



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

**TWO RIVERS COALITION
JANUARY 11, 2012 BOARD MEETING
GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order: 7:09 p.m.

Attendees: Dave Foerster, Sam Ewbank, Kenneth Nesbitt, Joe Parman, Matt Meersman, Joe Von Wahlde, Nancy Edwards, John Mitchell, Jan Bloom (Board members underlined)

Motion by Sam Ewbank, 2nd by Joe Von Walde to approve November 9, 2011 minutes, all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Matt Meersman, hand-out provided; Net Income of \$863.86, Total Assets \$8,974.84 through December 31, 2011.

Motion by Joe Parman to approve December 2011 Treasures Report, 2nd by Nancy Edwards, all in favor

Annual Meeting 2011: 62 in attendance, Election held for board members – Sam Ewbank, Tom Howe, Joe Von Wahlde and Grant Poole unanimously elected.

Time Of Sale or Transfer (TOST) presentation from the annual meeting generated interest from Van Buren County Planning Commission to move forward with possible plans for a county ordinance on a TOST well and septic system inspection program. Frank Jurenka, board member has been working with Berrien County in efforts to adopt an ordinance as well.

Election of Officers for 2012:

- Sam Ewbank nominated Dave Foerster, 2nd by Kenneth Nesbitt for Board President, Dave accepted
- Kenneth Nesbitt nominated Sam Ewbank as Vice President, 2nd by Nancy Edwards, Nancy accepted
- Nancy Edwards nominated Joe Parman for Secretary, 2nd by Sam Ewbank, Joe accepted
- Sam Ewbank nominated Kenneth Nesbitt for Treasurer, 2nd by Dave Foerster, Sam accepted

Nancy Edwards moved to close nominations, all in favor of accepting nominations and slate of officers.

TRC would like to thank Matt Meersman for his dedication and efforts as TRC's Treasurer for the past four years. Matt will hand over his Treasurer's reins to Kenneth Nesbitt at the conclusion of the January 2012 Board Meeting.

Motion/Roll Call Vote: Board Members listed below shall be authorized to endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with Chemical Bank Shoreline in accordance with current by-laws of the Corporation. This resolution supersedes any and all resolutions which may be on file with Chemical Bank Shoreline prior to January 11, 2012. See attached

Dave Foerster, President
George (Sam) L. Ewbank, Vice President
Kenneth Nesbitt, Treasurer
Joe Parman, Secretary



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

Annual Meeting Date 2012: Discussion was held on the date and time of the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Motion by Joe Parman, 2nd by Kenneth Nesbitt to hold TRC's 2012 meeting on December 12 at the Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, MI

TRC sponsorship of B/SHWTA water trail sign – John Mitchell, Water Trail Association President:

A presentation was given by John on water trail signs, sponsorships and locations for TRC's possible sponsorship and commitment to the Black River. Two available locations on bridge crossing for the trail are CR 380 Bridge in Bangor Township and CR 687 Bridge in Geneva Township. Discussion was held by board concerning the best location and area for a TRC sponsored sign.

Motion/Roll Call Vote by Nancy Edwards, 2nd by Joe Von for TRC to sponsor two B/SHWTA water trail signs, one on the upstream and the other on the downstream sides of the CR 687 bridge, Geneva Township for \$500.00. Motion carried, see attached

Watershed Boundary Signs: Discussion was held on areas in and out of state that have road signs showing watershed boundaries. Watershed boundary signs will be put on TRC's Strategic Planning project list for 2012.

TRC's membership to the Village of Paw Paw's Chamber of Commerce: **Motion** by Dave Foerster, 2nd by Joe Parman not to renew TRC's membership to Paw Paw's Chamber of Commerce, all in favor

News:

- TRC will have guest speakers and presentations at various monthly meetings in 2012, information will be posted on website prior to meetings and emailed to members.
- Van Buren Conservation District, Director A.J. Brucks was contracted to run Van Buren Counties recycling program.
- Van Buren Conservation District put 550 acres into preservation/conservation for 2011

Adjourned - 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary



Motion Role Call Vote

Date: 1-11-2012 #: _____

Motion by: Sam Ewbank

Seconded by: Kenneth Nesbitt

Motion:

Adopted Motion: Two Rivers Coalition (TRC) account with Chemical Bank Shoreline

Board Members listed below shall be authorized to endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with Chemical Bank Shoreline in accordance with current by-laws of the Corporation. This resolution supersedes any and all resolution which may be on file with Chemical Bank Shoreline prior to January 11, 2012.

Dave Foerster, President
George (Sam) L. Ewbank, Vice President
Kenneth Nesbitt, Treasurer
Joe Parman, Secretary

Kenneth Nesbitt	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Von Wahlde:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Edwards:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Sam EwBank	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Foerster:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Haight:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Howe:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Jurenka:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Jean Ketchum:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Meersman:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Parman:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Total:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>

Result: Carried Defeated

Certified By: Joe Parman



Motion Role Call Vote

Date: 1-11-2012 #: _____

Motion by: Nancy Edwards

Seconded by: Joe Von Walde

Motion:

TRC will sponsor two B/SHWTA water trail signs, one on the upstream and the other on the downstream sides of the CR 687 Bridge, Geneva Township for \$500.00

Kenneth Nesbitt	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Von Wahlde:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Nancy Edwards:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Sam EwBank	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Dave Foerster:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Haight:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Howe:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Jurenka:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Jean Ketchum:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Meersman:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Parman:	yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>
Total:	yes <input type="checkbox"/>	no <input type="checkbox"/>

Result: Carried Defeated

Certified By: Joe Parman