our proposed letter. Karen will discuss a link to the foundation on the club website with the communications

committee. She will also discuss signage for our watershed grants to be installed in the community/club. Karen will share Joel's information regarding disabled youth hunting blind. Pat will contact Heather Luoto regarding assistance with the trout-rearing project and greenhouse at Engadine Schools. We discussed pursuing grants for AED's, fire equipment, and watershed phase 2.