



## **RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL**

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River Raisin Watershed Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2017 – 8:30 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 8:30 AM

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Laurie Johncox, Sybil Kolon, Harry Sheehan (Washtenaw County alternate)-via phone, & Commissioner KZ Bolton

Executive Committee Members Absent: John Chandler, & Commissioner Dave Hoffman

Others Present: Stephen May – Executive Director, Brittany Jacobs – Watershed Planner

**2. Approval of September 19, 2017 – Agenda**

a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon to approve September 19, 2017 Agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**3. Approval of August 15, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton for the approval of the August meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

a. The Treasurer's Report for the period August 15, 2017 to September 19, 2017 – was distributed and reviewed by Johncox. Revenue: **\$50.00**; Expenses: **\$14,016.73**; Balance to date: **\$20,899.88**.

Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon to accept Treasurer's Report and place it on file. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

b. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills – New bills reported: First Federal Visa: **\$89.47**; Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing: **\$46.78**; Stephen May - reimbursement: **\$126.80**; SHD Marketing-merchandise: **\$480.00**; LCDC-phone & printing/copying: **\$340.27**; **Total of \$1,083.32**.

Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- c. The 2018 proposed annual budget was distributed to the Executive Committee. Motion by Sheehan, second by Johncox to recommend the 2018 proposed budget to the full membership to be voted on at the Semi-Annual Fall Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**5. Executive Director Updates (Further Details – See Report – on file)**

- a. Signs in Watershed – Still need funding for river crossing signs in other counties. Sheehan could get funded from Washtenaw County Water Resources Dept. or Road Commission-TBD.
- b. Visits in Watershed:
  - i. Sam Beauford Woodshop Cleanup (Bent Oak Ave. & Riverside Ave.): Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Farm Visit – Monroe County – Rep. Tim Walberg: Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>
  - iii. Tecumseh Middle School Cleanup (Indian Crossing Trails Park-Standish Dam): Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. Rotary Cleanup (Riverside Park-Merrick Street): Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - v. Lake Hudson-DNR-Youth Jamboree: Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>
  - vi. Farmer-Led coffee hour-Blissfield: Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>
  - vii. Artalicious-City of Adrian: Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup>
- c. Cleanups in watershed
  - i. Midwest Energy: October 6<sup>th</sup>
- d. Upcoming Events:
  - i. Scott Dierks-GEI Consultants – Discussion of River Raisin focus & priorities: Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - ii. Semi-Annual Fall Meeting-LISD Tech Center: Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Stubnitz Center Annual Family Fall Celebration: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

Check out [www.riverraisin.org](http://www.riverraisin.org) & [www.waterqualityfarming.org](http://www.waterqualityfarming.org) websites for more events

**6. Watershed Planner Updates**

- a. No update.

**7. Membership Updates**

- a. No update.

**8. Other Funding Updates**

- a. No update.

**9. Partnership Updates**

- a. LCD Grant Farmers Advisory Committee
  - i. Erb Foundation – Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Grant
  - ii. FLCG Website: [www.waterqualityfarming.org](http://www.waterqualityfarming.org)
    1. Regional meetings – Coffee Shop Talks Summer-Fall
    2. Recruiting new leaders in regions possibly
    3. Semi-Annual – December 7, 2017 (8am-1pm) at Dundee Old Mill
- b. TSN Grant – Cooling the Hot Spots – The grant has been extended for one year to utilize remaining funds with a focus on human dimensions.
- c. MSU – ANR – GLRI Grant Application – Approval has been announced! – “River Raisin Phosphorus Reduction Grant”

**10. Program Updates**

- a. No update.

**11. Committee Reports**

- a. **Current Chairs** of each committee as follows: Outreach – Kolon; Technical – May; Development – Calhoun; Administrative – Pratt; Financial – Johncox.
- b. **Outreach** – Discover the Raisin-brainstorming, contact outreach group for input.
- c. **Technical** – Connecting Lenawee – Kayak Launches: Applications all approved!-Awaiting installation plans and funding source.
- d. **Development** – None.
- e. **Administrative** – None.
- f. **Financial** – None.

**12. Old Business**

- a. Old Mill Museum (Dundee) – Waterways Smithsonian Exhibit – Funding for the project declined.

**13. New Business**

- a. Dr. Jim Martin requested purchase of new waders. Motion by Johncox, second by Kolon to provide up to \$200 for the purchase of (3) new waders. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. A pull saw donation was offered by Dave Maxwell in honor of RRWC river cleanup efforts following the AmeriCorps Team and other cleanup events. Motion by Johncox, second by Kolon to accept Dave Maxwell’s donation of pull saw to RRWC. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- c. The ERB Family Foundation Grant Renewal has been approved for \$157,000 for year (2)!
- d. A new grant funding approval has been announced! – “River Raisin Phosphorus Reduction Grant” – MSU-IWR. Motion by Calhoun, second by Kolon to support Steve May to serve on the Michigan State University-Institute of Water Research (MSU-IWR) Advisory Board of the Computer Assisted Nutrient Management Planning Program (CANMaPP). **Motion carried by voice vote.** *(See letter dated 9/15/2017 on file).*
- e. Semi-Annual Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00pm at LISD Tech Center – Guest Speaker: Julie Hewlett “Geology of the River Raisin”

**14. Next Meeting – October 17, 2017 – 8:30 AM – RRWC Office/Drain Commissioner’s Office.****15. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Bolton, second by Calhoun to adjourn meeting at 9:25 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – October 12, 2017

**Approval of Minutes**

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

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner KZ Bolton