

Grand Valley Audubon Board Meeting
May 16, 2022 5:30-6:30 Presbyterian Church

Present: Cary Atwood (President), Larry Collins, Logan Wagner, Pam Lauman, Janet A. Gallenstein (Minutes), Hunter Harmon, Nic Korte

Absent: Mike Campbell, Meredith Walker, Chuck Hunt, (Stephanie Matlock)

Guests: None

Welcome/Appreciation: Thank-you to all who did the Spring Count! We have not heard of any avian pox in our area.

Financials: Larry

We received a donation from Peter Robinson's will. Cary would like to acknowledge Peter in some manner. Nic wrote up a piece for the Blue Herald. Lee Stigen represented Audubon for the CNM Veteran's birding group which Peter used to do. Larry contacted the city again about purchasing the property at 575 Dike Rd. The property is pending for sale and was written up as a potential home site which it is not. Financials Approved.

Minutes Approval: Janet

April minutes approved with one change on April program.

2002 Dike Rd. Conservation Easement Chuck Hunt

Tom knows owner of AJ&G Tree Service which has a grapple. AJ&G will bring in logs along the demarcation line that Cary sprayed. People will be able to park along road but not on the berm. Cary notified Dale of all of the work that will be done by AJ&G and the expectation is that Dale will at a minimum split the cost with Audubon. This is not our property; however, it is a good location for birds and we want to be good stewards. Cary will get an estimate of the cost. Logan works at a sign shop and can help us with more signs.

Cary, Meredith, and Mike met with US Fish and Wildlife (10 people including engineers). USFW are very interested in our site because of its location and the support it can provide to endangered fish. They walked the area and talked about how DU, USFW and Audubon could collaborate to improve the property for both fish and ducks. Ducks Unlimited has funds (\$100,000) available for us to do this work. Abby Burke has grant writers available to write a grant for Audubon requesting additional funds from USFW that would contour the ponds south of dike road; build a water conveyance structure (canal) and improve the shallow water wetlands. It should also include funds to support a USFW seasonal person to manage the water levels. Larry made a motion to request Abby Burke to pursue funding with USFW so that we can work collaboratively with both DU and USFW to complete the work on Phase 2 and 3 of our project. Motion passed.

Chuck would like to plant a memorial tree at his expense. This is approved as long as the tree is appropriate for the area.

Yancey rebuilt the pump and will only charge for parts. Yancey watered the trees and filled the tank (donated by Yancey). We can fill buckets from tank to water the trees rather than using the river. Yancey would investigate how a gravity flow system might work. Yancey will try to fill tank every couple of weeks.

Mike Barry with Remote Weeds will spray this next week including knapweed, He will do both a spring and fall spray due to species of weeds. Mike Barry will do some weed control with weed whackers. Stay off the newly sprayer area (blue). Tom Ziola of T4 Trees will take down a fallen tree.

Wetlands Restoration & Funding Sources: Mike Campbell

Program Committee Report/Plans: Pam & Cmt (Chuck Hunt, Hunter Harmon)

Audubon Programs:

May	Brett	Brewer's Sparrow
June	TBD	
July	TBD	

Pam will contact Steven Stern and has a couple of other names for both program and walk leaders. Hunter also has names for professors who may give programs. Deb Kennard is interested in doing a program.

Bird Walks: See Website

May 21 6-9pm. Logan and Whit evening program. Devils Kitchen.

Social Media: Logan Wagner

He is responding to inquiries about found birds. Logan will put up a Flow Chart graphic of what to do when you find a bird.

Conservation: Nic Korte

Our lobbyist is meeting with the ACC people; however, not a lot happened.

Board Membership/May Elections:

Cary spoke about Board recruitment. Ken Pill/hydrologist/DOE who is retired told Cary he is thinking about getting involved with Audubon. Cary would like to reach out to him as board member. Cary will look for a facilitator for our retreat on Sunday

6/26/22. Save the date.

Fund Raising:

Ramblevine can do a fund raising event for us in the fall. Hot Tomato also does 1% donation day for nonprofits. Cary will speak with Yohanna. "Pie for Parks" is a good example.

Next Board Meeting: Monday 6/20/22 5:30-6:30 Presbyterian Church

(prior to Audubon program meeting) **Meeting ended 6:39**