

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Sept 07, 2022**  
**Blackman Township**

The meeting was called to order by Kenny Price at 7:18PM.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Kenny Price, Jackson Ripstra, Kurt LaFrance, Cathy Jehnzen, John Minar, Deb Snell, Benji Ward

**Absent:** Kurt Rudolph

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

There was a motion to accept the meeting agenda by Jack Ripstra, seconded by Benji Ward, and approved by all.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes from the August meeting were amended to fix the reference to log jams. A motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Cathy Jehnzen, seconded by Jack Ripstra, and approved by all.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

We have one new member. We're down a total of 2 paid members compared to this time last year (-3 sponsors, -7 families, but +8 individual memberships). Deb Snell plans to send a year-end gift/donation request letter in November.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The treasurer mailed out a Balance Sheet, a Budget Comparison, and a Profit & Loss sheet for August 2022. Jackson reported we have a total of \$19,159.73 in total assets.

**RIVER MASTER'S REPORT:**

Jack reported there are 2 log jams east of the GREAT pole barn and north of Stonegate Farms.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

No report

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **August Paddle** – The weather was unfortunately cold and wet causing several folks to cancel. 5 board members and 2 members of the public attended this paddle.
- **Annual Clean-Up** – Jack has this all organized. Details were discussed. We are expecting approximately 30 JROTC. Jack indicated we needed a few more adult volunteers. We discussed reaching out to a few of our usual helpers to see if they're available to help.
- **Trees in the River** – This was discussed under River Master's report.
- **Resident request to make trail to river in Birdland Subdivision** – We received a Facebook message from a property owner who lives north to the GREAT property in Birdland. He has requested to cut an access trail from his property to the river. We discussed the need to check with our insurance to determine if there were any liability concerns. We will message the person back and let him know we're considering it.
- **October Paddle** – Jack plans to schedule tree clearing and will get with Dan Kaiser to determine dates. Deb, Cathy and Benji indicated they may be able to help. Deb Snell is trip leader for this event.
- **Secretary Transition** – Deb will complete the transition to Cathy at the close of 2022.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Communications** – Facebook Messenger request discussed previously regarding trail to river.

**Finance** – no report  
**Activities & Calendar** – no report  
**Education & Advocacy** – no report  
**Annual Clean-Up** – see above  
**Nominations** – no report  
**GREAT Equipment** – no report  
**River Debris Removal** – see above  
**GREAT Land/Building** – no report

**AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Grand River Trail Map and Booklet:** No report  
**Water Trail:** No report

**RELATED GROUPS:**

**Watershed Alliance:** no report  
**Earth Day:** no report  
**JCCD:** no report

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at approx. 8:30PM.

Deb Snell, Recorder of Minutes