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**Benzie Watersheds Coalition Meeting Notes - Draft**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2017**  
**Benzon Township Hall 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

Present : (30 Persons) Angie Lucas (Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy), Molly Rippke (MDEQ), Kent Taylor Ann Lake Property Owners Association- ALPOA), Dennis Wiand (Zero Gravity Aerial, Long Lake Association GT), Tad Peacock (Benzie Conservation District - BCD), John Ransom (BCD), Wil Swiecki (Platte Lake Improvement Association - PLIA), Mary Reed (Portage Lake Watershed Forever), Fred Oeflein (Lower Herring Lake), Bill Henning (Upper Herring Lake Association), Ed Hoogterp (Crystal Lake & Watershed Association - CLWA, Benzie Drain Commissioner) , Jerry Heiman (PLIA), Greg Goudy (DEQ), Tamara Lipsey (DEQ), Emily Cook (Invasive Species Network), Jane Perrino (BCD), Stacy Daniels (CLWA), Tom Fountain (Benzie/Leelanau Health Department), Kathy Taylor (ALPOA), John Thomas (Green Lake and Duck lake Association), Ed Dewey (Green Lake and Duck lake Association), Gerrie Milarch (Turtle Lake), John Ester (Little Platte Lake Association), Jim Westbrook (Little Platte Lake Association), Julie Pray (NMC Freshwater Studies), Carolyn Thayer ( Designs in Bloom), Dave Wynne (CLWA), Tom Kucera (CLWA), Patricia Trentacoste (Benzie Long Lake Association), Mark Smith (Lower Herring Lake Association)

Presentations

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| 1. <a href="#">Arcadia Marsh Restoration</a>            | Angie Lucas,<br>GT Regional Land<br>Conservancy |
| 2. <a href="#">Funding your Association</a>             | Kent Taylor,<br>Ann Lake Association            |
| 3. <a href="#">Aerial (drone) Surveilling</a>           | Dennis Wiand,<br>Zero Gravity Aerial            |
| 4. <a href="#">E. coli Monitoring and Data Analysis</a> | Molly Rippke<br>MDEQ                            |

Old Business

- **VSMP Update** (John Ransom) Had a total of 12 volunteers for the macroinvertebrate collection day. Results will be available on the website once ID's are completed this winter.
- **Herring Lakes WS Management Plan** (Greg Goudy) Plan is 80% done should be done by the end of November

## New Business/Projects

- Grants update
  - Jane Perrino - Applied for a Midwest Glacial Lakes Grant to expand the AIS pathways project to include Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) plant watch surveys.
  - Ed Hoogterp/John Ransom – BCD applied for a \$600K+ DEQ non-point source grant to assess and mitigate the E coli issues on Beulah Beach. Will hear back in the Spring/Summer.

Next meeting date: Next meeting date is May 24, 2018 at 1:30 pm.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

Notes taken by: John Ransom