



## ***RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL***

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**River Raisin Watershed Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 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, Laurie Johncox, Sybil Kolon, KZ Bolton, & Harry Sheehan

Executive Committee Members Absent: Evan Pratt, Dave Hoffmann, & John Chandler

Others Present: Stephen May – Executive Director, George Service – Clinton Township Delegate, Katie Goplerud-Smith – Outreach Coordinator, Bob Jenson – Village of Brooklyn Delegate

**2. Approval of July 17, 2018 – Agenda**

a. Motion by Kolon, second by Hoffman to amend date of Wacker clean-up to July 14, to add four items (d,e,f,g) to New Business, and to approve agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**3. Approval of June 19, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to amend wording of approvals of motions and the action item of the ITC money allocated to river signs in Monroe and Jackson counties. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

a. The Treasurer's Report for the period May 31, 2018 to June 30, 2018 was distributed and reviewed by Johncox. Revenue - **\$223.97** - Expenses - **\$396.45** – Balance to date: **\$33,969.71**. Motion by Sheehan, second by Bolton to accept Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

b. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported: Stephen May Mileage Reimbursement – **\$35.43**; Lenawee County Printing and Purchasing - **\$10.81**; LCDC Printing - **\$173.40**; LCDC Wages - **\$11,057.55**; First Federal Visa (Dunhams/Cabelas raffle prize costs) -

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**\$1,170.82: Total of \$12,448.01.** Motion by Johncox, second by Kolon 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. Lenawee County Fair: July 22 – 28
  - ii. MSU boat wash station at Wamplers Lake: August 19
  - iii. Great Outdoors Jamboree at Lake Hudson: September 9
  - iv. Artalicious in Adrian: September 21 – 22
  - v. Clinton Fall Festival: September 28 – 29
  - vi. Washtenaw County Recycling Day: September 29
- c. Membership updates – 50 Municipalities, 3 Corporations, & 16 Individuals.
- d. Farmer-Led Group meeting: put together a group tour to AgroLiquids for younger farmer group to get more involved.
- e. Jim Isley of Farmer-Led Group is attending the Drain Commissioner meeting for the state to spread information about our group of farmers.
- f. RRWC trying to partner with LISD's October 11 Ag Day to invite media there instead of putting together our own event this year.
- g. Lenawee County Fair: Purchased 2 kayaks and Yeti cooler from Dunham's, tickets will be on presale around 1 month before fair (the cooler and 1 kayak will be \$5/ticket; other kayak is \$10/ticket).
- h. Prospective Eagle Scout from Tecumseh is working with RRWC, Tecumseh Parks and Rec, Tecumseh Fire Department to purchase and post mile marker signs along river in Tecumseh. We are helping him order samples and providing maps.

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

- a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation
  - i. Reimbursement for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter due soon.
  - ii. ERB Foundation – Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Grant Update: Submitted 3<sup>rd</sup> round of grant for approval with LCD and MDARD. Should be approved in September and begin in October.
- b. TSN Grant – Cooling the Hot Spots: No update.
- c. Wacker Clean-up
  - i. Thanks to Dave, Keith, and Brenda for allowing us on the Raisin Valley Golf Course property. We cleared 2 log jams and a large fallen tree across the river.
  - ii. Mike Ayre suggested we request \$5000 from Wacker and a corporate membership.
  - iii. Possibility of Ford partnering with RRWC and Wacker for future clean-ups
  - iv. Get Gordon Comfort's permission to burn wood pile on his bank.

## 7. Committee Reports

- a. **Current Chairs** of each committee as follows: Outreach – Kolon; Technical – May; Development – Calhoun; Administrative – Johncox; Financial – Johncox.
- b. **Outreach** – Washtenaw County Recycling Day: Harry will ask his marketing department to design thank-you’s for RRWC to hand out. Will be able to promote events and RRWC itself.
- c. **Technical** – No report.
- d. **Development** – Will set up a meeting time.
- e. **Administrative** – No report.
- f. **Financial** – Audit is finished.

## 8. Old Business

- a. Raffle License – Early sales: Handing out tickets at meeting.
- b. Lenawee County Fair Volunteers: Doodle Poll sent, need more slots filled.

## 9. New Business

- a. Tecumseh Paddling/RR Canoe Livery - \$5 Voucher to be handed out to anyone at fair who signs up to volunteer. RRWC would reimburse them each month. Motion to approve voucher and funding by Bolton, second by Kolon. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. Purchase new merchandise – shirts/hats. Add youth sizes and spend up to \$250. Motion to approve \$250 toward new merchandise by Johncox, second by Bolton. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- c. Purchase new materials for RR wayfaring signage (Eagle Scout project). Would pay for post pounder, which we could keep and let other projects borrow. Motion to approve \$250 for post pounder by Kolon, second by Bolton. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- d. Board representation – Mike Aye (Wacker Chemical) interested in being on our board. Discussion about including corporate sponsors/businesses into our structure. “Associates of Corporation” could advise the board. Other watershed councils are changing to include structures like this. Ask Mike to develop options. Could include other businesses like Ford, Chrysler, ITC, etc.
- e. Equipment needs – Realized after Wacker clean-up we need more safety checks.
  - i. Chainsaw with larger bar
  - ii. At least one First Aid kit
  - iii. More safety protection (eye wear, chaps, helmets, safety vests)
  - iv. Wedges and mauls to prevent losses of chainsaws/bars
  - v. Chainsaws should be serviced. Get prices and will authorize at next meeting.
- f. Communication with Wacker
  - i. Letter of request already written, needs to be signed by John. Motion to approve sending \$5000 donation request to Wacker by Calhoun, second by Johncox. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
  - ii. Work more closely and keep communication with Wacker.
- g. PFOS/PFAS
  - i. A chemical from weatherproofing/firefighting foams that’s persistent in the environment and water. Can cause thyroid problems, cancer, other health issues.

- ii. Found in samples from Ann Arbor Wastewater Treatment Facility. DEQ limit for drinking water is 11 ppt.
- iii. Find the money to sample the River Raisin. Consult Dr. Martin from Adrian College.

**10. Next Meeting – August 21st – 10:30 AM – 320 Springbrook Ave, Suite 102 – Adrian, MI.**

**11. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Sheehan, second by Kolon to adjourn meeting at 11:58 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – August 6, 2018

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Commissioner KZ Bolton**