

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
2024 Annual Membership Meeting, August 7, 2025
Cheboygan Opera House, Cheboygan MI
MINUTES DRAFT

Directors present: Linda Adams, Tom Darnton, Scott Davis, John Gannon, Brian Hayes, Mike Hayes, Jerry Huey, Ana Schwab, Karie Slavik, Amanda Weinert, and Perry Irish Hodgson.

Also present: TOMWC staff; incoming Directors, members/donors.

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chair Tom Darnton called the meeting to order at 10:00am. The minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting, held in 2025 in Petoskey, were approved by consensus.

Election and Recognition of Directors

Darnton began by noting the recent passing of board member Mike Supernault with a moment of silence. Darnton then introduced three director nominees for a first term to expire in 2028: Patti Murdoch, at-large from Cheboygan County; Richard Saslow, at-large from Ellsworth in Charlevoix County and Rob Weick, at-large from Boyne City. The slate of directors nominated for a second term to expire in 2028 included Perry Irish Hodgson, at-large from Charlevoix County, and Karie Slavik, as the Burt Lake Preservation Society representative. Both slates were elected unanimously by membership.

Perry Hodgson offered comments in honor of outgoing board members Bob Kingon, Amanda Weinert, and Board President Tom Darnton.

Executive Director Comments

Heather Huffstutler provided updates on 2024's accomplishments including shoreline restoration projects, the opening of the Tucker Harris Watershed Discovery Center and local advocacy efforts.

Financial Report

Scott Davis, Board Treasurer, reported on the status of the organization's financial health, progress that had been made over the previous two years in closing the budget deficit and the status of the organization's endowed funds. Davis further thanked Darnton for his leadership over the organization's transition years and noted his accomplishments.

Adjournment

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am. The meeting was to be followed by the showing of "All Too Clear", presented to the membership in partnership with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Immediately thereafter the Board of Directors convened and voted unanimously to elect the following slate of Executive Committee positions:

Linda Adams, President
Scott Davis, Vice President
Richard Saslow, Treasurer
Karie Slavik, Secretary

Perry Hodgson, At-Large
Ana Schwab, At-Large
Rob Weick, At-Large

The Board of Directors adjourned their meeting at 11:00 am.

A showing of the film, All Too Clear, about the effect of invasive mussels in the Great Lakes, commenced at 11:15 am. The film concluded at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Perry Irish Hodgson
Secretary