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<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fred Goetz, Sec./Treas.	Fred Eyer, Pres.	Bob Hess
Jake Miltner	Mark Gerke	Tom Johns
Tom Kromer	Diane Nelson-Hilfinger	Chris Martin, V. Pres
Steve Williams	Greg Weiers	Dick Hansen

## Pine River Association Newsletter August 2021

The next board meeting of the Pine River Association will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. The meeting will be held at the Luther Library in Luther. We encourage all members to attend.

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The M-55 Highway Clean-up by “The Friends of the Pine River” will be held on September 27/28. If you would like to assist in this worthwhile project, please contact Tom Johns at or email: [1942r04@gmail.com](mailto:1942r04@gmail.com) September 27/28 - Monday, September 27 and rain date Tuesday, September 28, 9 A.M. We would like to thank Kathy and Richard Stanek for all their work and coordinating the M-55 clean up by “Friends of the Pine River. Tom Johns will be taking over this responsibility.

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We would like to welcome our new members Linda Coppard and Bill Field

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The association would like to thank the following member for their generous donation to the association:

Wade & Mary Ellen Bridges      Linda Coppard & Bill Field      Mike & Nicole Wallick

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We have additional PRA window stickers available. We have two types, one that goes on the inside of the glass and one that goes on the outside. These are the same ones that were mailed out to each of the members. If you would like additional stickers, please contact Fred Goetz.

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Approximately half of our members receive the newsletter and minutes via email. If you have and use e-mail please provide us with your email address even if you prefer the newsletter mailed to you via the USPS. Occasionally information needs to be sent that that may be important to our members but using the USPS won't allow it to reach our members in a timely manner. Your email address will not be shared or given out to any third parties. Please send your email address to: [fredjgoetz@aol.com](mailto:fredjgoetz@aol.com) Also, if you would like your minutes and newsletter emailed let me know.

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# PINE RIVER ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 10:05 P.M. by President, Fred Eyer

Directors Present – F. Eyer, T. Johns, F. Goetz, C. Martin, D. Hansen, S. Williams

Absent- D. Hilfinger, J Miltner, T. Kromer, M. Gerke, B. Hess, G. Weiers

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by S. Williams      Second D. Hansen      Motion passed

## Announcements

None

## Approval of Minutes from 4/17/21 and 6/26/21

Motion to approve minutes by D. Hansen      Second S. Williams      Motion passed

## Approval of Treasurer's Report

F. Goetz reported that the balance for the PRA as of 7/31/21 is \$7511.57 and the balance as of 7/31/21 for the PRWEF is \$17329.37

A deposit was made on 8/13/21.

Annual reports (PRA, PRWEF) have been sent to the State of Michigan at a cost of \$20.00 each.

Motion to approve treasurer's report by D. Hansen      Second T. Johns      Motion passed

## Announcement of New Members

None

## Pine River Window Stickers and Other Items

Window stickers are still available.

C. Martin brought samples of the business cards for directors. Members approved the samples and C. Martin will have them made.

## Status of 2017-18 Silver Creek – Lincoln Bridge Project

All materials for the project are on site. Trails have been cut to allow access to the site.

Rain stopped the progress temporarily and work will begin on Monday 8/16.

S. Williams raised a question regarding a grant for the project that is due to expire at the end of September. This is not the grant that was written for by the PRA.

## PRWEF Report

T. Johns called a meeting of the PRWEF to order at 11:05 AM.

Nate Winkler had previously stated that there is a \$4000.00 shortfall in the funding for the Silver Cr. Lincoln Bridge project.

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F. Eyer suggested that the PRWEF give an additional \$2000.00 to help solve the shortage. S. Williams made a motion to give \$1000.00 toward the shortfall. F. Eyer seconded the motion. All board members voted aye. (Eyer – yes, Goetz – yes, Johns – yes, Williams – yes)

F. Eyer will contact Nate Winkler to say that the PRWEF will accept an invoice for \$1000.00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

#### Natural River Variance Board

None

#### Pine River Hatch and Fishing Report

S. Williams reported that he had done some bank fishing for browns using worms. F. Eyer reported that the fish are healthy just not many of them.

S. Williams brought up introducing grayling into the Pine. Discussion followed and it was thought that most avid trout fishermen do not want grayling introduced.

#### Interactions with the USFS

F. Eyer shared that there will be a meeting with District Ranger Scott Peedle on 8/24/21 at 2:00 PM in Wellston. D. Hansen, J. Miltner, D. Hilfinger are interested in attending F. Eyer has a list of items to discuss at the meeting.

- Courtesy hours on the river
- Woody debris management
- Post the number of water craft permits per day, week days versus weekends
- How many livery permits are issued.

#### Old Business/ New Business

D. Hansen shared that we need to make our organization more visible to the public.

D. Hilfinger was going to work on some suggestions for scholarships for high schoolers.

C. Martin will talk to Cool Water Campground.

We can talk to the DNR to see if there are other projects that the PRA can assist with. B.

Bury and M. Tonello are the DNR contacts. D. Hansen, S. Williams, and C. Martin will do that.

C. Martin is interested in putting together the history of the Pine River Association and the involvement of the PRA with the US Forest Service and the Michigan DNR with respect to the Pine River.

#### Meeting Dates for the Next 12 Months

Dates for the next year are 10/23/21, 2/19/22, 4/23/22, 6/25/22, 8/20/22.

Motion to accept these dates by C. Martin      Second by D. Hansen

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by D. Hansen      Second by C. Martin

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick Goetz

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