

# CTRA ANNUAL MEETING

**14 April 2014 Wisner Center Cascade, Michigan**

Meeting presided by President Scott Rissi

Minutes recorded by Secretary Rob Andrews

1. Meeting opened at 6:33 PM with Welcome and Introductions

1a. Audience is about 50.

2. Secretaries Report – Motion to approve. Approved as written/provided.

3. Treasurers Report – Motion to approve. Approved as submitted.

3a. 81 families out of 429 are paid members.

3b. Payment of dues can be done on the website or by credit card here at the meeting.

4. Elections

4a. A minimum of two new members are needed for the board. Volunteers were requested. Michele Miller volunteered for a position.

4b. An explanation of the responsibilities of the board was presented to the audience.

5. Airport Construction Update

5a. A natural treatment system is being constructed. The diffuser is installed in the river north of the golf course near the water ski course. Drilling under M-6 is complete now. On May 1, phase 2 of the project starts which includes construction of the ponds. Phases 3,4,5 will commence next winter and summer with completion set for 2015 October.

5b. At the Cascade Township meeting last night they approved a proposal and approved \$10,000 for baseline testing to be completed this summer. Jim Dixon of Dixon Environmental suggested additional testing be done and the township confirmed they will do what they can afford.

5c. We (the users of the river), will have to keep an eye on things from this point forward. A few questions were raised by audience members:

Q1 Where will the testing be done? Above and below the discharge point.

Q2 Where does the diffuser come out? Just south of the I96 bridge.

Q3 Is the river construction done? We think so.

Q4 Will the ski course will be back in the spring? Yes.

6. Survey of the membership Results were read aloud.

28 respondents total.

Q1 18 yes 6 no

Q2 11 tie

Q3 13 yes w/ Twp involvement

Q4 donate to project? 7 yes

Q5 weeds 17 yes

Q6 dues increase yes 17

7. Question from an audience member about sediment in bayous.

7a. Answer was that it is our (River Association and Property Owners) responsibility. Options to fund the cost of cleaning out the bayous include:

1. A special assessment district

2. CTRA pays

3. Property Owner pays

4. CTRA adopts a strategy to work with the township to construct sedimentation control on the water ways that carry sediment into the river.

7b. Working with the township for sediment traps is the next project that the CTRA board is undertaking.

8. Question from the audience: Is there a special assessment district now?

8a. Scott is not aware of any. The only assessment was when the dam was not operated.

9. Question from the audience: Will the airport continue to dump into trout creek.

9a. Yes, there will continue to be some storm water run off after it precipitates.

10. Channel markers maintenance

10a. The board approved money to repair and replace markers.

11. General River Maintenance Update:

11a. The "deck" at the golf course has been only partially removed. It is more solidly constructed than a conventional deck.

11b. The CTRA Board will be likely to assume responsibility for the ski course and replace balls.

12. Water quality report

12a. Zebra mussels are still present but the numbers do not appear to be growing and they are not being found any farther up stream than the I96 bridge.

12b. Phosphorous testing is conducted by Rusty Trapp. No results were available as of the meeting. Testing is not any more extensive than this. No other contaminants are measured. Scott Rissi is taking Dissolved Oxygen readings.

13. Weeds in the river.

13a. Weeds are more prevalent upstream. Milfoil is the problem. \$30,000 per year is spent by Ada on weed control. Current estimates show that it costs about \$500 per acre to treat weeds. Scott is aware that one property owner spent \$1,800 and it did not work. Should the board undertake this problem?

13b. Question from the audience:

13c. Where are we at in the Milfoil problem? Is it an invasion?

13d. Answer is we do not know. The board will conduct an assessment and get back to the membership.

14. Annual Picnic

14a. We usually gain more membership when we have picnics. Ideas for the annual picnic could include: (Audience Polling was Conducted):

- 18 voted in favor of a Fireworks show that could cost up to \$5,000
- 8 voted for a movie night
- 9 voted for a traditional picnic
- 8 voted for a Ski show
- 16 voted for raft up party
- A boat parade was mentioned.

15. New business or comments?

15a. Question about drawdown in light of the severe winter season that was experienced.

15b. If there is significant ice on the river at drawdown it will be delayed.

Meeting adjourned 8:00PM.