



**TWO RIVERS COALITION**  
**July 9, 2014 BOARD MEETING**  
**Geneva Township Hall**  
**DRAFT**

**Call to order:** 6:04 PM

**Attendees:** Sam Ewbank, Kenneth Nesbitt, Colleen Forestieri, Joe Parman, Tom Howe, Kevin Haight, Grant Poole, Frank Jurenka, Joe von Wahlde, (board members underlined)

Agenda approved as amended

**Motion** by Kevin Haight, seconded by Frank Jurenka to approve May 14, 2014 minutes, motion carried

**Motion** by Frank Jurenka, seconded by Grant Poole to approve June 11, 2014 minutes, motion carried

**Treasurer Report** - Kenneth Nesbitt reported that TRC had an \$8,157.49 balance; \$161.30 in petty cash, \$100 deposit from organization membership, Pokagon Band.

**Old Business**

**Watersheds Sign Project Update** – Frank Jurenka – Frank met with Berrien County Road Commission to confirm number of signs and locations, 10 signs total. Grant Poole to work on sign artwork for private and organization purchases/request.

**Macro-invertebrate Stream Monitoring Grant** – Kevin Haight – MiCorps Stream Monitoring Start-up Grant awarded to TRC through Van Buren Conservation District. Kevin Haight, Colleen Forestieri and AJ Brucks attended stream monitoring workshop through Huron River Watershed group. Huron River currently has multiple test sites and teams for macroinvertebrate sampling. TRC board is currently working on mock sampling site along with supplies need for event: site location and dates, D-nets, sample trays, test vials, forceps, etc.... Members will attend Higgins Lake Conference October 27<sup>th</sup> for further training.

**Speaker Series** – September 10<sup>th</sup> – Board discussed possible topics and guest speakers for September's quarterly meeting. Possible topics: Geological/Archeological study in Coloma with Tom Howe, Paw Paw Lake History with Rick Rasmussen and Grey water systems.

**Annual Meeting** – December 10, 2014, Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence MI - Board held discussion on annual meeting themes/speakers: Green Fair, 319 Grant Program and Stream Monitoring Grant.



## **New Business**

**River Rescue** – August 2, 2014 - Van Buren County Conservation District is partnering with TRC for annual River Rescue in the Black and Paw Paw River Watersheds. Suggestions on possible clean-up site are always welcome.

**Celery Pond** – Ewbank – Celery Pond Advocates will be holding a meeting on setting up a management plan for Celery Pond clean-up. Meeting will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in South Haven. Sam Ewbank will attend as a representative for TRC.

**Paw Paw District Library** – Rain garden workday – Sam Ewbank along with Conservation District staff will be identifying invasive plants and weeds in libraries rain garden for removal. Once plants are identified a clean-up day will be set-up with volunteers. Date will be set and posted on TRC's website.

## **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:** 7:40 PM

Respectively submitted:

Joe Parman  
TRC Secretary