



**RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL**

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**River Raisin Watershed Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2021 - 10:30 AM  
Via Zoom/320 Springbrook Avenue, Suite 102 Meeting Room  
Adrian MI 49221**

**1. Roll Call**

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

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

Executive Committee members absent: David Hoffman

Others present: Stephen May – RRWC Executive Director, Meija Knafl – RRWC Outreach Coordinator, Chris McAllister, Gerald Schorin

**2. Approval of Agenda - September 21, 2021**

Motion by Kittredge, second by Cooper to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**3. Approval of Minutes - July 20, 2021 and August 17, 2021**

- a. Motion by Kittredge, second by Sheehan to un-table the July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**
- b. Motion by Kolon, second by Cooper to approve the July 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes after revising the reference to the June Minutes to say "Motion by Kittredge, second by Cooper to table the June 15 Minutes until amended"
- c. Motion by Kolon to approve the August 17 Minutes as presented, second by Kittredge. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period August 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021 was distributed and reviewed by Bolton. Revenue – **\$32,365.01** - Expenses - **\$2,836.17** – Balance to date: **\$81,581.34**. Motion by Sheehan, second by Kittredge to accept and file the August Treasurer's Report. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**
- b. 2021 Budget YTD – revenue: \$87,981.61; expenditures: \$67,850.84.
- c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported July 21, 2021 – August 17, 2021: Meija Knafl: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - \$215.38; Lydia Lopez: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - \$172.48; Printing and Purchasing - \$134.68; Lenawee County Wages (RRWC) - \$7,273.29 ; Lenawee County Wages (FLG) - \$17,236.0; Brooklyn Exponent to advertise Development Director - \$42.50 Total of \$25,074.33. Motion by Cooper, second by Kittredge to authorize payment of these bills. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

## **5. Public Comments**

Gerald Schorin, PhD and Development Director applicant, introduced himself and expanded on his background, which included some time studying in Ireland, working in advertising, teaching at Michigan State University, working in the private sector for Fireman's Fund Mortgage, and acting as a consultant for Sandy Corporation. Also spent time working as an administrator for universities like the University of Vermont and the University of Michigan. Is currently semi-retired and living in Ann Arbor, while also volunteering in his free time.

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

- a. Updated giving:
  - i. All 52 municipal memberships are accounted for.
  - ii. 4 corporate memberships
  - iii. 20 individual memberships
- b. Watershed Support Grant
  - i. All documents have been signed
- c. Upper Wolf Creek Watershed Management Grant
  - i. Approved pending amendments involving inclusion of the Conservation District
- d. Water School
  - i. Water School for Representative Yousef Rabhi had to be rescheduled to October 4
  - ii. Representative Sarah Lightner will be attending October 28
- e. Brooklyn Dam Removal
  - i. Initial assessment complete
  - ii. Next step will be sediment testing
- f. RRWC Credit Card
  - i. Minutes from August to be submitted to the bank
- g. Kayak Raffle
  - i. Raffle records have been submitted to the state in compliance with our license
- h. Watershed Maps
  - i. New maps will be \$2 to print each, and we plan to order 500 copies of the current version
  - ii. Watershed map will also be updated

## **7. Outreach Updates**

- a. Past activities
  - i. Farmer Led Conservation Group Field Days on the 19th of August and the 1st of September
  - ii. Spoke to Congressman Walberg on the 19th of August about watershed activities and river health
  - iii. Presentation to the Village of Blissfield council on August 23rd
  - iv. Nature Walk in Saline August 26
  - v. Meeting with GRCC on September 8
  - vi. Adopt-a-Stream training on September 11
  - vii. River Raisin Legacy Interview on September 16
  - viii. Monroe COTE Meeting September 16
  - ix. Artalicious on September 18

- x. Blissfield River Clean Up September 18
- xi. Sterling State Park Beach Clean Up in partnership with the River Raisin Institute on September 18
- xii. Grape Dam River Clean Up September 19
- b. Upcoming Activities
  - i. Retired School Personnel presentation on September 22
  - ii. Saline Nature Walk on September 23
  - iii. Adrian River Clean Up on September 25
  - iv. GRCC Autumn Meeting and Round Table on October 2nd
  - v. Conservation Stewards Program continues on through November 10, and we will be acting as the mentor organization to approximately 4 participants
  - vi. Adopt-a-Stream Search Day October 2
  - vii. Tecumseh Appleumpkin on October 9 and 10
  - viii. LISD Advisory Council meeting October 5
  - ix. Tales on the Trails program in partnership with the Saline District Library October 8

#### **8. Water Stewardship Updates**

- a. None

#### **9. Programs/Partnership Updates**

- a. Final reports have gone into the Erb Family Foundation for the Farmer-Led Watershed Group, and we will begin working on the 3rd year of our grant.
- b. Tecumseh Parks and Recreation are potentially interested in partnering with us to host events

#### **10. Committee Reports**

Outreach – Streamlines draft is about to begin, and should be done in time for the Semi-Annual Delegate Meeting.

Technical – None.

Development – Send grant report to Thad Cleary at EGLE

Administrative – None.

Financial – None.

#### **11. New Business**

- a. Watershed Support Grant Update - Development Director Position  
Applicant Gerald Schorin answered questions about how he sees RRWC moving forward and gaining long-term financial stability in new ways.  
After Schorin departed, motion by Kolon, second by Sheehan to authorize Calhoun, Sheehan and May to finalize the offer of Development Director position to Gerald Schorin consistent with the terms of the grant. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**
- b. Semi-Annual Delegate Meeting  
Event will be held October 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Spring Minutes will need to be completed for approval  
Location is still to be determined  
Speaker invitation has been sent out

#### **12. Old Business**

- a. None.

#### **13. Next Meeting - October 19, 2021 from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

At the Lenawee County Drain Commissioner Office or via Zoom

**14. Adjournment**

Motion by Kittredge, seconded by Bolton to adjourn at 12:28 PM. **MOTION  
CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**

Respectfully submitted by Meija Knafel - Outreach Coordinator - 10/18/21

Date: 10/18/21

Secretary: 