Friends of the Maple River
Minutes of May 15, 2013
Clinton County Courthouse

PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER
J. Morrison welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
J. Morrison lead the group in The Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS
J. Morrison welcomed everyone to the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves

GUEST SPEAKER
Edwin Martinez, Matt E. and Joe Woodruff of Clinton County NRCS and Conservation District.
A journey of Conservation in Clinton County, update on the latest Farm Bill programs and CRP wildlife benefits.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
B. Valentine was absent for the meeting. J. Morrison provided the minutes from the March 20, 2013 Board Meeting

Ed moved to approve the minutes of March 20,
Meeting minutes are posted on the FOTMR website prior to the next meeting. Please direct any changes to info@friendsofthemapleriver.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Checking Account Balance:

- D. Platner reported a balance of $564.54 in the checking account. Expenses of insurance out and adding money from sales of the River Guides Jon M. moved to approve the Treasurer's report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Liability insurance carried each year. Anyone interested in putting written notes from Jo Latimore notes in electronic form

CURRENT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Property in Maple Rapids= concluded with Darryl Treefle, President of Maple Rapids, that land get donated and received by DNR space reserved for FOTMR.

River Guide books- about out of first installment. Can purchase for a little under $5.00 per copy. Would like to get new sponsers. Jack Nutter can get two new sponsers from his area.

Joe Latoff (FOTMR) formally support concern regarding issue with increased water exiting the county.

RIVER CLEANUP

JACK-only 8 or 9 people attended. Decent weather and trash removed, also, cleared a few log jams. River cleaned from Ovid to Bannister. Seeing improvement but mainly trash at road crossings. Less trash overall. Article in paper saying less trash (increase public education) seeing improvement.

LOG JAM WORK DAYS (JACK)

Downstream of M21 no one knows if log jam is gone since large rain event. Used to be large log jam to the south.

Work day set: possibly email dates to participants

UMR GRANT UPDATE

Project on schedule and with in budget

Add RLMC event to the website – share with Brian

Email list

Booth

July meeting usually fun event. Picnic at Motz Park for July meeting. Add to website. Date will be 3rd Wednesday July 17th

MAPLE RIVER STATE GAME AREA: DNR is working with group will try to meet with DNR at area to see plants. Options are limited in the fall.

FRENCH ROAD PUBLIC ACCESS

No signage, owned by the county. Officially a rive access site. Publiclly FOTMR advise Clinton County board commission. French road needs improved maintenance and signage. Work day could increase signage and boundry along east side, could ask MDOT to include boat launch site at their work make that part of resolution.

Signage wont stay based on comment

Resolution passed.

Motion to reorder yard signs do not know how much they cost. Jon M.motioned and Jack seconded. Tabled motion info will be at next meeting

Must be picked up at the end of fall.

FLOAT TRIP FOR FALL
Set a date in Sep/Oct
Develop an interary for event, guided tour with DNR?
Need something extra special area

OLD BUSINESS
Kisosk panel ready mid June for Muskrat Lake, Jon reach out to Sheriff

BANK PIN MONITORING
60 different sites in UMR/Looking Glass watershed ending the grant and taking out pins currently . CCD/ A snell will make last readings FOTMR can comment on final readings/study.Motion to advise soil CCD that FOTMR wants to formulate group to address surface water control in watershed

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