

Portage Lake Watershed Forever **DRAFT**
Council Meeting - February 28, 2017 - Farr Center, Onekama

Present: Ted Lawrence, Jim Simons, Kayla Knoll, Pat Lawrence, Mary Reed, Al Taylor, Kathy Ervin, Lee Nordloh

Absent: Jim Mrozinski, Frank English, Herb Lennon, Susan Halloran

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Recommendation/Action
CALL TO ORDER	Al Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00	
AGENDA	No additions to the agenda.	Agenda approved.
MINUTES	Minutes were approved as amended. (Frank English, Jim Mrozinski & Lee Nordloh were not present at the January meeting. Length of Lawrence marriage still in contention.)	Capper moved, P. Lawrence seconded; motion approved.
FINANCIAL REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Jim Simons, Council Treasurer, reported that there had been no expenditures during the previous month. Fund balances: Endowment: \$145,695.83 (no change); Annual: \$43,661.54 (increase of \$85.40); Wetlands: \$6,113.19 (no change). The proposed 2017-18 budget was submitted for approval. Discussion regarding amount required for the Plan Update and impact on bottom line. Capper requested more information/detail. Ervin observed that the allocated amounts were generous and would likely result in \$10,000 <i>not</i> being spent. Reed pointed out that "membership income" had already been accounted for in "donations" resulting in the 2017 Add. column totalling \$25,548. (See Attached revised budget) 	<p>Reed moved to accept the proposed budget; T. Lawrence seconded. Approved. Taylor will invite Laura Heintzelman to the next meeting to describe financial relationship and current fund status.</p>
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Nominating Committee - No report ■ Education & Outreach Committee - No report. ■ Membership - Pat Lawrence, Membership Chair, said that Reed and Ervin scheduled a meeting with Laura Heintzelman (MCCF) to clarify language on the remittance envelope to make sure instructions were correct. The Membership letter is being drafted. Taylor offered to add information about the membership drive to the Onekama website which will increase the number of contacts by 1,000. Ervin will draft ■ Fundraising - In Susan Halloran's absence, Ervin reported that plans were underway. July 22 is the date; Aren's home is the location. Halloran and Reed are seeking a caterer. Taylore pointed out that Ted & Pam arens had generously and graciously changed travel plans in order to be present at the event. 	<p>Ervin to complete membership letter. Ervin to send copy to Taylor to post on the Onekama website.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Water Quality and Environmental Monitoring / e-coli Update - Reed said that a newly developed test had been released which reports e-coli testing samples in 6 hours instead of the previous 24 hour turnaround. Although there has been no evidence of e-coli present in Portage Lake, Reed recommended that we continue testing as has been done since 2013 at four sites. The Township budgeted \$5,000 for this testing. Question was asked if the Lake Manager could perform this task. <p>it was reported that five governmental entities (Arcadia, Bear Lake, Pleasanton, Onekama Township and Bear Lake Village have agreed to seek funding from the US Department of Agriculture, Rurual Development for the installationof a municipal sewage system. Several community meetings have been scheduled.</p>	
OLD BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Watershed Plan UPDATE - Brief report on actions taken to stage work required for the update. Reed reported that it was unlikely that we received the grant we applied for from the DEQ as the announcements were to be made in December. Assumption is that we will foot the bill ourselves or look for additional support elsewhere. ■ Swimmers' Itch - No report is available until final data is analyzed. Lawrence said that it was about half-complete and, in his view, there are some inconsistencies already 	

- **Benzie County Conservation District (BCCD) Request** -
- **Manistee Watershed Partnership Newsletter** - Reed distributed copies of the newsletter to Council members.
- **Website** - Reed will be meeting with MS Creative to update the site. Data on 2017 use should be ready for our March meeting.
- **Updates:**
 Manistee Conservation District (MCD) - Kayla Kroll reported that their annual meeting was a success and that pies sold like hotcakes. She announced the Spring Tree Sale is scheduled for April (21-22?). Trees sold would only be natives; no fruit trees this year. Said that now is the time to trim oak trees but that further information was available.
 LRBOI - No report

PUBLIC COMMENT None

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 8:27

Lee Nordlow moved to adjourn; Jamie Meister seconded. Approved.

NEXT MEETING: March