

Meeting Minutes for the 9/7/2019 Conservation Meeting Rev. 1

-Call to order Vice-Chairman Larry Bacci 8:00am

- Roll Call: Larry Bacci, Jeff Cattin, Frank DeBolle, Brian Deutschel, Mike Jolly, Greg Lewis on the phone,, Adam Lucas, Jim West, Bill Zimmerman absent excused, Bob DeMeulenaere(BOD Liaison), Ian Dockril (General Manager)

Approval of the Aug.2019 CC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes by Brian D., Jim W. 2nd, motion passed 8-0.

Old Business

-2019 DNR Habitat Improvement Grant applications: Brian D. made a motion to pay Heather Shaw for writing the grant application. Jeff C. 2nd., all approved.

-Bear Lake boat launch improvement: Ian will finish application from DEQ by the end of the month.

-2019 Camera Survey: Larry has the results and will summarize in Oct.

-Phase 2 Golden Winged warbler habitat improvement: BOD approved the BAR, Ian will sign the contract.

-2020 Budget: Jeff has concern about no monies allocated for fish. Discussion around capital spending vs. operating budget. Greg asked for \$2500 for daylighting fields. Brian suggested reviewing actual 2019 spending in March 2020. Brian D. made the motion to approve the budget as written, Jim W. 2nd. Motion passed 8-0.

-2019 Rifle season gate check: Greg has the students lined up to go. Mike suggested showing the students our rifle, archery, and skeet ranges.

-Forestry Services Contract: No changes

-2019 Conifer Planting : Brian asked to push back to 2020.

To Do List (August)

Budget request to be turned in by 8/31: During open forum, Budget was amended.

Plant fields and well sites: On-going.

Mow fields and apply fertilizer: Complete, Mike asked to get the tower shoot area mowed.

Flush Bear Lake Dam: Adam will do it every couple months.

Regular Item Reports:

-Trail Sports Committee – Jeff, Denny: Jeff reported for Denny.

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- Lakes/Dams/Fish Stocking – Larry, Adam, Jeff: Jeff would like the launch on Dear Lake improved. Adam gave a quick summary of Dave Hohlfeldt's work. Larry asked Adam to seek professional help from DU or fisheries on a long term plan, all agreed.
- Budget: Brian, Bill: Amended and approved.
- Fields – Greg, Bill, Larry, Frank: Greg updated.
- Timber – Brian, Bill, Adam: 2020 cut, area one was changed and contract altered.
- Turkey Feeders – Jim, Adam: Jim will investigate purchasing two new feeders from the Alpena Longbeards Turkey Club. Jim and Adam will start removing the large outdated feeders. Ian approved to store behind the maintenance barn.
- Future Planning – Mike: No meetings.
- Pheasant shoots – Mike, Greg: Mike reviewed the upcoming members kids shoot by Ryan Stelmachoske and requested a safety person to be assigned to the group.
- Surveys – Jim, Larry: Already discussed
- Hunters Roundup – Larry, Frank: Everything is ready.
- Articles – Brian, Jim: Brian to post the next article.
- Outside Resources – Mike, Bill: 2019 DNR Habitat Improvement grant and the Golden Winged Warbler programs in process.
- Forest Health Issues – Mike, Greg, Adam, Jeff: Other than oak wilt, Adam stated how healthy the woods are.
- Blind Committee – Larry, Bill, Frank: Larry reported one issue that was being resolved.

Open Forum

Jim reported the swimmers itch problem on Badger Lake and asked to get the goose field planted or cut next year. Bob DeMeulenaere wanted to send Ian his previous post for a wildlife biologist. Discussion on how can LLW seek to hire a wildlife biologist without having money allocated. Jeff C. made a motion to open the budget and add \$10,000 for a biologist. Adam 2nd. In discussion Jeff C. made a friendly amendment to reduce the line item biologist by \$12,000 to match last 2019 budget. Roll call 6-2 amendment passes. Brian and Greg opposed.

New Business

Trail Sports Rules – Pushed back to 2020

Promotional Events

Vintage snowmobile Rally –Denny Gauthier and Ian will set this up

Motion to Adjourn

Made by Brian D., 2nd Jim W., motion passed 8-0, 10:26am

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