



**TWO RIVERS COALITION
July 13, 2013 BOARD MEETING
GENVEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

Attendees: Joe Parman, Sam Ewbank, Grant Poole, Frank Jurenka, Nancy Edwards, Kevin Haight, Kenneth Nesbitt, Bette Pierman, Dan Purton (board members underlined)

Board approved agenda as amended

Motion by Kenneth Nesbitt to approve May 15, 2013 minutes as amended, second by Kevin Haight, motion carried

Treasurers Report – Kenneth Nesbitt — Total Funds Available \$8,123.00, \$56.00 in donations from Fracking Forum.

Old Business

Celery Pond Invasive – Celery Pond Advocates – The Celery Pond Advocates are working on 100 percent property owner cooperation before moving forward on the phragmites project. 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.

Watershed Sign Project – Frank Jurenka is looking for approval from the Van Buren County Road Commission to put up the Black and Paw Paw River Watershed signs. The current Van Buren County Road Commission Policy does not allow for permanent signs to be put in road right-of-way. Possible options would be to approach the Board of County Road Commissioners or County Commissioners on a possible policy changes.

Fracking Forum – Attendance was approximately 110 people with donations totaling \$56.00. The public comments from the event evaluation forms were positive with a lot of feedback. Discussion was held for future events held by TRC's Fracking Committee on hydraulic fracking. Suggestions were made for hosting a screening of the movie Gasland II. Possible locations for the screening would be the PAC in Paw Paw High School or the Strand Theater in Paw Paw.

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. Discussion was held on responsibilities of volunteers and TRC.

New Business

Board Vacancy – Due to TRC's bylaws and term limitations three board member will not be able to serve on the board by the end of 2013. The board held discussion on possible candidates for future board members and sources to draw from. A suggestion was made to amend bylaws for term limitation of board members.



September 11, 2013 Quarterly Presentation-Meeting – Nesbitt- TRC’s September’s board meeting will be hosting a presentation by Tara Kneeshaw, Associate Professor of Geology at Grand Valley State University. Professor Kneeshaw will be presenting on the geology of the Black and Paw Paw River Watersheds. The presentation is tentatively scheduled at the Paw Paw District Library at 7:00 p.m. with a back-up location at the Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence.

Motion by Kevin Haight, seconded by Nancy Edwards to approve Tara Kneeshaw, Associate Professor of Geology at Grand Valley State University as for September 11, 2013 Board meeting presentation, all in favor

Annual Meeting – December 11, 2013 – The board held discussion on possible topics and speakers for TRC’s annual meeting on December 11, 2013 at the Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence. Board member suggested a possible environmental movie and discussion or a speaker from Freshwater Future.

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. TRC may be able to get a grant from Freshwater Future for more E. coli testing to finalize monitoring project. Board members will talk to Marcy Colclough and City of South Haven on the amount need to fund project.

Foundry Hall Events – Sam Ewbank – The Foundry Hall will be hosting Star & Charlie, Ed trio on September 13, 2013 and TRC would be the host/fund raiser for the event. TRC will need to obtain a temporary liquor license and bond for event.

Motion by Kenneth Nesbitt, seconded by Joe Parman to authorize Sam Ewbank to make application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) for a Special License for the sale of Beer and Wine for consumption at Foundry Hall, 422 Eagle St, South Haven, MI 49090 on September 14, 2013, all in favor

Announcements/Events

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 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary