



**TWO RIVERS COALITION
MAY 15, 2013 BOARD MEETING
GENVEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

Attendees: Dave Foerster, Joe Parman, Sam Ewbank, Grant Poole, Frank Jurenka, Nancy Edwards, Kevin Haight, Bette Pierman, Joe Wasserman, Chris Bauer, Sandra Tyrell, Peter Ter Louw, Geoffrey Cripe (board members underlined)

Board approved agenda as amended

Motion by Sam Ewbank to approve April 11, 2013 minutes as amended, motion carried

Treasurers Report – Kenneth Nesbitt/Dave Forester – Handout provided – Project Commitments: Total Funds Available \$9,943.04, Total Commitments \$9,265.00. Noted donations: Frank Jurenka \$400 for watershed signs. 1099-N Report submitted to IRS. Treasurers Report approved by all

Old Business

Celery Pond Invasive – Celery Pond Advocates, Sandra Tyrell – Reviewed handout on Celery Pond treatment map and project plans for treatment of invasive. Advocates have raised \$1,000 with \$1,000 in match and are seeking grant funds for future treatment. Fundraiser planned sometime in August at the Foundry Hall in South Haven. Details are currently being planned and TRC will be sponsoring the beer and wine sales.

Library Project – Signage update –Prairie grass sign completed, final costs \$1,200

Black & Paw Paw River E. coli monitoring project – Board held discussion on future plans for E. coli project. More comprehensive testing needs to be done to determine if E. coli is human or cattle.

Paddle Green Bags – The order of 25 Paddle Green Bags with TRC's logo for events and sale have arrived. Green Bags are re-usable trash collection bags used by paddlers to collect trash while paddling.

Fracking Forum - June 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m., Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, MI – Board held discussion on finalizing Fracking Forum details regarding meeting materials, supplies and organization.

Grapes & Grains Festival – July 20th, 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at St. Julian Winery, Paw Paw, MI - TRC Fundraiser for reducing sediment in Maple Lake and upstream watershed. Board reviewed handout provided by St. Julian for training volunteers for event. Volunteers are still needed and can register at <http://doodle.com/s4m85peprpr46hb3>



New Business

Freshwater Future Membership – Board held discussion on renewing TRC’s membership with Freshwater Future.

Motion by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Kevin Haight to approve renewal of TRC’s membership with Freshwater Future for \$100, all in favor, motion carried

Plant Palooza – Van Buren Conservation District – Native plant sale – May 18th, 2013

Announcements/Events

18-May-13 – Plant Palooza – Van Buren Conservation District

12-Jun-13 – Fracking Forum at VB Conference Center, 7:00 p.m.

20-July-13 – Grapes & Grains Festival/Fundraiser- PP Brewery-St Julian B&W, 2:00-10:00 p.m.

21-July-13 – Do the Maple Circle

24-July-13 – Van Buren CD Annual Meeting at Rainey Farm in South Haven, 6:00 p.m.

03-Aug-13 – Van Buren Conservation Districts annual River Rescue

Adjourned 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary