

OUTCOMES
Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.
Dunn County Fish and Game Clubhouse
1600 Pine Avenue, Menomonie, WI 54751
Tuesday, February 12th, 2019: 6 – 7:30 pm

Attended by: Liz Usborne, Ben Hartenbower, Samantha Nitz, Doug Dominick, Mike Kneer, Dick Lamers
A little extra time was taken for introductions since it was Sam's first meeting. Liz also announced her new job position as Non Pointsource Coordinator for the WI DNR out of the Eau Claire office starting April 15th.

Dick noted he needed to leave early due to a conflict, so he requested the legislative topics be discussed first

No corrections were made to the January outcomes

Business Items

WIWF resolution

Conversation was had regarding the process, content and some questions. Liz, Dick, Ben and Jim Swanson will meet and discuss the document further on Monday, Feb 18th at 4pm, as well as who might be available to present it at the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Annual meeting.

Conservation Lobby Day

While a great event that TMLIA supports and will help promote through our channels, participating in an official endorsement does not fit into our 2019 work plan.

St. Valentine's Day Hustle Bike Race

Liz demonstrated the challenge activity and it was agreed to pay Aleisha Miller, Environmental Educator at St. Croix County \$15 to replace materials. Liz, Ben, Lindsay, and Amber will be attending the event for TMLIA.

Grants / Sign / Xcel Energy Grant / Student projects

Briefly went over the grants TMLIA applied for to support the Red Cedar Watershed Conference. If awarded the Community Foundation grant, the ceremony will be on Thursday, May 9th.

Updates on progress towards closing out our other grants for the Lakeside Park Rain Garden sign. We are going to take a break from grant writing until this project is complete, but we do have other projects tied to the, now two, UW Stout capstone student projects that we would be able to utilize the funding for in the future.

Beaver Creek Reserve

Liz was contacted by AJ Leiden from Beaver Creek Reserve about partnering with us to support water quality testing and other lake programs in the area. AJ is a great resource and we will try to utilize his help to transition monitoring efforts. Doug is planning on contacting him.

Red Cedar Watershed Conference student scholarships

It was agreed to send as many students as possible to the conference. We will find a way to fund the additional registrations from donations or unspent parts of the budget.

Ben presented the financial report for the month of January including income, expenses, restricted assets devoted to the Red Cedar Conference, and grant accounts.

Report Additions

Dunn County Land and Water Conservation

While Lindsay wasn't able to attend the meeting due to the rescheduling, she had a one-on-one phone meeting with Liz the day before to discuss agenda items.

Social Media

Sam is our social media intern until May 15, 2019. Liz is meeting with her on Friday to discuss starting an Instagram account for TMLIA.

Legislative

Dick shared several articles on groundwater.

President/Membership

Liz is meeting with this semester's UW Stout capstone students on Friday, Feb. 22nd at 10:30 am to discuss the pet waste station project.

Website

New website is live!!

Civic Governance

A case study on our Civic Governance group just came out and will be distributed.

Meeting was evaluated at a 4.95 average. Only gap was from Liz who felt the rescheduling threw her off her preparation and structure.

Upcoming Activities Update

Feb 12th Dunn County Alliance of Conservation and Sporting Clubs Meeting was held despite the weather. Liz and Ben did not attend, but Liz submitted a last-minute update on behalf of TMLIA. One of the agenda items was the Sharing Our Resources on the Water, disabled fishing event, that TMLIA supports. Liz is waiting to hear any development on what date was decided on and how TMLIA can help prepare.

Feb 28th Septic Spreading Panel Presentation

Apr 17th Ben really hopes to have some pictures of development on our rain garden sign project to show at 3M Employee Earth Day Event, since part of the effort is funded through a grant from them.

Jun 1st, At the library author speaking event (on Feb. 2nd), Liz met in person, after communicating through emails, the organizer of the Chippewa Valley Nature Fest. TMLIA is providing a pontoon tour field trip for the event and will help promote it.