



**TWO RIVERS COALITION  
APRIL 10, 2013 BOARD MEETING  
GENVEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

**Call to order:** 7:10 p.m.

**Attendees:** Dave Foerster, Joe Parman, Sam Ewbank, Grant Poole, Bette Pierman, Bryan Bult (board members underlined)

Board approved agenda as amended

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Joe Parman to approve March 13, 2013 minutes as amended, motion carried

Pokagon Band signed up as TRC Business Member for \$100

**Boy Scout Eagle Project Funding – Bryan Bult – Kendall Park, Kal-Haven Trail** – Bryan Bult presented his Eagle Project idea to Board, pictures included. Bryan will be installing two picnic grills and revitalizing the existing garden with new plantings and general clean-up. Bryan's focus is promotion of park use and tourism for Van Buren County and Kendall Park. Board members encouraged Bryan to use native plants and flowers in the garden. Bryan has raised \$175.00 to date with a total project cost of \$600.00. There will be a press release and TRC will be listed as a donor/sponsor.

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Grant Poole to donate \$100 towards Bryan Bult's Eagle Project in Kendall Park in which a press release will be done and native plants encouraged in the garden, motion carried.

**Old Business**

**Library Project** – Signage update –Prairie grass sign is being completed.

**Watershed Signs – Update-** Grant Poole – A full size sign was printed out for Board approval of sign visibility and artwork. A proto-type sign will be made for the cost of \$300.00 so the Board can get a better feel for the overall look and feel of the sign before purchasing more signs. Frank Jurenka donated \$300.00 to TRC to help pay for sign.

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Joe Parman to approve artwork on watershed boundary sign and the purchase of a proto-type sign for \$300.00, motion carried.

**Black and Paw Paw River E. coli monitoring project** – April 23, 2013, 9:00 a.m., South Haven water treatment facility.



**Fracking Forum – Committee Report** - June 12, 2013 TRC Board Meeting, Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, MI. There will be two speakers with a 15 minute presentation each; Bill Mitchell, MDEQ and Steve Losher, MLAWD. The moderator will be Bill Reed, The FORUM of Greater Kalamazoo. Board discussed ground rules for comments, note cards and specifics on wells in the two watersheds. Forum will go toward MSUE Citizen Planner credits. The Board approved food and drink for event. Sam Ewbank offered to have PJ Chmiel design Fracking Forum Flyers for hand out and press release.

**Motion – Roll Call Vote** – Motion by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Dave Foerster to approve PJ Chmiel to design the flyers for the Fracking Forum, not to exceed \$50.00 – Roll Call Vote attached

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, seconded Grant Poole to approve spending of up to \$150.00 for food and extra drink for Fracking Forum on June 12, 2013 and motion carried.

**Celery Pond Fundraiser** – Phragmites removal –Celery Pond Advocates will be holding fundraiser on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Foundry Hall in South Haven. Board held discussion on Celery Pond Advocates vision for the pond and long term plan on management.

**Paw Paw Days B&W Project Fundraiser** – Foerster – Board member met with St. Julian’s and Paw Paw Brewing Company on several occasions and emails for TRC’s sponsorship of the Paw Paw Days beer and wine tent fundraiser for TRC. Attached to the minutes are the Roll Call Votes - Motions called for by Dave Foerster and Sam Ewbank approving TRC’s July 20, 2013 fundraiser at Paw Paw Days.

**Motion** by Joe Parman, seconded by Grant Poole to approve into the official minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Roll Call Votes in favor of TRC’s sponsor of the Paw Paw Day Event and proceeds go to a project in the Paw Paw River Watershed, motion carried.

### **New Business**

**TRC Blog Page** – Foerster - Dave updated TRC’s blog page with LIAA. Board members are encouraged to review blog for comments, thoughts, etc....

**Paddle Green Bags, American Canoe Association (ACA)** – Foerster (emailed information) – Board members discussed the purchase of Paddle Green Bags with TRC’s logo for events and sale. Green Bags are re-usable trash collection bags used by paddlers to collect trash while paddling. Approximate price per bag is \$3.50.

**Motion** by Joe Parman, seconded by Grant Poole to approve purchase of Paddle Green Bags with TRC’s logo not to exceed \$100.00, motion carried

**Freshwater Future – Keystone XL pipeline** – Foerster, Freshwater Future, TRC’s watershed and environmental partner is looking for support, in name and philosophy in their efforts to oppose the Keystone XL pipeline due to its environmental impacts and concerns.

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Grant Poole for TRC to support, in name and philosophy Freshwaters Futures opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline, motion carried



**Announcements:**

23-Apr-13 – B&PP River monitoring steering committee meeting  
8-May-13 – Climate Change Forum, Part II, Michigan Works, Benton Harbor, MI  
12-Jun-13 – Fracking Forum at VB Conference Center  
20-July-13 – PP Brewery-St Julian B&W event  
21-July-13 – Do the Maple Circle  
24-July-13 – Van Buren CD Annual Meeting at Rainey Farm in South Haven

Adjourned 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary