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River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020 – 10:30 AM
Zoom Meeting due to Covid-19

1. Roll Call

Secretary Kolon called the meeting to order at 10:45 AM.

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun (joined at 11:15am), Sybil Kolon (appointed as chairperson since John Calhoun joined later), KZ Bolton, John Chandler, and Phil Kittredge.

Executive Committee Members Absent: David Hoffman and Harry Sheehan.

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

2. Approval of Oct. 12, 2020 – Agenda

- a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon to add the 2021 Budget to the Treasurer's Report, Nominating Committee and Comstock Christmas Tree to New Business, then approve the Oct. 12, 2020 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of Sept. 15, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kittredge to approve the Sept. 15, 2020 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period Sept. 1, 2020 – Sept. 30, 2020 was distributed and reviewed by May. Revenue – **\$0.00**- Expenses - **\$200.51**– Balance to date: **\$60,990.98**. Motion by Kolon second by Kittredge to accept and file the Sept. Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. 2020 Budget YTD – revenue: \$79,081.19; expenditures: \$48,972.13.
- c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported Sept. 16, 2020 – Oct. 12, 2020:
Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$196.65**; Lenawee County Drain Commissioner (FLG Wages) - **\$14,048.00**; Lenawee County Drain Commissioner (RRWC Wages) - **\$4,682.67**; Premiere Bank Visa(Outreach materials, classroom books, website housing)) - **\$457.01**;

Premiere Bank (Zoom subscription) - **\$15.89: Total of \$19,400.22.** Motion by Bolton, second by Kittredge to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- d. 2021 Budget – It's recommended we keep the 2020 Budget for the 2021 Budget. Motion by Bolton, second by Kittredge to approve the 2021 budget at the same amount as 2020. **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. Farmer-Led Conservation Group – Changes on the horizon, will be sending in the 2021 request soon. The 3rd quarter reimbursement is processing.
- c. Connecting Lenawee in Adrian – Wanting to start mini-cleanups along the South Branch

7. Outreach Coordinator Updates

- a. Virtual Field Trips/Storytimes – Presented to several 3rd grade classrooms and a 6th grade classroom, all Tecumseh.
- b. RRWC Fall Newsletter – Will be on website and emailed out after Semi-Annual meeting
- c. Sterling State Park Cleanup – River Raisin Institute and RRWC had over 60 participants able to pick up over 120lbs of trash on the beach. Will continue to plan for Spring and Fall cleanups here in 2021.
- d. Tecumseh Algae Bloom Discussion – Had 7 participants. Targeted those living in the city of Tecumseh along the river or Evans Creek to discuss the algae bloom on Globe Mill Pond and ways homeowners can share in preventing nutrients from running off into the water.

8. Partnership Updates

- a. Erb Grant – Met with Melissa Demaschke and other southeast Michigan watershed councils to create watershed report cards. Partnering with a university (possibly University of Maryland or University of Michigan) to rank and analyze different criteria (soil type, water quality, etc.). Continuing to develop.

9. Committee Reports

Outreach – None.

Technical – None.

Development – None.

Administrative – None.

Financial – None.

10. Old Business

- a. Semi-Annual Meeting – Oct. 22, 6:30-8pm on Zoom. Will proceed even without a quorum. Sybil will write a small excerpt to encourage people to attend. More reminders will be sent out.

11. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee - Three people, those who were on it last year (Bob Jenson, Pat Vaillencourt, and David Rhoads), agreed to be on the Nominating Committee this year.
- b. Comstock Christmas Tree – Motion by John Chandler, second by Kittredge to approve Christmas tree fee (\$55). **Motion carried by voice vote.**

12. Public Comments:

- a. KZ Bolton: The Lenawee Education Foundation had a meeting about STEM education and RRWC's virtual programming has gotten some good feedback.

13. Next Meeting – Nov. 17, 10:30am on Zoom.


14. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Calhoun, second by Kolon to adjourn meeting at 11:35AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Katie Goplerud-Smith – Outreach Coordinator –Oct. 29, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Date: _____

Secretary: 
Sybil Kolon