
North Shore Management Board

Wednesday, January 21st, 2015 6:30 PM

ARDC Conference Room

Duluth, MN

Meeting Minutes

Board Members			
Attendee	Representing	Absentees	Representing
Jan Sivertson	Cook County	Scott Johnson	City of Silver Bay
Rich Sve	Lake County	Mary Ann Sironen	Duluth Township
Mike Hoops	Silver Creek Township	Patrick Boyle	St. Louis County
Stephen Nazian	City of Beaver Bay		Grand Marais
Robin Glaser	City of Two Harbors		
Staff			
Justin Otsea	ARDC		

I. Welcome and Introductions

a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Rich Sve. Chairman Sve welcomed attendees and asked everyone introduce themselves.

II. Committee Business

a. Motion to approve September 24th, 2014 minutes by Jan Sivertson/Mike Hoops; passed unanimously.

b. Motion to approve ARDC staffing invoice from October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, by Mike Hoops/Jan Sivertson; passed unanimously.

c. Justin Otsea provided the board with an update regarding member invoicing for the coming fiscal year. All invoices have been paid outside of the City of Grand Marais, which Jan Sivertson offered to follow up on.

d. Justin Otsea presented to the board on an upcoming Lake Superior Coastal Grant Program application being prepared for submittal later this month focused on updating the 'North Shore GIS Collaborative' map-making website. The site was created in 2008 from a previous NSMB, Coastal Grant funded project as an opportunity to provide map making capabilities to local jurisdictions without the capacity for more advanced software like ArcMap. The update would provide potential users, including local jurisdictions, students, and others, with access to GIS data and a streamlined, user-friendly map making program accessible on the internet. While the board endorsed submission of the application, a more detailed presentation was requested at the next meeting set for April.

III. Project Updates

- a. Rain Garden Assessment– Otsea provided a brief background of the project and outlined an estimated timeline, and an update regarding the grant agreement. Recently, an extension to the grant period was completed, pushing the project deadline out to March 31st, 2015 due to the late start with the project. Currently, a list of stakeholders to include in the mass distribution of the survey is being finalized, and the survey will be distributed shortly. The final results and report will be compiled in the following months and it is expected the project will be completed prior to the newly extended deadline.
- b. Management Plan Update Project Update–Justin Otsea updated the Board that work on the Management Plan Update is still on hold, as the task description is still yet to be approved by NOAA, and a grant agreement is yet to be signed on the project.

IV. Other Business

- a. *North Shore Collaborative-Engaging Private Landowners Workshop*: Justin Otsea provided the board with a brief overview of a workshop conducted on Friday, December 5th, by the North Shore Forest Collaborative and U of M Extension. The goal of the two meeting workshop is to outline and uncover effective strategies for engaging private land owners in regards to the Forest Collaborative’s restoration efforts along the shore. The second of the two meetings is to be held on January 27th, at the Tettegouche State Park Visitor Center. Interested members were asked to contact Justin for further details. Additionally, people interested in learning more about the efforts to restore the North Shore Forest are encouraged to attend one of the following two informational meetings set for 6:00 p.m. on each respective date: January 28th, at the Gunflint Ranger District office (Highway 61) in Grand Marais, and January 29th, at the Two Harbors County Courthouse, Law Enforcement Center Conference Room in Two Harbors. For more information, please visit www.northshoreforest.org.
- b. *Next meeting*–The next meeting of the North Shore Management Board was scheduled for one of the last three Wednesdays in April, tentatively at the Health and Human Services building in Two Harbors, MN. A doodle poll will be sent out to all members to gauge what date will work for the most people.

V. Adjourn

- a. There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jan Sivertson/Mike Hoops; passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Rich Sve, Chair

Justin Otsea, Recording Secretary