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WATERSHED COUNCIL

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## River Raisin Watershed Council

### Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2020 – 10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting due to stay-at-home order of Covid-19

#### 1. Roll Call

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 10:36 AM.

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Sybil Kolon, Harry Sheehan, John Chandler, and Phil Kittredge. (All via Zoom)

Executive Committee Members Absent: David Hoffman and KZ Bolton.

Others Present: Stephen May – RRWC Executive Director and Katie Goplerud-Smith – RRWC Outreach Coordinator

#### 2. Approval of July 21, 2020 – Agenda

a. Motion by Sheehan, second by Calhoun to approve the July 21, 2020 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

#### 3. Approval of June 16, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

a. Motion by Chandler, second by Kittredge to approve the June 16, 2020 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

a. The Treasurer's Report for the period June 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 was distributed and reviewed by May. Revenue - **\$0.00** - Expenses - **\$250.00** – Balance to date: **\$50,312.70**. Motion by Kittredge second by Sheehan to accept and file June Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

b. 2020 Budget YTD – revenue: \$46,684.66; expenditures: \$27,253.88.

c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported June 16, 2020 – July 21, 2020:  
Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$132.25**; First Federal Visa (Education/Outreach, trash grabbers, printing/postage, technology)- **\$166.44**; Lenawee County Drain Commission (RRWC Wages)- **\$5,285.48**; Lenawee County Drain Commission (FLG Wages)- **\$13,940.00**; Lenawee County Drain Commission (RRWC printing)- **\$51.76**; Advantage Visuals (final

payment)- **\$400.00**; First Federal Visa (Cashback Reward) - **\$55.75**: **Total of \$19,920.18**. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge 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 – 52 municipalities, 15 individual, 3 corporate memberships
    - 1. Counting the Manchester Men’s Club as a member
- b. Farmer-Led Conservation Group – Webinar Panel Discussion with Jim Hoorman on 7/24
  - i. Latest Conference Call – Listening sessions will be both a Zoom and in-person format in early Sept. & Center for Excellence will be 8/12 and FLG will have a booth.

**7. Outreach Coordinator Updates**

- a. Cancellations – Continuing to adjust schedule/cancel events as needed.
- b. Map of Watershed – Partnering with River Raisin Institute (RRI) to create an interactive map online of watershed to allow people to explore the watershed and learn more about it.
  - i. Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission possibly able to offer GIS time
- c. Videos/editing – Advantage Visuals video of RRWC finished and will be posted online soon. Katie continuing to take educational videos across watershed. Available on YouTube.

**8. Partnership Updates**

- a. Erb Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation – See above. Hybrid Zoom and in-person listening sessions in the works.

**9. Committee Reports**

Outreach – None.

Technical – None.

Development – None.

Administrative – None.

Financial – None.

**10. Old Business**

- a. Manchester Canoe Race 2020 – Sybil reports the race was a success (despite pandemic and bad weather). 56 entries, 53 kayaks and canoes participated in race. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> time the new River Raisin Park in downtown Manchester was used as the finish line. No complaints or issues!

**11. New Business**

- a. Semi-Annual Fall Meeting: October 22 – Make it a hybrid of in-person and Zoom. More planning in future.

**12. Public Comments:**

- a.** Phil Kittredge: EGLE declined Wolf Creek Watershed Management Planning Grant. 10 out of 15 plans approved. Focus is more on targeted monitoring and inventory. It was said E. coli monitoring was a low priority because EGLE already has data and knowledge that it’s high. The 10 successful applicants asked for significantly more money. Phil will talk with EGLE in Jackson to get more insight on creating a successful application or other options.

**13. Next Meeting – Aug. 18, 10:30am either Zoom or hybrid in-person. Will decide at a closer date.**


**14. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Sheehan, second by Kolon to adjourn meeting at 11:31 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – July 31, 2020.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:**   
**Sybil Kolon**