



RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL

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River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2017 – 8:30 AM
Adrian College – Peelle Hall
Williams St. Adrian, MI 49221

1. Roll Call

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Laurie Johncox, Sybil Kolon, Harry Sheehan (Washtenaw County alternate), & Commissioner KZ Bolton

Executive Committee Members Absent: John Chandler, & Commissioner Dave Hoffman

Others Present: Stephen May – Executive Director, Brittany Jacobs – Watershed Planner, Carly Kratz, Jim Martin, George Service – Village of Clinton, Chris Miller – City of Adrian.

2. Approval of August 15, 2017 – Agenda

a. Motion by Sheehan, second by Bolton to approve August 15, 2017 Agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of July 18, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

a. Motion by Sheehan, second by Kolon for the approval of the revised July meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. Treasurer's Report

a. The Treasurer's Report for the period July 18, 2017 to August 15, 2017 – was distributed and reviewed by Johncox. Revenue: **\$2,078.10**; Expenses: **\$428.80**; Balance to date: **\$34,866.61**. Motion by Sheehan, second by Kolon to accept Treasurer's Report and put it on file. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

b. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills – New bills reported: LCDC Wages: **\$12,093.19**; First Federal Visa: **\$1,113.16**; Stephen May - reimbursement: **\$205.98**; Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing: **\$113.40**; Ropes & Rigging: **\$360.00**; City of Adrian: **\$96.00**; Artalicious: **\$25.00**; **Total of \$14,006.73**. Motion by Bolton, second by Johncox to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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5. Executive Director Updates (Further Details – See Report – on file)

- a. AmeriCorps Team (Cedar 4) – River Raisin in the City of Adrian and Wolf Creek (Tipton Rd.)
- b. Kayak raffle from Lenawee County Fair – results and revenue (see detailed spreadsheet)
- c. Signs in Watershed – Still need funding for river crossing signs in other counties. Sheehan will contact the Washtenaw County Road Commission.
- d. Visits in Watershed:
 - i. River Clean-up Tecumseh - 7/22/17
 - ii. Lenawee County Fair – Booth – 7/23-29/17
 - iii. Grant Meeting – MSU-IWR – 8/1/17
 - iv. Tecumseh Schools/Parks Meeting/ Middle Schoolers – 8/8/17
 - v. Center for Excellence Booth/Sponsorship – 8/9/17
 - vi. Hidden Lake Gardens Presentation – 8/10/17
 - vii. WLEB - Dept of Ag. - Monroe Mi. – 8/14/17
- e. Cleanups in watershed
 - i. Sam Beauford Woodshop Cleanup (Bent Oak Ave. & Riverside Ave.): Aug. 19th
 - ii. Tecumseh Middle School Cleanup (Indian Crossing Trails Park-Standish Dam): Sept. 8th
 - iii. Rotary Cleanup (Riverside Park-Merrick Street): Sept. 9th
 - iv. Midwest Energy: October 6th
- f. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Artalicious (Downtown Adrian) - Sept. 15 & 16th
 - ii. Lenawee Bike Tour 2017 - Sept. 16th & 17th
 - iii. Clinton Fall Festival - Sept. 22nd, 23rd & 24th
 - iv. Hillsdale County Fair - Sept. 24th to Sept. 30th

Check out riverraisin.org & waterqualityfarming.org websites for more events

6. Watershed Planner Updates

- a. No update.

7. Membership Updates

- a. No update.

8. Other Funding Updates

- a. No update.

9. Partnership Updates

- a. LCD Grant Farmers Advisory Committee
 - i. Erb Foundation – Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Grant – Review of first year in progress; second year of three year grant starts Oct. 1.
 - ii. FLCG Website: www.waterqualityfarming.org
 - 1. Regional meetings – Coffee Shop Talks Summer-Fall
 - 2. Recruiting new leaders in regions possibly

3. Semi-Annual – December 2017 at Dundee Old Mill
 - b. TSN Grant – Cooling the Hot Spots – The grant has been extended for one year to utilize remaining funds with a focus on human dimensions.
 - c. MSU – ANR – GLRI Grant Application – We expect a response soon.

10. Program Updates

- a. No update.

11. Committee Reports

- a. **Current Chairs** of each committee as follows: Outreach – Kolon; Technical – May; Development – Calhoun; Administrative – Pratt; Financial – Johncox.
- b. **Outreach** – Reflect on Look & See: Wendell Berry movie, & Fair event turnout. Upcoming events: Jamboree, Art-A-Licious, etc.
- c. **Technical** – Connecting Lenawee – Kayak Launches application in process since September 2016.
- d. **Development** – None.
- e. **Administrative** – None.
- f. **Financial** – None.

12. Old Business

- a. None.

13. New Business

- a. Monroe County Farm Bureau request funds to provide a bus sponsor for a planned Farm Tour Day within Monroe County. Motion by Bolton, second by Johncox to provide \$400 for partnership in support of Michigan Farm Bureau for the Farm Tour Bus requested for Sept. 16th. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. City of Adrian – Chris Miller – Pure Michigan Application for potential campaign in City of Adrian with the River focus.

14. Next Meeting – September 19th – 8:30 AM – RRWC Office/Drain Commissioners Office.

15. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon to adjourn meeting at 9:42 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – August 10, 2017

Approval of Minutes

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Commissioner KZ Bolton