

Minutes of TRC meeting on Tuesday August 21, 2018 at Geneva Twp. Hall

1. **Called to order at 6:08 p.m.** Present were Kevin Haight, Bette Pierman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Dave Foerster, Kyle Boone, Paul VandenBosch, Sam Ewbank.
2. Minutes of July 17 Regular Meeting approved with two minor corrections (motion by Paul V., support by Bette P.).
3. Brief recitation by Kevin H. of upcoming events:
 - Aug 29 (Wed) – Less=More documentary film on sustainable agriculture, CAFO's, etc. 6:00-8:30 p.m. at VBCC.
 - Sept. 12 (Wed) - VBCD Healthy Home Fair 3-7 pm; Ely Park Hartford. TRC invited.
 - Sept 15 (Sat) - Joint paddle/picnic on Black River w/ B/SH HWTA
 - Sept 18 (3rd Tuesday)- next TRC meeting
 - Sept 30 (Sun) - VSMP (Need leaders); identification on Oct.1
 - Nov 8 (Thur) - TRC 10th Annual Meeting
4. **Treasurer's Report** by Nesbitt. Report approved (motion by Paul V., support by Bette P.) Discussion whether to add an additional \$1500 (already approved by board for E. coli testing) to committed funds category which currently shows only \$1500 received from FwF.

5. Old Business:

Kenneth gave details about joint paddle w/ B/SH HWTA on Black River 9/15- Board authorized spending up to \$200 on food, supplies for picnic (motion by Bette P, support by Dave F.)

6. New Business/Projects/Funded Grants

Pine/Mill: Healthy Home Fair to highlight septic health/maintenance issues on Sept 12. 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Ely Park in Hartford. TRC will have table/trifold.

E. coli sampling: Paul has done 1st round of BR testing.

Ox Creek 319; large grant has been awarded, contract being developed between BC Drain Commission and MDEQ.

PPRWT- Next meeting of steering committee is Sept 11 at Coloma Twp Hall at 9:00 a.m. Community paddles: 7 paddles completed in June, July, and August. Total of 140 participants. Kevin thanked Kenneth and Bette for all their help.

- 1) River Rescue on Aug 4- cancelled due to low turn-out and other issues.
- 2) discussed need for leaders for VSMP on Sunday Sept 30

Kyle B reported on potential federal Wild and Scenic River status for PPR- Kyle and Grant Poole of Pokagon Band DNR have discussed issue with reps of National Park Service. Will keep us informed.

Discussion of request that TRC be signatory to letter to Sen. Gary Peters from Great Lakes Pilot Association about importance of having local pilots on foreign registered ships in Great Lakes. Board approved (motion by Bette P., support by Dave F.) Kyle Boone abstained from vote.

Kenneth N discussed concerns with roadside spraying by VBRC.

Haight still trying to contact WMU prof David Karowe to present at 10th annual meeting on Nov. 8 re local effects of climate change.

Discussion of annual meeting. Because it is 10th annual meeting, Bette to look into something special to commemorate. Sept TRC mtg will focus on planning for Nov.8.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m..