



**TWO RIVERS COALITION**  
**January 8, 2014 BOARD MEETING**  
**GENVEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

**Call to order:** 7:05 p.m.

**Attendees:** Joe Parman, Sam Ewbank, Kevin Haight, Bette Pierman, Colleen Forestieri, Matt Meersman (board members underlined)

Board approved agenda as amended

**Motion** by Kevin Haight, seconded by Bette Pierman to approve November 13, 2013 minutes as amended, all in favor

**Treasurer's Report** – Kenneth Nesbitt — unable to attend meeting

Board held discussion on Transition Committees recommendations for nomination of executive board.

**Motion** by Bette Pierman to approve Transition Committees recommendations for Executive Board's slate of officers: Sam Ewbank – President, Kevin Haight – Vice President, Kenneth Nesbitt – Treasurer, Joe Parman – Secretary. Motion was seconded by Kevin Haight, all in favor and motion approved.

Board held discussion on TRC's project commitments and tracking funds related to those projects. Bette Pierman offered to set-up a project commitments spreadsheet and will be working with Kenneth Nesbitt, Treasurer.

*Tasks* – Bette to work with Kenneth on allocated funds for TRC projects - 2014

**Current Business**

**Speaker Series** – March – Invasive Species – March 11, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Lake Michigan College, South Haven, MI. Speakers: Brian Majka – Cardo JFNew and Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, SWMLC speaker.

*Tasks* – Sam – Reserve LMC for 7:00 p.m., March 11, 2014 and confirm speaker with Cardo JFNew

*Tasks* – Kevin – Confirm a speaker from SWMLC with Jeff Crippe.

**Watershed Sign Project** – Kevin – Confirm Kalamazoo County locations with Frank Jurenk

**New Business**

**2014 Planning Outline and Committees** – Sam – The board was asked to review the strategic plan to see if it was on track with TRC's goals and determine 2014's priorities. If board members have a personal passion or project that is in line with TRC's mission they are encouraged to include that into the strategic plan. Possible outreach programs/projects suggested by the board: Agricultural/farmer outreach and partnering with schools and 4-H groups on environmental education programs.

**TRC membership and new home purchases** – It was suggested and discussion was held on TRC working with realtors offering TRC membership to individuals/families that purchase new home in the Black and Paw Paw river watersheds. South Haven offers free membership to the Michigan Maritime Museum for new home purchases.



**TRC Monthly Meetings – Time and Location** – Board held discussion on keeping or changing the current time and location of the month meeting. The Geneva Twp. Hall still remains the top choice for location but a possible earlier start time, 6:00 p.m. was considered.

*Tasks* – Kevin will send out an email to board members on their preferred time and location for monthly meeting.

Adjourned, 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Parman, Secretary