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River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2018 – 10:30 AM
Tecumseh Police Meeting Room
309 E. Chicago St.
Tecumseh, MI 49286

1. Roll Call

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

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Harry Sheehan, Sybil Kolon, and Laurie Johncox, KZ Bolton

Executive Committee Members Absent: John Chandler and Dave Hoffman.

Others Present: Stephen May – Executive Director, Bob Jenson, and Katie Goplerud-Smith – Outreach Coordinator

2. Approval of November 20, 2018 – Agenda

- a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon to include and approve an addition for new business about partnerships for the November 20, 2018 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of September 18, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. No October 2018 Executive Committee Meeting due to Semi-Annual Meeting. September 18, 2018 minutes will be approved at the next meeting in December 2018.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period Sept. 30, 2018 to Oct. 31, 2018 – was distributed and reviewed by Johncox. Revenue - **\$258.61** - Expenses - **\$14,216.18** – Balance to date: **\$27,566.07**. Motion by Sheehan, second by Kolon to accept and file Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported: Stephen May - Mileage Reimbursement – **\$41.97**; Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$85.02**;

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Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing (postage) – **\$11.14**; Jackson County Road Commission (install RR signs)- **\$257.80**; First Federal Visa (various meeting costs) - **\$199.10**: **Total of \$595.03.**
 Motion by Johncox, second by Bolton to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- c. 2019 Budget – Board Approval: Motion by Sheehan, second by Johncox to temporarily approve 2019 budget as there was no quorum at the Oct. 2018 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

- a. Report
- b. Calendar of upcoming events 2018
 - i. Meeting with Melissa Demaschke from Erb – Nov. 26
 - ii. Strategic Planning Meeting – Nov. 26 7pm at AJ Rec Center, Tecumseh
 - iii. FLWG Semi-Annual Meeting – Dec. 6 8am – 1pm at Old Mill, Dundee
- c. Membership updates – 50 Municipalities, 4 Corporations and 28 Individuals.
- d. RRW Signage – Monroe and Jackson County need 14 more signs combined to cover major river crossings. Motion by Bolton, second by Calhoun to allocate \$1500 for those signs in Monroe and Jackson counties. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- e. Invoices for 2019 Dues – Will be sent out early next month. It was suggested to send corporations an official invoice.
- f. Thank-you cards and Notes – Reminders for end of the year donations/memberships will be sent out early next month. Thank you cards for members and donors will be sent soon.

6. Outreach Coordinator Updates

- a. River Raisin Water Festival: May 1, 2019: Continuing to find grants and work on budget. We'll be ordering shirts from our source soon.
- b. Installation RR Mile Marker signage: Tecumseh Eagle Scout finished posting signs Nov. 3. Manchester, Monroe, and boy scout group in Adrian also interested in continuing signage.
- c. Invasive Removal: 12 bags of purple loosestrife removed by boy scouts in Dundee. One earned his Life Scout achievement. Later will work with village to remove stumps.
- d. Discover the Raisin Updates: Applies to 3rd – 7th grade teachers, but have gotten lots of questions about expanding it to high school. 1 applicant from Monroe so far.
- e. Stewardship Network Meeting Update: RRWC will assist in setting up more boat washes at Wampler's Lake and possibly other locations in 2019. Invasive species pulls are being planned in the Monroe area.
- f. Monroe COTE Updates: They're very interested in posting mile markers along the river. They now have the GPS points where the signs go and will keep us posted.
- g. Sybil is working with the Michigan Natural Features Inventory and Hidden Lake gardens to have vernal pool training at Hidden Lake Gardens this coming spring.

7. Partnership Updates (See Executive Director Report)

- a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation

- i. ERB Foundation – Melissa Demaschke wants to see what RRWC does, not just with farmers. Meeting on Nov. 26. Regional meetings are being planned, most likely 3rd week of February.
- b. Harry Sheehan wants to meet to talk about Washtenaw County Water Resources' leftover funds.
- c. JLW CISMA – Their focus is to create a strike force against newly discovered invasive species in Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw Counties. Strategic planning is in the works.
- d. Frank Baker and Blissfield Rotary – RRWC will help create a map for display purposes and contact help for the mile long trail along the river.

8. Committee Reports

No new reports.

9. Old Business

None to report.

10. New Business

- a. Purchase additional RR road signs – 14 for Monroe and Jackson counties.
- b. RRWC Strategic Planning Meeting – 7pm at AJ Smith Center in Tecumseh. Help to set up at 6pm is appreciated. Expect 25-30 people.
- c. FLG Semi-Annual Meeting – 9am to 1pm at the Old Mill, Dundee.
- d. Vernal Pool Partnership of Michigan – Sybil Kolon recommends partnering with them after attending a meeting. Their mission is to create an awareness and protect vernal pools and to partner with other organizations to do so. Motion by Kolon, second by Sheehan to become a partner with the Vernal Pool Partnership of Michigan. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

11. Next Meeting – December 18, 2018 – 10:30 AM – Tecumseh Police Meeting Room: 309 E. Chicago Blvd, Tecumseh, MI 49286.

12. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Johncox, second by Kolon to adjourn meeting at 11:30 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – December 11, 2018

Approval of Minutes

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Commissioner KZ Bolton