



*An alliance of the Black River
and Paw Paw River Watersheds*

**TWO RIVERS COALITION
February 9, 2011 BOARD MEETING
GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order: 7:08 p.m.

Attendees: Chris Bauer, John Lindahl, Dave Foerster, Sam Ewbank, Kevin Haight, Kenneth Nesbitt, Nancy Edwards, AJ Brucks, Geoff Cripe, Gaye Blind, Jan Petersen, Greg Francisco (Board members underlined)

Motion by Dave Foerster to approve January 12, 2011 minutes, all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Matt Meersman, Not available

South Haven Maritime Museum, Black River Exhibit – The Black River Exhibit consists of eleven panels presenting the historical uses and importance of the river to South Haven. TRC was asked to participate by designing one of the panels for the exhibit; Sam Ewbank, Erin Fuller, Marcy Colclough and Dave Foerster have volunteered for this project. The TRC panel will broaden the focus from the river itself to the whole watershed and water quality issues. The exhibit is scheduled to open April 15th.

Strategic Planning Updates:

Membership, Sam Ewbank – Membership recruitment letter will be mailed out within the week. The board and members worked on folding the letter and stuffing envelopes during the meeting.

P-ban, AJ Brucks – Phosphorus stickers and rack cards: Members are currently distributing phosphorus stickers and rack cards to distributor within the Black and Paw Paw River Watersheds. There is \$250 left in the grant on phosphorus awareness and is slated to be used for adds in local newspapers.

New Business:

Proposal, Greg Francisco – Greg has offered to manage several paddle event throughout the summer along the Paw Paw River to promote awareness of water quality, environment and TRC. Greg would like TRC's support in his efforts, board agreed.

Celery Pond Public Hearing, February 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m. SH City Hall – MDEQ public hearing for the permit the City of South Haven applied for to replace the crossing on Dunkley Road, outlet of Celery Pond and clean-out the channel to the Black River.

Announcements, Suggestions, Comments:

- March 5th -Quiet Water Symposium, MSU Center, Lansing: TRC will have a informational booth
- March 20th – Paw Paw River Odyssey presentation at Sarret Nature Center, 3:00
- March 22nd – Transportation & Environment Workshop, 1:30-4:30, Andrews University, Berrien Springs
- August 6th – River Rescue – Partnership with VB Conservation District

Adjourned: 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary