



TWO RIVERS COALITION
April 9, 2014 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall

Call to order: 6:02 PM

Attendees: Sam Ewbank, Bette Pierman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Colleen Forestieri, Joe Parman, Tom Howe, Kevin Haight (board members underlined)

Board approved agenda as submitted.

Motion by Joe Parman, seconded by Colleen Forestieri to approve February 12, 2014 minutes as submitted, all in favor

Treasurer Report - Kenneth Nesbitt reported that TRC had an \$8,590 balance; \$161.00 in petty cash and \$523 deposit from Foundry Hall fundraiser. Kenneth will file the IRS 990-N form for TRC's non-profit status for 2014.

Old Business

Watersheds Sign Project Update – Kevin Haight – TRC will have to fill out permit application with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for sign placement.

Foundry Hall Event – “The Michigan Beer Film” – Fundraiser – The event was very well attended with over a 100 people. TRC raised \$242.02 net profit for future project efforts.

Strategic Plan – Committee Formation -

-Website: TRC site needs to be updated, contact LIAA for tech support, and review survey data for website statistics.

-Membership: Committee will develop new membership welcome letter. Suggestions were made to develop a monthly newsletter or email update on TRC events and activity. Kevin Haight offered to draft monthly newsletter which will be review by the board.

-Strategic Plan Review: Committee usually meets the third week of the month at the Paw Paw Public Library to update the progress of TRC's plan.

New Business

Stream Monitoring Program Grant – Kevin Haight – TRC applied for MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring Grant in March. MiCorps program is regional macroinvertebrate for measuring the health of a stream over a long-term period. This is a “start up” grant for \$1,000 to \$3,000 for seed money to design a monitoring strategy for streams and rivers. Grant will be awarded as early as May. If TRC receives a grant 2-3 individuals will need to be trained for macroinvertebrate identification.



Speaker Series – June 2014 – June 18th (back up date 25th) Maple Island, Maple Lake, Village of Paw Paw 6:30 p.m.. The topic for the speaker series will be shoreline restoration do, don'ts, benefits, and why. John Small, Village of Paw Paw and Erin Fuller, VBC Conservation District are scheduled for presentations. Both John and Erin are certified shoreline restoration specialist.

Domain Name – tworiverscoalition.com & tworiverscoalition.org domain names were renewed.

Announcements, suggestions, comments:

- 17-May – VBCD Native Plant Sale
- 18-June – TRC Speaker Series – Shoreline Restoration
- 2-Aug – River Rescue

Adjourned: 7:53 PM

Respectively submitted:

Joe Parman