



TWO RIVERS COALITION
May 14, 2014 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall

Call to order: 6:34 PM

Attendees: Sam Ewbank, Kevin Haight, Dave Foerster, Bette Pierman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Colleen Forestieri, Grant Poole (board members underlined)

Since Joe Parman was absent there were no minutes from April meeting to approve so will approve at the June meeting.

Meeting agenda was amended to add items to Old Business:

1. June meeting discussion
2. Website issues
3. Speaker: Grant's presentation on Water Quality Data.

Kenneth Nesbitt reported that we had a \$8,590.77 balance; PayPal has a couple \$100.00, less service fees; Petty Cash has \$161; question about Annual Meeting Donations and Raffle money—in April Deposit. Sam said that there was nothing to approve until a written report is submitted.

Old Business

- Watersheds Sign Project Update – Jurenka/Haight/Foerster
Since Frank was not in attendance, the status is not known. Kevin spoke on what he knew. Still a question on the follow-up with Kalamazoo County since there was a staff change and the person that we had been working with is no longer there. Sam will follow-up with Frank and remind of MS-4. Dave has the 2 sign samples. Sam asked that they be given to Colleen. \$4500 set aside for this project. Once Frank contacts Berrien County, we are ready to go. TRC Board has already authorized spending and will be done on an as needed basis.
- Strategic Plan Review next meetings:
Budget/Finance--Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 PM, Paw Paw Library meeting room
Strategic Plan—Thursday, May 29, 5:30 PM, VBCD
Revised Community Connections committee need to connect with the Lake Associations and make sure that they have the information on the June 18th program.
Google Analytics—Dave Foerster and Marcy Colclough can assist with issued. No hosting fee for website because piggy-backing with SWMPL. No charge to call Leah to fix problems. Kevin and Sam met and are trying to work on Mail Chimp assistance.
- Speaker Series “Shoreline Restoration Project”, Paw Paw has approved June 18th with a rain date of June 25th. Speakers John Small and Erin Fuller accepted. We still need their bios. Need to target all lake associations (we have a list on our website), focus on each one and invite specifically each one to the event. Goal to have press release by Memorial Weekend. Sam discussed a Restoration book by Julia Kirkwood available for \$25.00 through the MSU Extension. We can buy 10 books for \$22.50 each and sell at the event. Sam thought that we should give one book away at the event to a participant. Bette Pierman moved that TRC buy

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10 books at \$22.50 each or less and sell at the event and donate any remaining books to the VBCD. Supported by Kevin Haight, passed by roll call vote. We will promote the paddle that Kenneth Nesbitt has planned for the same night prior to the speakers. We will not be providing refreshments at this event.

New Business

- Temporary Beer and Wine License – Foundry Hall, Muscle Shoals Movie, May 31st. Discussed getting a temporary bond license and permit to handle bar for this event. We need 3 volunteers to sell beverages at this event. Kevin Haight moved and Colleen Forestieri support motion to purchase cases of beer and wine not to exceed \$250.00 and selling any remainder to TRC Board Member. Approved, roll call vote.
- **IRS 990-N--** Kenneth Nesbitt reported that the tax filing was being done tomorrow which is the deadline. He is filing online.
- Kevin Haight believes that we need to have a June meeting on our regularly scheduled date, June 11 at 6 PM at the usual location. We will also have a July meeting at the usual time and place.

Speaker: Grant Poole shared his power point presentation “Protecting Tribal Waters” showing the work and data that he has obtained and recorded through his testing at various locations on the Pokagon Band land (6000 acres) that they own. His testing is based on the Clean Water Act (CWA) 1972, Water Quality Standards; and the EPA standards. He brought some of the equipment that he uses for the testing. This gives us an idea of what can be done as we pursue the grants to pursue our own testing in the future.

Announcements, suggestions, comments:

- 17-May – VBCD Native Plant Sale
- 27-May – Budget/Finance meeting, 5:30 at Paw Paw Library meeting room
- 29-May – Strategic Plan, 5:30 at VBCD office
- 31-May – Muscle Shoals movie
- 11-June – TRC Board Meeting
- 18-June – Shoreline Restoration Project, Maple Isle
- 9-July – TRC Board Meeting
- 2-Aug – River Rescue

Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Respectively submitted:

Bette Pierman, for Joe Parman