



## **RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL**

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River Raisin Watershed Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 21, 2018 – 10:30 AM  
Lenawee County Drain Commissioner's Office  
320 Springbrook Ave. Suite 102  
Adrian, MI 49221

**1. Roll Call**

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Sybil Kolon via phone, Dave Hoffman, John Chandler

Executive Committee Members Absent: Evan Pratt, KZ Bolton, Laurie Johncox, [Harry Sheehan]

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

**2. Approval of August 21, 2018 – Agenda**

a. Motion by Hoffman, second by Chandler to approve August 21, 2018 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**3. Approval of July 17, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

a. Motion by Hoffman, second by Chandler to approve July 17, 2018 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

a. The Treasurer's Report for the period June 30, 2018 to July 31, 2018 – was distributed and reviewed by Johncox. Revenue - **\$22,094.84** - Expenses - **\$12,448.01** – Balance to date: **\$43,616.54**. Motion by Chandler, second by Hoffman to accept and file Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

b. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported: Lenawee County Printing - **\$219.10**; Stephen May - Mileage Reimbursement – **\$76.30**; Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$81.97**; Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement FLG - **\$50.14**; First Federal Visa (various meeting accommodation costs) - **\$253.69**: **Total of \$681.20**. Motion

by Hoffman, second by Chandler to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

- a. Report
- b. Calendar of upcoming events 2018
  - i. WLEB Projects Team meeting in Adrian: August 28
  - ii. One Farm One Field Event in Harlan, IN: September 6
  - iii. Invasive Species Removal in Tecumseh: September 7
  - iv. Great Outdoors Jamboree at Lake Hudson: September 9
  - v. Artalicious in Adrian: September 21 – 22
  - vi. Clinton Fall Festival: September 28 - 29
- c. Membership updates – 50 Municipalities, 4 Corporations and 19 Individuals.
- d. RRW Signage: Half the river crossing signs (with our logo) were given out to be put up in Monroe county where there are no crossing signs. The other half will go to Jackson county.

**6. Outreach Coordinator Updates**

- a. Volunteer Training: Held Aug. 14 at the Stubnitz Center. 2 new interested volunteers showed up.
- b. Woody Debris Clean-Ups: Steve is working with Adrian Township Volunteer Fire Dept. to clean up jams at 3 different private properties. Dates TBD
- c. Tecumseh Paddling/RR Livery Vouchers: No one has turned any in since handing them out at the Lenawee County Fair.
- d. RR Wayfaring Signage Update: Continuing to work with Tecumseh Eagle Scout, Brian Radant, and representative from Carsonite sign company to adjust sample signs and figure out mile numbers needed.
- e. TMACOG (Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments) Meeting Update: Meeting at Sauder Village with other conservation groups/watershed councils to network, learn about their volunteer recruitments, and activities they're doing in their areas. Also toured Sauder Village's grounds (walnut grove, fields, newly restored wetland area).
- f. River Raisin Water Festival May 1, 2019: Partnering with River Raisin Institute (RRI), Adrian Dominican Sisters, and LISD to begin an annual festival for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students across Lenawee County. Planning committee would like RRWC to find grants to help fund the event. Eventually RRI would like to pass on the complete planning to a different organization, possibly RRWC. Sybil will be involved regarding the vernal pool training/teaching.

**7. Partnership Updates (See Executive Director Report)**

- a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation
  - i. ERB Foundation – Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Grant: Still waiting to hear outcome of 3<sup>rd</sup> year after submitting review.

**8. Committee Reports**

- a. **Current Chairs** of each committee as follows: Outreach – Kolon; Technical – May; Development – Calhoun; Administrative – Johncox; Financial – Johncox.
- b. **Outreach** – No report.

- c. **Technical** – No report.
- d. **Development** – Need Development meeting for 2018. Cement City and Summerset will be contacted about renewing membership.
- e. **Administrative** – No report.
- f. **Financial** – No report.

**9. Old Business**

- a. Raffle Update: Profit of \$170.40. Winners all enjoy their kayaks/cooler.

**10. New Business**

- a. Tecumseh Paddling/RR Livery Voucher Update: None received.
- b. Purchase materials for wayfaring signs Update: RRWC agrees to pay for post installation ram. Still designing logo to better fit what Fire Department and Eagle Scout want.
- c. MIS Cares Grant: Due Oct. 1. Asking for money to purchase what we applied for last year (Watershed model with different land uses; 3 water monitoring kits)
- d. RRWC 2018 Fall Meeting: Working on location for October 23 at 6pm – 8pm. Also brainstorming presenter.
- e. By-Law Changes – None at this time
- f. 2019 Budget – Proposed Budget available for 9/18/18 EC Meeting
- g. Payment: 32 hours for Katie. Motion by Calhoun, second by Chandler to approve increase in hours for Katie. Motion carried by voice vote.
- h. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) – Update by Sybil on surface and drinking water concerns and EPA establishing guidelines along with testing protocols and limits.

**11. Next Meeting – Sept 18, 2018 – 10:30 AM – LCDC Office - 320 Springbrook Ave, Suite 102 – Adrian, MI.**

**12. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Kolon, second by Calhoun to adjourn meeting at 11:40 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – September 10, 2018

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Commissioner KZ Bolton**