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River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020 – 10:30 AM
City of Tecumseh Police Meeting Room

1. Roll Call

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM.

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Sybil Kolon, KZ Bolton, John Chandler, and Phil Kittredge.

Executive Committee Members Absent: Dave Hoffman and Harry Sheehan – Executive Director May

Others Present: George Service – Village of Clinton Delegate, Trudi Cooper – Sharon Twp Delegate, Mike Ayre – Raisin Twp Delegate, and Katie Goplerud-Smith – RRWC Outreach Coordinator

2. Approval of Feb 18, 2020 – Agenda

- a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to approve the February 18, 2020 agenda after addition of an item 10b for the Spring Meeting and an item in the Outreach Committee Report to mention the Grand Raisin Conservation Community. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of Jan 21, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kittredge to approve the January 21, 2020 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2020 was distributed and reviewed by Bolton. Revenue - **\$12,788.97**- Expenses - **\$2,564.57**– Balance to date: **\$41,106.32**. Motion by Kolon second by Kittredge to accept and file Jan. Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported Jan. 21, 2020 – Feb. 18, 2020:
Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$148.93**; Stephen May: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$58.65**; Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing (postage & copier) –

\$128.69; Civil War Monument Restoration (City of Adrian) - **\$150.00;** Tree Canopy Tower Donation (MSU Hidden Lake Gardens) - **\$500.00;** First Federal Visa (OSU Extension for FLG) - **\$298.49; Total of \$1,284.76.** Motion by Kittredge, second by Kolon to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

5. Public Comments - None

6. Executive Director Updates (See Report – on file)

- a. Report /Membership updates
 - i. Membership –36/63 municipalities are members, 1 corporate, & 4 individual memberships as of Feb. 18, 2020
 - ii. Grant for operating funds with Erb Foundation – 2 year funding, \$10,000 each year
 - 1. Erb Foundation’s board meeting is 3/9/20 – we will have an answer shortly after.
- b. Upcoming Events
 - i. Nature Walk- 2/22/2020 9-11am @ Indian Crossing Trails
 - ii. Monroe Conservation District’s Shoptalk – 2/22/2020, Ida
 - iii. JLW CISMA Oak Wilt Seminar – 2/27/2020, 12-1pm, Jackson
 - iv. Reframing Invasion Workshop – 2/28-29/2020, Ann Arbor
 - v. Nature Walk – 3/1/2020, 2-4pm @ Riverbend Preserve in Clinton
 - vi. Nature Walk & Raptor Education – 3/21/2020, 9-11am @ Stubnitz Center, Adrian
 - vii. One Book One Community Water Quality Meeting – 3/23/2020, 6-8pm @ Bedford Library, Temperance

7. Outreach Coordinator Updates

- a. Discover the Raisin – for 6th-10th grades: 1 submission from Clinton Middle School – please circulate!
- b. Lenawee Lifelong Learners Program – Met with Marilyn Kremer again to plan the 4 classes in the course. April 7, 14, 21, 28 9am-10:30am. Register online.
- c. River Raisin Water Festival – Update – Grants and donations have given us \$2,631, still need \$1,500 to fully fund. Please circulate.
- d. Invasive Species work – JLW CISMA & workshops – 2 upcoming workshops (2/27 in Jackson & 3/11 in Adrian). RRWC will assist with the 3/11 workshop on Japanese knotweed.
- e. Conservation Stewardship Program (Washtenaw Co.) – RRWC was asked to join planning committee and help coordinate program.
- f. Earth Day Bag Project – Will announce program at Retired Teachers Luncheon (3/25) and hopefully make it into more classrooms.
- g. Eagle Scout – Out of Ypsilanti. Possible projects include
 - i. Continuing the mile markers either in main channel or along Saline River
 - ii. Assisting with the Leslee Neithammer Preserve/ Friends of the Saline River
 - iii. Drone footage of log jams

8. Partnership Updates

- a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation – continuing to work on new deliverables.

9. Committee Reports

Outreach

A) Grand Raisin Conservation Community (GRCC): Meeting on April 4, 2020 1-3pm at Hidden Lake Gardens. Phyllis Higman of MNFI will present and lead a hike outside.

B) Suggestion to make bookmark or smaller item sent to members instead of giant bumper sticker.

Technical – None.

Development – Harry, Steve, and John met last week. Will discuss more at next meeting.

Administrative – None.

Financial – Audit submitted.

10. Old Business

- a. Wolf Creek/ Loch Erin Management Plan – Phil Kittredge has been organizing EGLE’s request for proposal through the Loch Erin Property Owners Association. Restorative Lake Services will write the proposal. Assembling letters of support from many organizations. Hoping to gain support from Lenawee County Commissioners as well.

11. New Business

- a. Audit submitted to Shea Accounting – no feedback yet.
- b. Spring Meeting – April 23, evening
 - i. Location possibilities: Old Mill, Cabela’s in Dundee; Armory in Adrian
 - ii. Presenter possibilities: Phyllis Higman of MNFI, Adrian College biology professor, or Adrian Dominican Sister’s advice from their previous speakers

12. Public Comments

- a. Phil Kitteridge: Will be attending the March 3, 2020 conference Great Lakes Tackling Challenges Today and Beyond @ the Kellogg Center in Lansing and recommends others attend.

13. Next Meeting – March 17, 2020 at the Tecumseh Police Station Meeting Room; 10:30am.

14. Adjournment

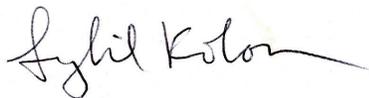
- a. Motion by Kittredge, second by Bolton to adjourn meeting at 11:28 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – March 10, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Date: _____

Secretary:



Sybil Kolon