



TWO RIVERS COALITION
June 11, 2014 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall
DRAFT

Call to order: 6:09 PM

Attendees: Sam Ewbank, Bette Pierman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Colleen Forestieri, Joe Parman, Tom Howe, Kevin Haight, Grant Poole, Frank Jurenka, Dave Foerster (board members underlined)

Motion by Grant Poole, seconded by Frank Jurenka to approve agenda as amended

May 14, 2014 minutes were not available for approval – will be approved at July meeting.

Treasurer Report - Kenneth Nesbitt reported that TRC had an \$8,257.49 balance; \$161.30 in petty cash and \$523 deposit from Foundry Hall fundraiser.

Old Business

Watersheds Sign Project Update – Frank Jurenka – Frank will confirm signs and location with Berrien County Road Commission Director. Berrien agreed to install watershed sign including post and wants extra replacement signs. Kalamazoo County Road Commission will require TRC to fill out an application for installation of signs. Kevin Haight will look into the application process for watershed signs. Discussion was held on purchasing extra signs for sale at events for individuals interested in having them for personal display. As a result, discussion was held on changing the wording from “**Entering**”(Black or Paw River Watershed) to “You Are In”. Grant Poole will change artwork on watershed sign to new wording so TRC can have mock-up signs made for display and purchase.

Motion by Joe Parman, seconded by Grant Poole to approve extra artwork change for two mock-up signs with wording “You Are In”, purchase of two signs not to exceed \$200.00, all in favor, motion carries

Macro-invertebrate Stream Monitoring Grant – Kevin Haight – MiCorps Stream Monitoring Grant Awards have not been announced. Kevin will contact MiCorps to see if TRC & Van Buren Conservation District was awarded the start-up grant. TRC will need to send volunteers to stream monitoring workshop for training on macro-invertebrate identification. In addition, a demonstration site will need to be chosen on the Paw Paw River for volunteers.

Recap: *TRC applied for MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring Grant in March through the Van Buren County Conservation District. 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.*



Strategic Plan – Committee Work Reports – Mark-up, Hand-out provided - Board members reviewed and edited Strategic Plan and updates will be entered for July meeting.

Speaker Series – Board discussed final preparation for Natural Shoreline Restoration presentation on Maple Island, Paw Paw with guest speakers John Small and Erin Fuller, 6:30 p.m..

TRC Rack Cards – The board will review rack card for improvements or changes the need to be made before printing new ones.

Announcements, suggestions, comments:

- 2-Aug – River Rescue
- 30-July VBCD Annual Meeting/Election/Farm Picnic
- 10-Dec TRC Annual Meeting VB Conference Center, Lawrence

Adjourned: 8:02 PM

Respectively submitted:
Joe Parman