

Friend of the Maple River
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes of November 7, 2007
Clinton County Courthouse

PRESENT:

Ed Mikula, Vice President
Joe Latoff, Past President
Anita Ladouceur, Secretary
Joe Smolka, Treasurer
Gary Boersen, Monitoring Committee Chair
Jack Nutter, Watershed Committee Chair

ABSENT:

Mike Rabe, Education Committee Chair

CALL TO ORDER:

Mikula called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
Ladouceur conducted a roll call to ensure a quorum was present.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Mikula stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to elect a new President.

AGENDA:

- I. IRS Statement
 - a. Mikula will sign the statement and mail it.
 - b. Ladouceur was given the FOTMR copy.
- II. Meeting Notices
 - a. Tri-County Regional Coalition Team in East Lansing on 11/28 at 4:30pm.
 - i. Latoff will attend and represent the FOTMR.
 - b. National River Rally Workshop in Huron, OH.
 - i. No one plans to attend.
- III. Watershed Books
 - a. Each Board member was given a watershed management book from Gary Fritz, Clinton County Soil Conservation District.
- IV. Clinton Area Explorer's Post
 - a. This is a program for kids to learn about science and the outdoors.
 - b. The first meeting was 11/6 and 8 kids attended.
 - c. FOTMR is the chartering organization.
 - d. Mikula moved for the FOTMR to endorse the Explorer's program. Nutter supported the motion. Motion carried.
- V. Discussion and Action to Fill the President's Vacancy
 - a. The open position was advertised in the paper.
 - b. No current Board members want the position.
 - c. Latoff said that Jeff Wadell has offered to take over as President.
 - i. Smolka moved to nominate Jeff Wadell as President. Boersen supported the motion. Motion carried.
 - ii. Latoff will contact Wadell regarding the Board's support for him as President.

- VI. Membership
 - a. Ladouceur expressed concern regarding the low turnout at monthly meetings.
 - b. Latoff stated that the membership list needs to be updated so that all members receive meeting notices.
 - c. This will be discussed at the December meeting.
 - d. A 2008 meeting schedule will also be discussed at the December meeting.
- VII. Website
 - a. Ladouceur reported that Jack Fritz is waiting to hear back from Allen Nelson on the final transfer of the website address from Allen to Jack.
- VIII. 319 Grant
 - a. There is a meeting on 11/11 at 9am at the NRCS office in St. Johns.
 - b. The purpose of the meeting is to do a final review and discussion of the grant.
 - c. Latoff and Boersen will attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ladouceur moved to adjourn the meeting. Nutter seconded the motion. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Monthly Meeting will be held on December 5, 2007 at the Pewamo Village Hall, 130 Main Street, Pewamo. A social time will take place from 6:30pm to 7:00pm.
Mikula will advertise the meeting in the paper and Nutter will contact the DNR for a speaker.

Please direct any and all modifications to the minutes to Anita Ladouceur, 989-981-6869.