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River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020 – 10:30 AM
Zoom Meeting due to Covid-19

1. Roll Call

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

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Sybil Kolon, KZ Bolton, Harry Sheehan, and Phil Kittredge.

Executive Committee Members Absent: David Hoffman and John Chandler.

Others Present: Trudi Cooper – Sharon Twp Delegate, Stephen May – RRWC Executive Director, Katie Goplerud-Smith – RRWC Outreach Coordinator

2. Approval of Sept. 15, 2020 – Agenda

a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kittredge to add items about EGLE and Loch Erin updates, Adopt-A-Stream update under New Business, and add Manchester river mile markers under Old Business, then approve the Sept. 15, 2020 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of Aug. 18, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

a. Motion by Bolton, second by Calhoun to approve the Aug. 18, 2020 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. Treasurer's Report

a. The Treasurer's Report for the period Aug. 1, 2020 – Aug. 31, 2020 was distributed and reviewed by May. Revenue – **\$14,945.10** - Expenses - **\$711.56**– Balance to date: **\$61,191.49**. Motion by Bolton second by Kittredge to accept and file the Aug. Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

b. 2020 Budget YTD – revenue: \$79,081.19; expenditures: \$48,771.62.

c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported Aug. 19, 2020 – Sept. 15, 2020: Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$106.95**; Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing - **\$2.67**; Premiere Bank (Zoom subscription) - **\$15.89**; **Total of \$125.51**. Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon 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, 19 individual, 3 corporate memberships
- b. Erb Foundation Reimbursements – Are up to date.
- c. Farmer-Led Conservation Group – Deciding to do individual phone interviews to work better with farmer’s fall schedules, then will have a group meeting in December to summarize results from individual interviews.
- d. Connecting Lenawee in Adrian – Wanting to start mini-cleanups along the South Branch

7. Outreach Coordinator Updates

- a. Plantwise Japanese Knotweed Treatment in Riverside Park Adrian – Treatments will be this Thursday in Tecumseh and Adrian.
- b. Virtual Field Trips/Storytimes – Have 3 programs planned to start filming to have available for teachers as a virtual field trip (Wetlands Tour, Migratory Birds & Wetlands, and Prescribed Burning). Also bought more books for storytimes.
- c. Fall 2020 Newsletter – Plenty to cover: Virtual field trips, Japanese knotweed treatment, updates to RRWC, Sybil can cover the canoe race, Steve can cover FLG updates.
- d. Flowering Rush Treatment (Monroe Co.) – Will partner with several municipalities to apply for grant to treat invasive species in/around Monroe. Grant is due Oct. 15. May need to show in-kind support.

8. Partnership Updates

- a. Erb Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation – See above. Also, will need to reapply for 2021.

9. Committee Reports

Outreach – Tecumseh Algae Bloom Discussion for community, coming early Oct with Tecumseh Parks & Rec.

Technical – None.

Development – Google reviews/comments can refer more to RRWC/our website.

Administrative – We should establish a nominating committee for the fall meeting, which could consider nominating the current executive committee to serve until the spring meeting. Representatives at the fall meeting are still able to make other nominations during the meeting.

Financial – Need a 2021 budget to vote on 2 weeks before Oct. 22.

10. Old Business

- a. Manchester Mile Markers – Sybil in touch with Eagle Scout, they will try to get them in during spring 2021.
- b. Semi-Annual Meeting – Oct. 22, 6:30-8pm on Zoom. Program will be our RRWC updates from this year.

11. New Business

- a. EGLE/Loch Erin – Loch Erin group got feedback from EGLE to learn what is needed for a successful WMP application. Need more technical and specific commitment from partners in their support letters. Need to do a crop survey. Need to meet with Health Dept and Drain Commission to learn what is possible on the septic end. Will continue meeting and forming plans for 2021 application.
- b. Adopt-A-Stream – Unable to get in touch with Adrian College to get equipment. Will continue to attempt but if we can’t get equipment, we can’t do the program.

12. Public Comments:

a. Steve May: Global Tree Management contacted him to help with log jams/tree removals.

13. Next Meeting – October 12, 2020 10:30 AM - Zoom.

14. Adjournment

a. Motion by Bolton, second by Sheehan to adjourn meeting at 12:01 PM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Katie Goplerud-Smith – Outreach Coordinator –Oct. 7, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Date: _____

Secretary: 

Sybil Kolon