



RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL

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**River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021 - 10:30 AM
Via Zoom**

1. Roll Call

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

Executive Committee members present: John Calhoun, Sybil Kolon, Harry Sheehan, Trudi Cooper, and Phil Kittredge

Executive Committee members absent: KZ Bolton, David Hoffman

Others present: Stephen May – RRWC Executive Director, Meija Knafel – RRWC Outreach Coordinator, Lydia Lopez - RRWC Water Stewardship Coordinator, Faith Scheffler - RRWC Intern, Angel Hoffman, Richard Mika

2. Approval of Agenda - April 12, 2021

Motion by Cooper, second by Kolon to add nominating committee update to committee reports under Administrative. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of Minutes - March 16, 2021

Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to table minutes until further review can be completed. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period March 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021 was distributed and reviewed by May. Revenue – **\$29,272** - Expenses - **\$126** – Balance to date: **\$81,386.76**. Motion by Kolon, second by Cooper to accept and file the March Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. 2021 Budget YTD – revenue: \$43,549.44; expenditures: \$23,613.25.
- c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported March 17, 2021 – April 13, 2021: Meija Knafel: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$21.39**; Zoom subscription fee - **\$15.89**; Printing and Purchasing - **\$6.05**; **Total of \$43.33**. Motion by Kittredge, second by Cooper to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

5. Public Comments

- a. Angel Hoffman notes that the water has been up 4 feet near the Grape dam.
- b. Richard Mika would like to thank Mr. Calhoun for some information he provided about the Brooklyn to Manchester Trail through Watkins State Park, which was then shared with the organization Great Lakes Way. This information helped the organization in a partnership with the National Park Service.

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

- a. Membership updates:
 - i. Membership – 50 municipalities, 5 individual, 2 corporate memberships
 - ii. Erb Grant - Check for \$14,492 was received. Waiting for further confirmation regarding deposit.

- iii. Watershed Report Card - University of Maryland has put together a proposal for Erb, we have signed, and are now waiting to hear if we are awarded.
- iv. Delegate Count for Semi-Annual Spring Meeting - 37 attendees

7. Outreach Updates

- a. Waiting for a Washtenaw County Water Resources to hire a new GIS intern to work on an interactive map.
- b. River Raisin Water Festival on May 5 will be virtual and go throughout the month of May. RRWC to assist with material disbursement
- c. Chainsaw Training on April 28 in Brooklyn. Event free through MIOSHA
- d. Semi-Annual Spring on April 22
- e. April Saline Nature Walk on April 29
- f. Tales on the Trails program with Blissfield Library on May 13
- g. Manchester Kayak and Canoe Race on May 16
- h. Happy Little Tree Planting in Partnership with the Washtenaw County Natural Area Preservation Program on May 22. Encore on
- i. Blissfield River Clean-Up on May 22
- j. May Saline Nature Walk on May 27
- k. Sent April Monthly Volunteer Bulletin via email. These will now go out monthly
- l. Opened an iNaturalist social media account
- m. Will draft up a Land Acknowledgement for board review at a future meeting.

8. Programs/Partnership Updates

- a. GRCC MOU has been signed, and Meija will continue to participate in the Steering Committee as the RRWC representative. RRWC has provided literature to the GRCC table in the Manchester Sharon Valley Bike Shop
- b. The Manchester Canoe Race - "Worth Repeating" donated money to cover the insurance for the race. An Eagle Scout is working on mile markers, but has not yet completed the project.

9. Old Business

- a. Audit has been submitted.

10. New Business

- a. Semi-Annual Meeting: 16 delegates committed.

11. Committee Reports

Outreach – None.

Technical – None.

Development – EGLE Watershed General Operating Grant for \$40,000 is still delayed, and we are waiting to hear back.

Administrative – Nominating Committee: Will serve again. Mike Ayre will run for the Executive Committee if another board member would like to step back, but will defer if not.

Financial – None.

12. Next Meeting - May 18, 2021 from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM


In person at 320 Springbrook Avenue Suite 102 Meeting Room, Adrian MI 49221

13. Adjournment

Motion by Kittredge, seconded by Cooper to adjourn at 11:25AM, **motion carried by voice vote**

Respectfully submitted by Meija Knafel - Outreach Coordinator - May 13, 2021

Date: 05/13/2021

Secretary: 
Sybil Kolon