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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 October 2021

The next board meeting of the Pine River Association will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. Location TBD. Arnie’s restaurant in Rockford is where we’ve held the Feb. meeting and they have closed.

The M-55 Highway Clean-up by “The Friends of the Pine River” was held on September 27. 5 people participated in the clean-up. If you would like to assist in this worthwhile project, please contact Tom Johns at or email: 1942r04@gmail.com The next clean-up will be in the spring of 2022.

We would like to welcome our new member: John Jurik of Cadillac

Meeting Dates for 2022 are as follows: 2/19/22 Location TBD	4/23/22 Luther Public Library
6/25/22 Annual Meeting tentatively at Lakeside Charlies – Cadillac	8/20/22 Luther Public Library

"The care of rivers is not a question of rivers but of the human heart." - Shozo Tanaka

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.

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 Also, if you would like your minutes and newsletter emailed let me know.

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PINE RIVER ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2021 Meeting called to order at 10:05 P.M. by Vice President, Chris Martin

Directors Present – C. Martin, F. Goetz, G. Weiers, D. Hilfinger, T. Johns, D. Hansen, M. Gerke, J. Miltner

Others Present-J. Epstein

Absent- F. Eyer, S. Williams, T. Kromer, B. Hess

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by D. Hilfinger Second J. Epstein Motion passed

Announcements

T. Johns said the M-55 clean-up was completed and there were 5 people that participated. The clean-up begins at the entrance to Caberfae and goes to the west 2 miles. He indicated there wasn't a great deal of litter.

Approval of Minutes from 8/14/2021

The minutes were sent out previously and no comments received. Motion to approve minutes by T. Johns Second D. Hilfinger Motion passed

Approval of Treasurer's Report

F. Goetz reported that the balance for the PRA as of 9/30/21 is \$8322.04 and the balance as of 9/30/21 for the PRWEF is \$17561.57

Motion to approve the treasurer's report by T. Johns Second J. Miltner Motion passed.

Announcement of New Members

John Jurik from Cadillac

PRA Business Cards

C. Martin handed out Pine River Association business cards to all that wanted them. There space on the back for the individuals to include their contact information. C. Martin donated the business cards.

Status of 2017-18 Silver Creek – Lincoln Bridge Project

The first two phases of the project have been completed. Jake Miltner said it was a very expensive project and natural erosion would accomplish the same result. Woody debris from natural erosion ends up in the river. He is concerned also that the silt fence will remain in place. It should be removed after the project is completed.

Interactions with the Forest Service

F. Eyer and J. Miltner met with the Forest Service on Aug. 24 and will give an update at the next meeting.

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PRWEF Report

None

Pine River Area School Scholarship Development

D. Hilfinger and J. Epstein have worked on a proposal for a scholarship to be awarded to a student after writing and submitting an essay related to the Pine River. The initial proposal would be for one award at one school.

The objective would be to raise awareness of the Pine River Association, reward interest in riverine activity and support local students.

Discussions were held with a representative of the Pine River Area high school and they were very receptive to the idea.

All the members present supported the idea and felt we Diane and Jack could continue putting together a plan that we could move forward with. This would ultimately fall on the board of the Pine River Watershed Enhancement Fund to approve. There was consensus among those present to continue with this. C. Martin said if the EF were to turn down this proposal he would cover the expense.

Natural River Variance Board

There has been no activity at this time

Canoe Livery Permits Proposed Reallocation

Jake Miltner brought a proposal for reallocation of a 6th commercial permit for river access. After a brief discussion the board felt we should not be involved with this process.

Old Business/New Business / Next Meeting

Dick Hansen visited most of the access sites along the river and took pictures of all of them. It became quite obvious that the Federal sites are well developed but the State access sites are not. Signage is much better on the Federal sites. Dick met with Mark Tonello with the MDNR Fisheries Division and he referred Dick to Kasey Mahoney and Ron Monroe with the Recreation Division of the MDNR. They are responsible for the access sites. It appears there are some erosion problems with a few of the sites.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by D. Hansen Second G. Weiers Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Goetz

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