



Minutes of ISCCW Lakeguards Mar 17, 2009 USFS District Office, Watersmeet

MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors: Will Buergey, Jim Floriano, Joe LoMastro
Members: Bob Evans, Bob Turnquist, Pat Oltz, Jo Pepin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Will Buergey called the meeting to order at 9:00 and noted that with only three board members in attendance we did not have a quorum. Will reported on his meeting with the Watersmeet Township board to request township funding for the ISCCW's 2009 operating plan.

While the meeting appeared to go well, the township officials made it clear that they expected a very tight budget this year due to the current economic conditions. The tribe did not award us any funds during their initial allocation of two percent funds. We will make another appeal prior to the next distribution of two percent funds.

Will also completed an application for a grant from UPPCO for ten thousand dollars. Duck Lake, Bass Lake and Langford Lake also made applications for the UPPCO grants. Bob Evans announced that the decisions regarding the UPPCO grant applications have been made and the successful applicants will be notified shortly.

Will reported that we are still waiting for the payment of the first phase of our grant from the NFWF. We also need to extend the deadline for the grant period due to delays in receiving funding from the NFWF. Will Buergey will send a message to the other board members asking their approval to seek an extension to the NFWF grant period which is set to expire on May 31, 2009.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Floriano reported that the Committee would be meeting at his house on Monday, April 6.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Evans announced that there will be \$475 million available under the Economic Stimulus Bill for Great Lakes restoration work, which includes AIS efforts in Great Lakes watershed areas. Bob also mentioned there is a website to consolidate available grant information for environmental projects at: <http://gis.glin.net/habitat/>

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.