

Cascade Thornapple River Association Annual Meeting
April 23, 2012

OPENING REMARKS - Scott Rissi

Present Scott Rissi, Bill Uecker, Dave Lewis, Karen Parent, Chuck Whitley, S J Trapp,
Carl Mast, John Meyer, Plus over 40 members
Called to order at 6:37. All asked to sign in, privacy policy explained for email addresses,

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dave Lewis

Minutes read and approved at 6:41

TREASURE'S REPORT - SJ Trapp

CD for \$5,000 is with Chemical Bank

152 member paid dues this year

Trapp gave a summary report of income & expenses for the last fiscal year.

The report was approved by voice vote 6:44

WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Water quality is continuing to be monitored. Nothing outside of normal has been seen this year. Additional test will be added this year. We are creating a baseline against which it compares the future readings from the river. Additional test were done on oxygen levels this winter for the first time (during winter). Highest oxygen levels were at the Kilmer Bayou. The lowest oxygen level was in front of Trout Creek. After snow and DEICING it was very noticeable that the level was much lower in front of Trout Creek.

a member asked if there were other Michigan comparisons to which compare our river.

Water clarity tests were done by Rusty and the clarity was less this year.

North of the train bridge is where Zebra muscels start. Very few have been seen south of that bridge.

Buoy markers replaced. No change on ramp issues. Debree issue was tabled this year. Goal is to get the tree out of the Thornapple Bayou.

PICNIC

Location of picnic is 7310 Kilmer on July 28

No rain date

Need food ideas for the picnic.

Thornapple river expedition announced. It is a river paddling and camping trip over a

week.

August 11 welcome the paddlers on our section. A brochure available from Chuck and info is on the web site.

OLD BUSINESS

got our old web site back. You can now pay dues and give donations online

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Sears nominated as new member along with members standing again.

AIRPORT DEICING SITUATION

Presentation began at 7:01. Began with You Tube video.

video ended at 7:15. Introduced Jim Dixon by Scott Rissi. In September we began working with the Ada River association to fund research on this issue. Funding has been a challenge. Stakeholder advisor committee met several times but no river association members were invited. However, Ada and Thornapple river associations have a seat on this committee now.

Many points were covered and the attendees were told that all of this material was on the association website. Some of the specific details included:

PG is a carrier for other chemicals such as oil.

DEQ seems to be negligent on enforcement of its own standards.

There is no trigger to get the airport discharge permit changed.

Six other technical issues of law seem to be ignored.

Erosion and sediment are also significant issues from the airport.

There is no flow control on liquid discharged from the airport.

Turbidity is over the limit in color and foaming

New discharge location is slated to be across from Maracibo Shores

Permit renewal is in 4 years.

Airport is part of the city of Grand Rapids

Ideas of what the association members could do from Member and Board input,

Attend July hearing

Demonstrate

Need better PR

Get school children involved on many layers

more public outcry

Political activism

Consult a law firm about legal action (Rhodes & McKee)

Pester Dan Wyatt the head of DEQ

Contact airport board members and campaign against those who appose

ADJOURNMENT

Scott closed meeting at 8:10

Minutes Approved at the CTRA annual meeting of April 22 2013.