



**TWO RIVERS COALITION MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2016 BOARD MEETING
GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order: 6:15-* PM by Kevin Haight

Attendees: Kevin Haight, Kenneth Nesbitt, Paul vandenBosch, Bette Pierman, Grant Poole, Colleen Forestieri, Sam Ewbank

Minutes: Motion by Ewbank, Second by Haight, to approve March 2016 regular meeting minutes with edits suggested by Nesbitt. All approved.

Announcements:

Road stream crossing training with Van Buren Road Commission (VBRC) and Van Buren Conservation District (VBCD)

Treasurer Report: Motion to accept as presented by Ewbank, second by Van Den Bosch, all in favor

Old Business:

Funded Projects:

VMSP- Team leaders to be decided and organized. Locations to be the same or similar as last collection. Press still needs to be done.

Stream Crossing- Training has begun and another training date will be carried out in May.

Ox Creek- Community Pint Night at the Livery in Benton Harbor as a fundraiser for Ox Creek. Silent auction for kayak with net proceeds to go to TRC Ox Creek project.

Motion: Motion by Forestieri, to approve TRC obtaining a Michigan gaming license for fundraising activities. Second by Poole. All in favor.

Annual Meeting: Motion by Pierman to approve December 7, 2016 as the TRC annual meeting date. Second by Poole. All in favor.

New Business:

Berrien County Parks: TRC letter of support for grant application passed via email voting.

Paw Paw Middle School Salmon Release: Colleen F. and Kevin H. will be going to hatchery event. Kevin will assess if TRC should have an information table. Colleen will be representing the VBCD.

Coastal Clean-up Day: The Village of Paw Paw and Coca Cola will be participating in the dedication of the Natural Shoreline Project on Maple Isle.

Maple Lake Sediment: Discussion of the issues of sediment entering Maple Lake and the long-term consequences to the lake health.



Van Buren Conservation District: Discussion of the up coming August millage vote for services provided by the VBCD and how that might effect their programming and staffing.

Black River Preserve Sound Walk: Motion by Van den Bosch to be co-sponsor of “Sound Walk” at Black River Preserve on May 14, 2016. Second by Poole. All in favor.

Respectively submitted:
Sam Ewbank